

Six Bodies Are Recovered from Scene of Mine Blast

Score of Workers Escape in Virginia Shaft Following Unexplained Explosion—Worst Tragedy in History of Mine

PARROTT, Va., Jan. 19.—(P)—Following an inspection, work will be resumed in the Pulaski Anthracite company mine here where six men lost their lives as a result of an explosion yesterday afternoon.

Those killed were Foster Boyd, Audrey Boyd, Frank Sifferd, Dewey Sifferd, Harve Sifferd and Ernest Snead. They were working in number 5 east entry about 3,000 feet from the surface when the blast blew out stoppings and doors, apparently killing them instantly.

Nearly a score of other workers in the mine at the time were not in-

jured and two rescue crews started work immediately after the explosion which occurred at about 5:30 p. m. It was near midnight when the bodies were brought out. Four of the men killed had large families while the other two, Dewey Sifferd and Aubrey Boyd were unmarried.

Superintendent Joe Asberry said that the explosion was caused by gas believed to have been ignited by a spark, although how the spark was struck could not be determined. It was described as the worst tragedy in the history of the mine which has been in operation since 1903.

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