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POWDER EXPLODED IN BIG
MUDDY MINE.

RESCUERS WERE HAMPERED

MURPHYSBORO, Ill., May 11.—Six men were killed and a large number were injured as the result of an explosion of powder to-day in shaft No. 7 of the Big Muddy Coal and Iron Mine Company at Herrin, twenty miles from here.

About 325 men are employed in the mine and they had just begun work. A car containing fifty kegs of powder exploded. Eighty injured men and six bodies were removed from the mine at noon.

The mine was badly wrecked, making the rescue work difficult. Thirty mules were killed.

Luckily, the majority of the miners were working in other parts of the shaft when the explosion occurred, thus being able to assist with the rescue work.

This afternoon it was feared that some of the injured were shut off from the rescuers, and that they may die before being reached.