

BELIEVES NOT MORE THAN 21 ARE ENTOMBED

**CORONER B. B. SIPE BEGINS
INQUIRY INTO FATAL EX-
PLOSION WHICH OCCURRED
IN TERCIO MINE NO. 3 YES-
TERDAY AFTERNOON.**

By Associated Press.

Trinidad, Col., October 29.—Coroner B. B. Sipe has begun an inquiry into the fatal explosion which occurred yesterday afternoon in Tercio Mine No. 3, owned by the Rocky Mountain Coal & Iron Company, an adjunct of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company.

"The report that sixty men were in the mine at the time of the explosion is untrue," said Coroner Sipe after visiting the scene of the accident. "I believe there were twenty-one entombed in the mine and that all are dead.

"I think the explosion which caused the roof of the mine to cave in was a dust explosion.

"The mine is well ventilated, without artificial devices. No bodies were recovered last night.

"The mine is burning and many of the bodies may be cremated, thus making it impossible to ascertain exactly the number in the mine."

There were only two Americans in the mine, George Brandenburg and John Hatter. The others were Slavs and Mexicans.

The rescuers have not yet succeeded in penetrating to the point where the miners were working. Estimates of the number of men in the mine vary from twenty to sixty. They are mainly foreigners. The mine company officials have no record of the number working. They deny that there were more than twenty-one men in the mine at time of the explosion, but miners to-day estimated the number of missing at sixty-eight.