

Six Are Killed In Mine Blast At Wilkes-Barre

Three Men in Hospital, Badly Burned by Gas Explosion

LATE BULLETIN

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Dec. 11 (UP)—The Lehigh Valley Coal Co., said that six men were known dead in an explosion which occurred in the Franklin mine near here today. Three others were injured.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Dec. 11 (UP) — An explosion ripped through the Franklin mine of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company near here today.

The blast occurred shortly after noon in the Ross vein, where eight men were reported working. The Wilkes-Barre General hospital said three men were brought from the scene, in "bad condition" from burns.

State and federal mine inspectors rushed to the mine and went underground to the chamber.

The Franklin mine, employing approximately 250 men, is in Wilkes-Barre township, east of the Wilkes-Barre city limits. The company's office is in the city but officials there were not available for comment due to the noon lunch hour.

The mine suspended all operations immediately after the blast, reportedly caused by gas.