

BIG POWDER EXPLOSION

**NORFOLK AND WESTERN MINING
TOWN SCENE OF A HORRIBLE
DISASTER—ONE DEAD, ONE DY-
ING AND EIGHT MORE OR LESS
SERIOUSLY INJURED.**

BLUEFIELD, Dec. 15.— An explosion at Eckman of ten thousand pounds of powder which was being transported on three mine cars from a freight car to the powder house of the Pulaski company, resulted in the death of one and the fatal injury of two and the serious injury of eight others. Two of the injured are women whose homes were near the scene of the explosion and which were wrecked.

There were eight men on the cars, sitting on the kegs of powder.

Joe Steel died en route to the hospital.

Alex Finney and Mrs. Geo. Johnston will die.

Edward Mullin, Felix Hardnett, T. Hairston, Geo. Bland, Oscar Cowns, C. W. Case and Mrs. Mary Rhoades are seriously wounded. The wrecked houses took fire and the scene was soon thronged with people.

Timbers and empty powder cans were scattered over a large area. The mine cars were drawn by a motor which is propelled by a trolley and it is thought that the cars were charged with electricity from the motor.