

BROKE THE RULE AND PERISHED

Five Colliers Killed in a New Mexican Mine.

Carried Open Lamps Into the Drifts and a Disastrous Ex- plosion Followed.

ALBUQUERQUE (N. M.), April 21.—Four men and a boy employed in Cook & White's coal mine at Madrid lost their lives at noon to-day. Orders are strict to the effect that only safety-lamps shall be used in the mine, but two men, some time after the foreman had made his rounds, carried in open lamps. While the men were ascending for their noon meal, a terrific explosion occurred. Four men—John Sienwesky, Adam Jelasewiez, John Reya and Fred Aira—and a boy, F. E. Wapps, were still in the pit.

About 175 men are employed in this mine, and when the smoke and dirt were seen belching from the entrance it was feared the explosion of 1895 had been repeated and in a few minutes 2,000 people were on the spot, among whom were the families and friends of the miners. It was an hour or more before any news was had from the interior, when the men began coming out, and it was found the explosion occurred in the third left entry and had been confined to that one locality.

The machinery refused to work and it was not until 2:30 o'clock that a descent could be made. Two dead bodies were found at once, and about 4 o'clock the remaining three. The men evidently died from suffocation, as no bruises could be found. Had it not been for the injury to the machinery, it is thought all could have been saved. The two open lamps were found by the bodies. The mine is badly wrecked.

Captain Fleming, Territorial Mine Inspector, is expected here to-morrow to investigate the disaster.