

FOUR MEN MEET DEATH IN EXPLOSION IN MINE

PINEVILLE, Ky., January 31.—Four miners were killed, two were injured seriously and two are missing as a result of an explosion in the Layman-Calloway coal mine at Layman, Ky., twenty miles from here, last night, according to reports received here today.

The dead are Ben Rapier, Hulin, Ky.; Earl Hampton and A. G. Buswell, Straight Creek, Ky., and Willie May, Four Mouth, Ky. George Hampton," father of 'arl Hampton, and Joe Dell, Four Mouth, are injured. The names of the missing could not be obtained.

Officials here of the company left early today for the scene of the accident. Pending an investigation they would not express an opinion as to whether gas or powder caused the accident.

In so far as has been determined, only the night crew of eight to ten men was in the mine at the time of the explosion. Their duty was to clean up and make ready for the following day's operations.

Death Toll Reaches Six.

Pineville, Ky., Jan. 31—The death toll of the explosion last night in the Layman-Calloway company's mine at Layman, near here today, reached six when the bodies of the two men, John Martin and his son, James, were found by rescuers. Two others, injured in the explosion, are in a serious condition in a hospital here.

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