

SANDOVAL MINE EXPLODES.

Four Men Instantly Killed and Two Others Die Before Reaching the Surface.

Centralia, Ill., April 1.—An explosion of gas and coal dust at the shaft at Sandoval, Ill., six miles north of this city, resulted in the instant death, Tuesday, 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 his home. Those killed in the mine were: Lafe Leanay, Frank Deiro, Joe Thebasco, John Giaccone 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 had been allowed to gather to a depth of two feet 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 Co., of which T. S. Marshall, of Salem, is the principal stockholder. The mine recently suffered from a fire in which all the framework was burned to the ground, with a loss of about \$10,000. The coroner's inquest will be held to-morrow morning.