

A MINE EXPLOSION.

**Thirteen Miners Lose Their Lives
at Bonanza, Ark., Through Gas.**

MINE PASSAGES BLOCKED BY DEBRIS

**The Work of Getting Out the Bodies
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er's Lamp.**

Fort Smith, Ark., Nov. 25.—Thirteen miners were killed and great damage was done by an accidental explosion of gas yesterday afternoon in coal mine No. 20 at Bonanza, Ark., 20 miles from this city. At nightfall only six of the victims had been recovered. The explosion occurred at one o'clock in the afternoon. There were about 175 men in the various shafts at the time. All escaped without injury except the 13 who were employed in entry "K," the scene of the explosion. The force of the explosion was terrific and timbers were torn from the walls of the passages for several hundred yards at the mouth of entry "K." The passages were so completely obstructed that the work of rescuing the entombed men was tedious in the extreme and several hours were consumed before the first body was found.

It is thought that the gas was accidentally ignited by a miner's lamp. The miners who escaped by the aid of others, summoned from nearby shafts, immediately set about clearing the passages in the hope that some of the 13 entombed men might have survived the explosion.

By nightfall six bodies had been recovered and the rescue work was still in progress. It is now considered certain that all of the entombed men have perished.