

THE BURNING PIT.**Seventy-Five Miners Saved from an Awful Death.**

DENVER, Col., February 3.—[Special.]—A Newcastle, Colorado, special says: What almost proved to be another Mammoth mine disaster occurred here last evening in the Grand River coal and coke mines. Just at 6 o'clock as the day shift, composed of seventy-five miners, were about to leave the mine a terrific explosion occurred and immediately black smoke came pouring out the side of the mountain. Many women and children rushed toward the entrance of the mine, only to be driven back by clouds of smoke.

Above the roar of escaping gases, the pitiable cries of the imprisoned miners could be plainly heard by their wives and children.

THE RESCUERS AT WORK.

Soon willing hands braved the great danger and started the hoisting machinery, relieving each other as fast as their comrades became exhausted. Soon the seventy-five miners were brought to the surface, some of them more dead than alive, and none of them any too soon, as the flames immediately reached the shaft and came up with such force that it drove everybody away. Explosions have followed every few hours.

At 2 o'clock this morning the excitement was so great that it was impossible to tell if anyone failed to get out. It is thought several have perished. Had the explosion occurred when the miners were at work not one would have escaped. The mine has been on fire several times before in the last ten years, caused by miners' lamps igniting the gas, which has always troubled them.

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