

FIVE TRAPPED BY MINE EXPLOSION

In West Virginia Mine.— Rescue Workers Seek Two Alive After Three Bodies Are Recovered.

Whitman, W. Va., Nov. 4. (LP) — Slowly, against an opaque cloud of gases and smoke, rescuers today crept into the recesses of Whitman Mine No. 20, where an explosion trapped five workers.

Three bodies were recovered from the hole which was choked with after-damp. Charred remains of Moss Amos, Will Dingess and Loney Napier, trackmen were carried to the surface.

Those yet missing were Cully Frey and James Hobbs.

The men were working in a group about two miles back in a slope shaft of the mine. There were 246 workers in other shafts. All were ordered to the surface yesterday when a blast in the workings shook the hillside. The five men did not answer roll-call.

Rescue crews worked throughout the night and into today. They reported no obstructions, but were forced to proceed slowly against the barrier of gases and smoke. They believed the explosion was caused by ignition of a gas pocket.