

FIVE MINERS DEAD, THREE DYING

Careless Use of Powder Causes Explosion in West Virginia Mine.

Charleston, W. Va., April 21.—A mine explosion in the Cabin Creek Mining company's mines near Kayford resulted in the death of five miners and the fatal injury of three others. The disaster is thought to have been caused by a powder explosion, the result of a miner's carelessness.

Shortly after most of the men had left the mine there was a sharp report, followed by an explosion which threw debris in all directions. The tipples took fire and were soon a mass of flames. At least nine men were still within the mine when the explosion occurred. Of these, four reached safety with the assistance of friends. Three of the number were so badly injured that they are not expected to live.

The remaining miners are still entombed. It is believed that these men are dead, as they were at least 2,000 feet below the surface when the explosion took place.

Those known to be still in the mine are: Burt Green, Charles Nichols, I. Ranchols, Arthur Crumpacker, William Allen.

The three fatally hurt are: George Eastman, night boss; N. Darby, assistant night boss; William Robinson, laborer.