

# FIX CAUSE OF MINE BLAST

## Electric Arc and Gas Pocket Blamed

MADRID, N. M., Dec. 15 (AP)-- Fourteen men whose lives were snuffed out in the Morgan Jones mine of the Albuquerque and Cerrillos coal company at Madrid December 7, came to their deaths from the effects of an "explosion probably caused by ignition of a pocket of gas which was formed by an interruption of the air circuit, and set off by an electric arc" a coroner's jury decided at an inquest.

Sixteen witnesses were called by Justice of the Peace Gilbert Davidson, who presided, taking their testimony occupied four hours.

Among the principal witnesses were seven survivors of the ill fated fourth right entry, where the explosion occurred.

Tales of heroism were brought out in their words. Under questioning of Justice Davidson and Warren Bracewell, state mine inspector, it was told how survivors, after getting a breath of fresh air, returned to the scene of the disaster and helped to carry the bodies of their less fortunate companions to the surface.