

## TRAPPED IN DEPTHS OF MINE

### Dozen Employes of West Kentucky Coal Co. En- tombbed by Explosion.

Sturgis, Ky., June 8.—(AP)—Twelve or thirteen men were entombed by a gas explosion in the West Kentucky Coal Company's mine No. 9 here today, B. F. Jenkins, vice-president of the company, said at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Of that number seven were Negroes. An accurate check, he said, was impossible because some of the men who had been working in the mine had joined the rescue crew seeking to effect an entrance into the wrecked section of the mine.

The explosion was local, and damaged only entries No. 1 and 2, Mr. Jenkins said.

Sturgis, Ky., June 8.—(AP)—Six men, four of them Negroes, were entombed in Mine No. 9, of the West Kentucky Coal Company here today when an explosion wrecked entry No. 1, a recheck by company officials this afternoon indicated.

Eight years ago an explosion in the company's mine No. 7 took a toll of 62 dead. No disaster has visited any of the workings since that time, it was said.

A United States mine rescue car was summoned from Evansville, Ind., and was expected to reach the scene early in the afternoon.

The extent of the damage had not been determined at noon today. Ventilation is good, however, and the upper workings of the mine were not damaged, mine officials said.

A rescue crew maintained by the mine was hastily summoned and began to descend into the mine. The shaft is 425 feet deep. The explosion is believed to have occurred in entry No. 1. The fifteen miners therein probably were 1,500 to 2,000 feet back from the shaft when the blast occurred.

West Kentucky Coal No 9 explosion NEWS

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