

# SIX MEN KILLED IN VA. MINE EXPLOSION

## Bodies Brought from Parrott Mine Six Hours After Blast

### Believed to Have Been Caused by Gas Set Off by Sparks —24 Others Unhurt

Parrott, Va., Jan. 18—(AP)—Six men lost their lives in an explosion in the mine of the Pulaski Anthracite Co. here late this afternoon. The bodies were brought from the mine at midnight.

The dead are:

Foster Boyd, Audrey Boyd, Frank Sifferd, Dewey Sifferd, Harve Sifferd, Ernest Snead.

The explosion occurred at 5:30 p. m.

Mine Superintendent Joel Asberry said the explosion was caused by gas believed to have been set off by sparks, the source of which he said was not known. The explosion occurred 3,000 feet from the surface.

Rescue work was started immediately after the explosion. Crews, composed of 12 men each, worked alternately.

The explosion, according to Superintendent Asberry, blew out stoppings and doors, and was confined to the single entry.