

# FIVE KILLED 15 INJURED IN AN EXPLOSION

**Gas Lets Go In West Virginia Mine of National Fuel Company.**

**TWENTY-TWO WERE  
WORKING AT TIME**

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., June 20.—(INS)—Five men were killed, and fifteen injured, one probably fatally early today when a gas explosion rocked the National No. 1 mine of the National Fuel company at National, near here.

Of the twenty-two men in the night shift of the mine, two escaped unhurt when the blast let go, two miles from the pitmouth.

The injured men were rushed to the Morgantown hospital.

The mine, which is owned by Sen. Davis Elkins and J. B. Hanford interests, has been the scene of three explosions during the seven years it has been operated.

According to word here, one of the miners struck a pocket of gas and the resultant blast caught five men full force.

Thirteen others were seriously burned, one probably fatally, while two others were painfully burned.

The mine normally employs 125 men on its day shift.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., June 20.—(INS)—Five miners were killed and twenty injured, seven seriously, in an explosion at the National No. 1 mine of the National Fuel company at National, W. Va., near here early today, according to word received by attaches of the Federal Bureau of Mines here.

Of the twenty men removed to a Morgantown, W. Va., hospital, seven were badly burned, it was reported.

Only the night shift of twenty-five men were in the workings when the blast let go shortly after 4 a. m. It was thought that gas caused the blast, but no official word as to the cause was forthcoming.

National No 1 Mine explosion NEWS

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