

35 VICTIMS OF EXPLOSION.

Superintendent of Pocahontas Mine Says All Are Accounted For.

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., Oct. 8.—Superintendent William Leckie, of the Pocahontas Collieries Company, of Pocahontas has given out a statement that thirty-five dead had been taken out of the West mine, where an explosion occurred Wednesday, and that the twenty missing miners supposed to be in the mine had reported to the office in person.

All wreckage has been practically cleared and work will be resumed in the mine within a week. The Cole-dale and Mill Creek mines were not seriously affected by the explosion and work was resumed today.

MORE THAN FIFTY MINERS KILLED

FRIGHTFUL DEATH LIST RE-
SULTS FROM EXPLOSION.

SCORES OF MEN ENTOMBED

Nineteen Known Dead and 30 to 40
Others Buried in the Mine, Prob-
ably All Dead—Two of the Rescu-
ers Among Those Who Lost Their
Lives.

Pocahontas, Va., Oct. 5.—Nineteen known dead and from 30 to 40 more men entombed, and doubtless all dead, is the situation up to a late hour last night at the West Fork mines of the Pocahontas Collieries company, where the explosion occurred late Wednesday afternoon. It was not until 7:30 last evening that the rescuers reached a point nearest the Paul entry, where the explosion occurred. The work of rescue was very slow, as the conditions confronting the party were difficult to surmount. Toward the middle of the evening hope was expressed that all the bodies would be recovered by midnight.

Superintendent Leckie of the mine, who entered the mine as one of the rescuing party, had a narrow escape from death. He was overcome by the fumes and had to be carried out. The dead include two members of the rescuing party, John Odham and Ed. Brown.

Up to midnight last night exactly the number of men in the mine was not known. About a score of mules were killed. There was no evidence of fire in the mine up to a late hour last night. The Norfolk & Western railroad superintendent at Bluefield last night wired a report that information he had was that the death list may exceed 30 and it was hoped that all the bodies would be taken out by tomorrow. This estimate of the number of dead, however, is believed to be too low and based on the situation as it appeared earlier in the evening.