

MINE EXPLOSION AT MADISONVILLE, KY.; FIVE KNOWN DEAD

Bodies of Four Miners Re- moved From Pit After Explosion.

ANOTHER MINER IS BELIEVED DEAD

Two Escape By Climbing 280 Foot Ladder—"Windy Shot" Caused Explosion.

MADISONVILLE, Ky., Nov. 20.—Seven men were trapped more than 200 feet below ground in a mine explosion at the Finley Coal company, near here, yesterday. Today the bodies of four of them had been recovered, the fate of one was unknown, while two others, brothers of two who died, climbed a 280-foot ladder to safety and reported the disaster.

Mine officials expressed the opinion that a "windy or delayed shot," believed to have been set off by two negroes, caused the explosion.

Fire Followed Explosion.

Fire broke out immediately following the explosion and burned fiercely most of the day. Rescue workers today said, however, that they had succeeded in sealing the blaze in and had it under control.

The known dead, all of Madisonville, are: Rolla Vaugh, 32 years old; Harold Vaugh, 16; Charles Vick, 26, negro, and Allen Day, 20.

Hope of rescuing Antonio Chortina, 35 years old, of Kansas, an Italian, has been abandoned because the mine still is ablaze near where his body is believed to be.
