

Eight Miners Trapped As Old Fire Ignites Gas

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LOUISVILLE, Colo., Jan. 20 (UP).—Eight coal miners were trapped today in the Monarch No. 2 mine of the National Fuel Company, three miles south of Louisville, by an explosion deep in the shaft.

Three others, who were entering the mine when the blast occurred, escaped unharmed.

Thomas Allen, State mine inspector, went to the mine from Denver, with a rescue crew equipped with gas masks.

The trapped men were at work on the 300-foot level of the mine when the explosion occurred at 6:30 a. m.

Cause of the explosion was not determined, although it was believed that fire burning for years in an abandoned section of the mine might have ignited gas in the occupied workings.

The miners trapped were: Oscar Baird, 52, Broomfield, Colo.; Walter Novinger, 36, Broomfield; Ray Bailey, 28, Broomfield; Tony Dendes, 41, Louisville; Tom Stephens, 35, mine foreman, Louisville; Joe Jaremello, 44, crew boss, Louisville; Steve Davis, 46, Louisville; Lee Ward, 55, brother of A. C. Ward, mine foreman, Louisville.

The three who escaped were Bill Jenkins, 30; Nick Delpoz, 31; and William Jenkins, 24; all of Louisville.

1936 Monarch No 2 Mine explosion
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