

ANOTHER MINE HORROR.

Twelve Miners Entombed in the Old
Abe Gold Mine at White
Oaks.

A Fatal Shaft House Fire—Five Dead
Bodies Recovered—Two Days
of Terror.

Special to the New Mexican.

Carthage, N. M., Mch. 11.—By an explosion in the shaft room of the Old Abe gold mine at White Oaks on Saturday eight men are supposed to have lost their lives.

THE EXPLOSION

occurred about 3 o'clock in the morning and in a few minutes the shaft house of the mine was in flames. One man who had been working in the mill repairing machinery started down in the bucket, but before he reached No. 9 shaft the whole building was in flames. He notified the men below and made his escape together with three others who were working on the lower level.

THE FLAMES SPREAD

so rapidly that it was impossible to do anything toward rescuing those imprisoned in the lower levels. There were twelve men altogether in the mine when the disaster occurred. Eight of them are still imprisoned with little or no hope of being rescued alive. Rescuing parties are at work endeavoring to connect the air shafts of the North Homestake and Godavia mines with that of the Old Abe, but the chances are that their efforts will be

OF NO AVAIL.

The names of the unfortunate eight are Mitchell, Cully, Williams, John Davis, Frank Wilson, White, Conover and Sherrick. The last named was the mine foreman.

The property loss can not be ascertained at this writing but is supposed to be light.

Another Report.

Special to the New Mexican.

San Antonio, N. M., Mch. 11.—Another mine horror has visited New Mexico. Our people had scarcely recovered from the appalling effects of the White Ash disaster at Cerrillos when word from White Oaks is received telling of a terribly calamity there in the Old Abe mine. It occurred on Saturday morning last, but owing to the lack of telegraphic and railway communication meagre particulars are at hand only to-day.

It appears that in some unaccountable manner

FIRE BROKE OUT

in the shaft house of the mine and in a short time that large and well built structure was a mass of flames. Embers and smoke therefrom poured down the main shaft of the mine to the lower workings where the miners were at work and carried death to a number of the employes. Some of the miners at work on the upper levels started up the ladder when the smoke first warned them of danger, but none of them had the nerve to reach the top. Frank Wilson braved the fire and smoke and succeeded in getting almost to the surface, but fell back down the shaft and died there. Several of the men who occupied less exposed positions made their escape from the depths through the air shaft.

RESCUING THE DEAD.

The fire raged all Saturday and Saturday night and was not under control until yesterday forenoon, when the bodies of the victims were rescued. The dead number five, not eight as originally reported. At the time of the disaster there were in the mine John Davis, Frank Wilson, W. J. Williams, Chas. Sherrick, George Baxter, Harry White, Jerry Conover and W. B. Mitchell. The first named five met their death in the mine, White, Conover and Mitchell escaping through the air shaft. Wilson, Davis and Baxter leave families.

TOUCHING SCENES.

Many pathetic scenes were noted about the mine during the long period between the time the fire was discovered and the rescue of the bodies was accomplished. The imprisoned miners were well known to nearly every resident of White Oaks and the entire population of the town has spent the greater part of the past forty-eight hours about the scene of horror. Every possible attention is being given to the families of the victims. The inquest will commence this afternoon and arrangements for

THE FUNERALS

Are in progress. It is likely that the bodies will be buried tomorrow afternoon. The circumstance has cast a pall not over the little town of White Oaks but the mining camps and ranches for twenty miles around have sympathizing delegations in town to-day.

It is difficult to secure information as to the exact cause of the fire, but at this writing nobody ventures to cast any sort of blame upon the mine owners, Messrs. John Y. Hewitt, of White Oaks, a Mr. Watson and H. B. Fergusson, of Albuquerque. Miners say the air supply was pure and abundant. The damage to the property was considerable. The large hoisting plant, with all its machinery, also the shaft timbers and the blacksmith house were destroyed by the flames. Mr. Fergusson will reach White Oaks to-night.