

February 27, 1895; White Ash Mine, Cerrillos, N. Mex.; 24 Killed

(From State inspector's report, 1895, pp. 15 and 23)

An explosion occurred at 11 a. m. * * * entrance was prevented * * * by chokedamp in the slope. * * * ventilation by canvas was forced direct * * * to the entry in which the explosion occurred.

* * * the work of exploring that level was completed about 11 p.m., and the last of the * * * bodies taken to the surface. * * * about 125 men were at work * * * and every precaution and means were used for prompt rescue and revival * * * of all survivors.

* * * the explosion was caused by two men sent into a room to take up track * * * and who ignited a body of standing gas. * * * the fireboss had found a small body of gas at the face and had put up a danger signal, 100 feet from the face.

(The explosion, propagated by dust, traversed the entire mine.)