

Blame Two Victims For Mine Disaster

Welch, W. Va., June 5. (AP)—Blame for the explosion which killed seventeen miners in the No. 1 mine of the Yukon-Pocahontas Coal Co., at Yukon, on May 22, was placed upon two machine runners by a corner's jury today. The machine runners were victims of the blast.

In its verdict, the jury found that the explosion resulted from failure of the men to close a mine door permitted gas to accumulate. They were also blamed for failure to test for gas with a safety lamp. The inquiry into the cause of the explosion was conducted by Robert M. Lamble, chief of the state department of mines.