

# FIVE TRAPPED IN GAS FILLED VIRGINIA MINE

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Whitman, W. Va., Nov. 4.—Slowly against an opaque cloud of gasses and smoke, rescuers today crept into the recesses of Whitman mine No. 20 where an explosion Tuesday trapped five workers.

Three bodies were recovered from the hole which was choked with afterdamp. Charred remains of Moss Amos, Will Dinges and Loney Napier, trackmen, were borne 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 shaft of the mine. There were 246 workers in other shafts. All were ordered to the surface 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 move slowly against the barrier of gases and smoke. They believed the explosion caused by ignition of a gas pocket.

H. P. Farley, district safety supervisor of the State Mines Department directed the work of rescue.