

DEAD MEN IN A MINE.

The Bull Domingo Disaster Sends Ten Souls Into Eternity.

SILVER CLIFF, Col., Nov. 15.—A fire Friday night in the engine house of the Bull Domingo mine exploded a large quantity of giant powder, destroying the machinery and creating great havoc. The mine was in operation and a large number of men were on the lower level, cut off from escape. Superintendent Foss, of the Bull Domingo, was not injured by the mine explosion, as at first supposed. The engineer and several others in the building at the time of the explosion were slightly injured, but not seriously. All the debris has been removed from around the mouth of the shaft, and the fire on the timber of the shaft near the surface extinguished. Foreman Armstrong has been let down by ropes into the mine 200 feet, and found the air good there, but got no tidings from the men below. He had to be brought out on account of caving near the surface. He found one cage stuck securely at a depth of fifty feet from the surface and a large quantity of debris piled upon it. The shaft near the surface has now been cribbed and Armstrong will go down very soon by a rope to the bottom of the mine, 600 feet, if possible. The following men are in the mine: Converse H. Westfall, Elmer Heister, D. W. Patton, N. D. Grossler, M. Lapoint, John Lambe, General Smith, William Strong and Marcus Baptiste.

Armstrong was let down to the 500 foot level and found ten men, all dead. Five of them had climbed eighteen feet from the bottom of the shaft to a drift, and their dead bodies were found in the mouth of the drift. At 7 o'clock p. m. one of the dead bodies had been lifted to the surface. The others will all be raised as soon as possible. Three of the dead men leave families living here. One was engaged to be married next week. The superintendent was not injured, as herebefore mentioned. Much indignation is felt towards him and there is strong talk of lynching him by indignant miners who accuse him of criminal negligence in keeping giant powder in the boiler room.

It seems now that the fire originated in the roof of the building, and a portion of the burning roof fell into the boiler room on the giant powder, which exploded, bursting a hole into the boiler and dislocating the machinery so that everything stopped at once, but the men could have been drawn from the mine if the machinery could have been kept running, notwithstanding the building was on fire. No one was seriously injured by the explosion in the building, but the engineer and several others were stunned and burned. Engineer Chamberlain was standing at his engine trying to make it work when surrounded by flames, and was carried away by force by friends. Hundreds of citizens of Silver Cliff, Bosita and Querida worked all night last night and all day endeavoring to rescue the miners, and hundreds are there now helping to get the bodies out of the mine.

DENVER, Nov. 15.—All the dead bodies have been removed from the Bull Domingo mine. Determined threats of lynching H. W. Foss, the superintendent, were indulged in and no doubt would have been put in effect had not prominent citizens gone to the mine and induced the infuriated relatives and friends of the dead to stay their rash intentions until the fact could be settled that Foss deserved such a fate. Coroner Burke called an inquest to-day, swore a jury, identified the bodies, and adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.