

MINE EXPLOSION TRAPS 8 MEN AT LOUISVILLE, COLO.

3 Others Make Escape in
Early-Morning Blast
Deep in Workings

LITTLE HOPE IS HELD
FOR NIGHT WORKERS

LOUISVILLE, Colo., Jan. 20—(UP)
—Eight coal miners were trapped to-day in the Monarch No. 2 mine of the National Fuel company, three miles south of Louisville, after an early-morning explosion deep in the workings of the mine.

Three other men, who were entering the mine just as the blast occurred, escaped unharmed, but all said they believed, from their judgment of the force of the explosion, that there was slight hope those still in the mine could be found alive.

The trapped men, all members of the so-called "graveyard shift" at the mine, were at work on the 300-foot level of the mine when the explosion occurred at about 6:30 a.m.

They would have completed their night shift within a short time, and already members of the day shift were arriving at the mine to relieve them.

Cause of the explosion was not at once determined, although it was believed possible that fire burning for years in an abandoned section of the mine might have burst through a fire-wall and ignited gas in the occupied workings.

The miners trapped in the workings were:

Oscar Baird, 52, of Broomfield, Colo.

Walter Novinger, 36, of Broomfield.

Ray Bailey, 28, of Broomfield.

Tony Dendeso, 41, of Louisville.

Tom Stephens, 35, mine foreman, of Louisville.

Joe Jaremella, 44, crew boss, Louisville.

Steve Davis, 46, Louisville.

Lee Ward, 55, brother of A. C. Ward, mine foreman, of Louisville.

The three who escaped the blast as they were entering the mine as part of the day shift were Bill Jenkins, 30, Nick Delpez, 31, and William Jenkins, 24, all of Louisville.

1936 Monarch No 2 Mine explosion
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