

4 MINERS DIE AND 6 TRAPPED BY EXPLOSION

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Few Hours — Digging
Through Debris.**

LOGAN, W. Va., Sept. 3.—(By A. P.)—Weary rescue workers brought the bodies of two more miners to the surface of the Macbeth mine today, raising the known death list from an explosion to six, and spurring the hunt for other men trapped in the pit.

RESCUE CREWS DIG IN MINE

LOGAN, W. Va., Sept. 3.—(By A. P.)—The number of known dead from an explosion in the MacBeth mine rose to four today with the recovery of two bodies by rescuers digging desperately through a 400-foot wall of slate behind which six more men are trapped.

The blast killed two men outright and spread deadly after-damp fumes through the working, eight miles south of this mountain town.

After several hours digging, the rescuers came upon the bodies of the other two, lying almost buried in muck and debris which filled the shaft.

E. H. Skaggs, tippie foreman for the Hutchinson Coal Company, owners of the property, said:

"It's only a matter of a few hours now until we know whether the others in the shaft are dead or not. We've got about 150 more feet of digging to do before we can reach them."

The dead were Elisha Watts, 32, Andy Gazdik, 60, Grover Saunders, 28, and William Reffett, 40.

Prentice Farley, a member of the rescue team, came to the shaft and reported: "I'm afraid they all are dead behind the cave-in."

Those missing were Jack Adkins, 50; Ed Saunders, 40, negro; Gus Mounts, 33; Tom Tiler, 25; Victor Corillo, 25, and Julius McShane, 45, negro.

Ab Lambert, who was working with Watts and Gazdik, escaped their fate by crawling several hundred feet from the blast area. Comrades picked him up unconscious and carried him to a hospital, where attendants said he likely would recover.

O. G. Schwamt, an engineer of the company, also was overcome by the gas and taken from the pit.

A crowd of almost 2,000 gathered about the mine late in the afternoon yesterday, after knowledge of the explosion became known. It dwindled to about 250 early today, some of those remaining being members of the trapped eight's families.