

The Egypt Mine Disaster.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 21.—News from Cummocho, where the terrible explosion occurred in the Egypt coal mine, is to the effect that 32 bodies have been recovered. Two more bodies have been discovered, but are almost completely buried. They are now being dug out. The body of the foreman of the dynamite room has not yet been found. Reports as to the amount of dynamite in the mine conflict. Some of the miners say there were five cases or 250 pounds in the mine, while the superintendent thinks there was only 550 pounds of the explosive there.

The theory of the cause of the catastrophe generally held is that the first explosion was of coal gas, that then the dynamite exploded, and after this came the stifling "afterdamp," that suffocated all who remained alive.