

THIRTEEN MINERS ARE KILLED

**By the Explosion of Gas in a Mine at Bonanza, Ark.—Six Bodies Recovered—The Work of Recovery Still in Progress.
Timbers Torn From Walls of Passages
by the Explosion.**

Fort Smith, Ark., Nov. 24.—Thirteen miners were killed and great damage done by an accidental explosion of gas this afternoon in coal mine No. 20 at Bonanza, Ark., twelve miles from this city. At nightfall only six of the victims had been recovered.

The recovered dead:

ROB R. SISDALE,

IRA STUCKLAND,

WILL KEHOE,

WILE WALKER,

W. D. MOORE.

"GRANDPA" BROWN, father of Pit Boss Brown.

The explosion occurred at 1 o'clock this afternoon. There were about a hundred and seventy-five men in the various shafts at the time. All escaped without injury except the thirteen, who were employed in entry "K," the scene of the explosion. The force

of the explosion was terrible and the 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 bodies were found. It is thought that the gas was accidentally ignited by a miner's lamp.

The miners who escaped, with the aid of others, summoned from nearby shafts, immediately set about clearing the passages in the hope that some of the thirteen 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.

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