WHITE ASH MINE.

The Full Extent of the Calamity Finally Known.

Twenty-five Bead Rodies Taken From the Pit and Eighteen Others More or Less Seriously Injured.

Los Cerentos, N. M., Feb. 28.—Today it was believed that all the victims of the White Ash mine explosion had been taken out of the mine. The dead number twenty-five and the injured eighteen, some of whom may die. The names of the wounded are not known as they were taken to their homes as fast as removed from the mine and no record was made of their names in the excitement. Late at night eleven of the miners were discovered huddling together in one drift where they had been overcome by gas.

The list of dead is as follows: J. B. Donahue, pit boss; Johany Book, trapper; Sam Hardesty, — Ellingsworth, Roy Phillips, Wm. Jones, Sam Jones, W. T. McCart, Tom Whitey, John Sweeney, John Esthorne, Tom Holliday, Jules Desibant, father; Henry Desibant, son; Louis Desibant, son; Angelo Ruffati, Richard Deiro, Emil Homel, George Spaite, August Leplat, D. Summitis, Henry Harben, Mike Ryan, Alexander Kelly and one whose name is unknown.

All the injured will recover. A coroner's jury viewed the remains of the dead today, but will not begin taking testimony regarding the accident until tomorrow. Thomas Leaden, a White Ash miner, is a member of the territorial legislature and is making vigorous efforts to secure an appropriation for the relief of the widows and orphans. Although the legislative session ends today it is pretty certain that before the adjournment an act will be passed looking to the protection of miners. It is claimed the White Ash mine was not properly ventilated. Supt. Duggan says the explosion occurred in room 8, on the fourth level, over which a danger line bad been drawn. Two men, it is alleged, went over the danger line with an open lamp contrary to orders. The victims of the disaster are being buried this afternoon, making the largest funeral ever seen in New Mexico in time of peace. Sam Hardesty, one of the killed, was a candidate for a seat in the legislature at the last election, but was eaten by Thomas Leaden.

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