

Blast Sets Fire to Colliery

Tragedy Occurs at Jonesville, North Of Anchorage

6 BODIES FOUND

5 Men Escape as Blaze Causes Heavy Damage

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

6 Bodies Recovered

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

Five miners escaped, he said.

Laussac reported that the six
bodies recovered were so badly
mangled and burned that he
doubted if they could be identi-
fied.

He said that the fire was ex-
tinguished late last night but
that the mine suffered heavy
damage.

The cause of the explosion
was not learned.

Asks for Aid

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.