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Awful Explosion at Cum-
nock Mine This A. M.

AN APPALLING DISASTER

A Terrific Explosion Caused by Gas
in the Mine, and Fearful
Fatality is Reported.

An explosion occurred in the
Langdon-Henezey Coal Company's
mines, situated at Cumnock, this
morning. Many lives were sacrificed.

This was the substance of the first
news received of a terrible mine dis-
aster at the old Egypt coal mine.
The news was obtained from passen-
gers on the Seaboard Air Line, who
learned of the disaster at Moncure.

Forty Persons Reported Killed.

Telegrams were fired at different
persons in the little mining village,
which is situated on a private rail-
road, fourteen miles from Moncure,
and answers were anxiously awaited
during the day. Conflicting reports
as to the magnitude and extent of
the disaster have been circulated. A
telegram from a railroad employee
at Moncure stated that forty per-
sons were in the mine when the ex-
plosion occurred this morning be-
tween the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock,
and that all means of connection be-
ing shut off, it was impossible to tell
how many were numbered among
the dead.

Heard a Distance of Fourteen Miles

Mr. H. A. London, editor of the
Chatham Record, was a passenger
on the train that passed Moncure
this morning. The train only stop-
ped a few minutes and he
could obtain but very little
information regarding the explosion.
Mr. London said that the explosion
occured about 8 a. m. and was heard
in Moncure very distinctly, a dis-
tance of 14 miles. "No one in Mon-
cure had authentic news, but it was
said that six or eight men were killed.
Nothing was known of the injured
or those unaccounted for in the mine
Physicians were summoned from all
surrounding towns.

It would seem judging from the distance the explosion was heard that every one in the mine must have been killed. It is likely that the entire force was in the mine at work at the time of the catastrophe.

The explosion was caused, supposedly, by gas. Between 30 and 40 miners are entombed and there is scarcely any probability that any have escaped death.

Facts About the Mine.

Cumnock is the name of the town where the mines are situated. Until a few months ago it was named Egypt, but the old Egypt Company was reorganized under the name of The Langdon Henezy Coal Company. Northern capitalists are back of the enterprise. The railroad running from Moncure to Cumnock is controlled by them.

Only North Carolinians are employed as laborers in the mine. The mine is a large one consisting of four tunnels and reached the depth of 450 feet.

Mr. Thomas J. Pence, of the staff of the Press-Visitor, left this afternoon via the Seaboard Air Line train for the scene of the disaster.