

# EXPLOSION OF GAS IN A COLLIERY.

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WILKESBARRE, Penn., Sept. 21.—By an explosion of gas in the Lance Colliery, No. 11, of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company at Plymouth this afternoon five men were instantly killed and five others seriously injured.

## Killed.

- FLANAGAN, JOHN, aged forty-five, mason, Wilkesbarre; wife and six children.  
GOLIGHTLY, JOSHUA, Plymouth, assistant mine foreman.  
JONES, DAVID M., aged fifty-two, contractor, Wilkesbarre; wife and two children.  
JONES, OWEN P., Plymouth, aged fifty-five, miner; wife and several children.  
JONES, WILLIAM, Wilkesbarre, rock miner, aged forty-five; wife and two children.

## Injured.

- CUMMINGS, JOHN, mason, aged forty-five, leg broken by flying débris.  
DAVIS, D. B., rock miner, aged forty, shoulder dislocated.  
EVANS, OWEN L., rock miner, aged forty, arm dislocated.  
MORGAN, JAMES, miner, aged forty, face cut and scalp wounds.  
WILLIAMS, THOMAS, rock miner, aged forty, ribs broken; will recover.

The accident was caused by Joshua Golightly, who entered a body of gas with his naked lamp. A terrific explosion followed. The men were working fully 1,000 feet from the spot where Golightly's lamp set off the gas, but owing to the unusually gaseous condition of the mine the scorching flame spread so rapidly that there was no escape. Golightly was burned fearfully, the flesh of his body being cooked. The other victims were not burned, but were killed by the flying débris. The masons were building walls and the laborers cleaning up rubbish in the rock tunnel when death overtook them.

Golightly had been assistant mine foreman for fifteen years, and was considered one of the safest and most reliable men in the employ of the company.