

MINING HORROR IN TENNESSEE

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Chattanooga, Tenn., May 27.—A special from Dayton says that an explosion of mine dust occurred in the New Richland coal mine of the Dayton Coal and Iron company at 5 o'clock this afternoon, and that the dead bodies of twelve white miners have already been taken out of the outer drift, and that five more are known to be dead. It is stated that 45 men, all white, were at work in the mine, and it is feared all have perished. Relief gangs are at work, but on account of the immense amount of debris in the shaft, the work has been slow and tedious. The mine is a new one, and extends about 2,000 feet. The explosion is thought to have been caused by an open lamp carried by one of the miners. The mine is remote, and several miles from Dayton, and details are difficult to obtain.

Latest dispatches say the explosion resulted in the death of 21 men, all white, and most of them married, with families.