

FOUR MEN CAUGHT BY AN EXPLOSION

Benton, Ill., November 5.—An explosion at the mine of Joseph Leiter at Zeigler, Franklin county, late today, wrecked the shaft, and as a result four shot-firers are entombed.

So terrific was the explosion that a car and pieces of railroad track were hurled from the bottom to the top of the shaft, more than 600 feet, demolishing a steel tipple.

It is impossible to reach the four miners and their fate is therefore unknown.

A large force of men is trying to clear the wreckage, but the work is proceeding slowly. Unless the men are reached soon they will suffocate.

The names of the entombed miners are:

George Reed.

Patrick Daily.

Perry Stevens.

John Holmes.

The mine is owned by Col. W. P. Bond of Chicago.

No workmen are in the Leiter mine at Zeigler, which is burning, but several mules are within. The main and air shafts have been plugged in an effort to smother the fire.