

FOURTEEN BODIES TAKEN FROM MINE

**All Burned and Mutilated in
Blast—55 Escaped.**

Kingston, W. Va., Jan. 27 (AP)—The removal of fourteen burned and mutilated bodies from the Kingston Coal Company's No. 5 mine here, where an explosion occurred Saturday, today had accounted for all miners in the workings when the blast spread destruction through the underground workshop. Fifty-five workers escaped.

The last of the bodies were brought to the surface nearly twenty-four hours after the explosion by Rescue squads, who had toiled since the detonation rocked the district.

Fires Delay Rescue Work.

Several fires kindled by the explosion handicapped rescue efforts for several hours until extinguished. Surface buildings, including that housing the ventilating system, were put out of commission and this also hindered the safety crews until repairs could be made.

The mine extends two miles through a mountain, with entries on each side. The miners who escaped emerged through the Coal River entrance, on the other side of the mountain from here. They waded through water to their knees to reach the open air and then walked over the mountain to Kingston in water-soaked clothing.

Five hundred men is the normal force, but only sixty-nine were on duty Saturday when the blast ripped through the passageways at about 2 a. m.