
WOMEN SAVED MINERS.

Turned the Water in a Reservoir Into a Burning Illinois Mine and Extinguished the Fire.

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BELLEVILLE, Ill., Aug. 27.—The lives of twenty miners at the Bossworth mine were saved to-day by women and children. The mine is near French Village. The entrance to it is by a sloping shaft, which descends from a hillside. An explosion happened at the lower end of this slope. It set fire to the coal and the timbers of the shaft and the flames imprisoned the miners.

Alarmed by the explosion, they ran to the slope, only to be turned back by a wall of flames. The women and children heard the explosion and ran to the opening, and saw what had happened. A hundred feet from the shaft was a rude reservoir in which water had been collected for the engine. They dug a trench down to the shaft opening and turned the water into the mine. The fire was extinguished and the men came out unhurt.

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