

West Virginia Mine Blast Kills Nine

**Explosion Is First
In Seventeen Years**

Nellis, W. Va., Nov. 6 (AP)—
Nine men lost their lives and two
others were hurt tonight after a
gas explosion wrecked a section
of the No. 3 mine of American
Rolling Mill Company. The mine
had resumed operation only two
days ago after the general shut-
down.

Only eleven men were in the
mine at the time of the blast,
the first in seventeen years, said
Superintendent A. E. Oakley.

Two were brought out alive
and sent to hospitals at Charles-
ton, twenty-five miles away.

The other nine were known to
be dead and seven of the bodies
had been located at midnight,
four and a half hours after the
disaster, Oakley said. The blast
occurred in a mechanical load-
ing section two and a half miles
underground.

The rescued men were William
Barker and Lawrence Vincent.

The dead were William Gun-
noe, foreman; Lester Gunnoe, his
brother; William Workman, Oral
Miller, John Williams, Julius,
Domokas, Odell Linville, Steve
Turkovitch and John Setliff.

The mine employs 284 men.

1943 Two men rescued after explosion in the No 3 mine of American Rolling Mill Co

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