

FIFTEEN MEN ENTOMBED IN BLOSSBURG COAL MINE

Explosion Wrecks Property of
St. Louis, Rocky Mountain
& Pacific Company Near
Raton.

BODIES OF FOUR VICTIMS
RECOVERED FROM RUINS

Deadly Fire Damp Renders
Work of Rescue Difficult.
Small Hope for Imprisoned
Men.

[By Leased Wire to the Morning Journal.]

Denver, Colo., Oct. 5.—According to a special to the News from Raton, N. M., fifteen men are believed to have been entombed in the Dutchman mine at Blossburg at 2:30 o'clock this morning by an explosion which wrecked the walls and roof and the tunnel in which they were working. However, only six men are positively known to have been in the tunnel at the time of the explosion, but the usual night shift numbers fifteen and none of them have been located outside of the mine.

Rescue parties have taken out four dead bodies, one of which has been identified as Jans Janski, a single man 40 years of age. All but one of the night shift were Austrians, the exception being an American. Fire damp has settled in the tunnel, making rescue work difficult. It is not thought that any of the entombed men can live with this condition prevailing. As yet no fire has been reported. The mine is owned and operated by the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain and Pacific company and is well equipped with all modern electrical appliances. The cause of the explosion is not known.