

TWENTY-TWO KILLED IN A MINE

Camp Causes an Explosion at Cumnock, N. C.—Twelve of the Men Were Negroes.

RALEIGH, N. C. (Special).—Cumnock, thirty miles from here, was the scene of an explosion in the coal mines. Twenty-two men, ten of whom are white and twelve negroes, lost their lives. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by a lamp. The accident was in what is known as the east heading. Between forty and fifty men were in the mine at the time. Five were brought out alive from the east heading, while none of the men in the other parts of the mine was injured.

The names of the whites killed are John Connelly, mine superintendent; Joe Glass, William Tysson, James McCarthy, John Hankey, Westly Clegg, John Willett, John Gattewood, Robert Gattewood.

Within an hour after the explosion the work of rescue began, and by night all the bodies except one had been brought to the top. John Connelly, the mine superintendent, came here about three years ago from Pittsburg, Penn. This is the second explosion this mine has had within four years, the former one having occurred on December 23, 1895, when sixty-three men lost their lives.