

Mine Explosion is Fatal to Fourteen

Five Escape Blast, Fire in Evans-Jones Coal Mine Near Jonesville, Alaska.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Oct. 27. —(U.P.)—Fourteen men were reported killed in an explosion that set fire to the Evans-Jones coal mine at Jonesville, 70 miles north of here, last night.

E. J. Laussac, vice president of the company, returned here from the mine and reported that the bodies of six men were recovered and there was no hope for eight other men trapped in the workings.

Five miners escaped after the blast, he said.

Laussac reported that the ~~six~~ bodies recovered were so badly mangled and burned that he doubted if they would be identified.

He said that the fire was extinguished late last night but that the mine suffered heavy damage.

The cause of the explosion was not learned.

First reports of the accident came from Harry Drake, mine foreman, who telephoned here asking that nurses, physicians, and medical supplies be sent to the mine.

A rescue crew went to the mine in two gasoline-powered railway cars.

The mine, producing soft coal, sells its product to the Alaska Railroad.