

## ILLINOIS MINERS KILLED.

**An Explosion of Coal and Gas Dust  
Causes the Loss of Six Lives  
in Sandoval Mine.**

Centralia, Ill., April 2.—An explosion of gas and coal dust in the coal shaft at Sandoval, Ill., six miles north of the city, Tuesday, resulted in the instant death of four men, the death of one other before the top of the shaft was reached and the death of another who died soon after reaching home. Those who were killed in the mine were: Lafe Leanny, Frank Deiro, Joe Thebasco, John Giacino and Joe Bianco. Six others were terribly burned about the head and chest. Those seriously burned were: Allen and Henry Newhouse, Henry Wheeler, Frank Day, Charles T. Lewis and William McFadden. Henry Newhouse died soon after being taken home. The accident was due to an accumulation of gases in the mine from imperfect ventilation and coal dust, which has been allowed to gather two feet in depth in many places. The force of the explosion wrecked the interior of the mines, destroying trap doors and knocking down props. The coal shaft is the property of the Sandoval Coal company.