

MANGLED IN A MINE.

Three Coal Diggers Dead and
Six Imprisoned.

NO HOPE FOR THE MEN.

Caught in an Underground Furnace—
Thirteen Wounded Workers Brought
to the Surface, All of Whom Are
Terribly Injured—Efforts to Save the
Property.

A special dispatch from Marion, Ill., says:—
An explosion terrible in its effects occurred
in the Williamson County Coal Company's
mine four miles north of here. Fifteen
wounded miners, two of whom have since
died, have been rescued from the smoke and
flames, while one was found dead when the
rescuing party went down the shaft.

Several of the wounded are so severely
crushed and otherwise hurt that they will
die.

There are said to be five or six miners still
imprisoned in the mine, but they cannot be
reached. These men no doubt are dead be-
fore this time, as there is no means of es-
cape for them, the mine not having been
provided with the usual escapement shaft.

Most of the men killed and wounded are
Russians and Italians, and it is impossible to
get their names. The force of the explosion
was tremendous, as it blew one of the mine
mules over 200 yards along the main en-
trance and into the big dump at the bottom
of the shaft, which is 180 feet deep.

The cages were run up and down the shaft
as fast as the engines could force them for
the purpose of confining the flames in the
entries and preventing them from spreading
up the shaft and setting fire to timbers and
buildings at the mouth of the pit. The ex-
plosion was no doubt caused by natural gas,
of which there is a good deal in this mine,
taking fire from the miner's lamps when
they descended as they started for work in
the morning.