

## **A MINE EXPLOSION FATAL FIRE DAMP ACCIDENT LAST NIGHT**

### **Four Men Killed - One fatally and Others Seriously Injured - Names of the Victims - How the Accident Was Caused**

About eight o'clock last evening a quantity of sulphur gas in Potts Colliery two miles north of Ashland, was accidentally ignited and an explosion followed. Four men are known to have been killed. Their names are Henry Jones, Hugh Wilosn, Walter Cosgrove, and a man named Greyer. George Sebuebelbut was severely and two others slightly injured. Considerable excitement prevailed at Ashland and Locust Dale last night, the mine where the accident occurred being midway between those places.

### **Later Particulars - The Names of the Killed and Wounded in Full - How the Accident Happened.**

SHENANDOAH, Jan, 16 - By the explosion last night at Potts Colliery of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company, near Ashland, four men were killed outright, one fatally injured, and a boy slightly burned. The killed were: Harry Jones, miner; Hugh Wilson, miner;; Jacob Geiger, driver; and William Bosket, laborer. George Shivelhood, a laborer, was fatally injured, and when found resembled a mass of raw flesh. In his agony, he had torn all his clothing from his body excepting his drawers. Joseph Kinnery, a door boy, escaped with a few slight bruises and managed to crawl out and notify men working in the slope of the explosion. When the explosion took place, Geiger was going in with a wagon. He was sitting on the front of it, and the boy, Kinney, on the back, closing the doors as they went up. Geiger was killed, the wagon smashed up, the mule killed, but Kinney escaped. It is supposed the explosioing was caused by one of the men trying to blow his safety lamp out.

The colliery was considered one of the best ventilated in the possession of the company. It was idle but this gang of six men and boys were repairing a gangway.