

HORROR IN A MINE

Explosion of Dynamite in West Virginia Colliery.

FIRST REPORTS PUT KILLED AT THIRTY,
INJURED AT A HUNDRED.

Later Messages, However, Reduce the Casualties to Ten Dead and Four Seriously Injured.—Berryburg Mine, Owned by Detroit Men and Operated by Negroes, the Scene of Disaster.

Phillippi, W. Va., November 3.—The Berryburg coal mine exploded this morning. Thirty-two miners were killed and one hundred wounded.

Detroit, Mich., November 3.—B. F. Berry, of this city, owner of the mine at Berryburg, W. Va., where the explosion occurred, has a telegram from N. O. Gray, manager of the mine, saying the fatalities are probably six. Dynamite is supposed to have caused the accident.

President Berry shortly before 2 o'clock received a telephone message from Berryburg saying that ten men were killed and four seriously injured, three of whom will probably die. The mine was damaged very slightly. The Berryburg mine is located about six miles south of Phillippi and employs 129 men. The majority of these are negroes, who are married and live in a settlement near the mine. T. W. Davis, of this city, the Willis Creek company's mine inspector, says it is one of the best equipped soft coal properties in West Virginia. He thought that operation could probably be resumed in two or three days.