## 40 LIVES BELIEVED LOST IN THNE AT MULGA, ALA.

Birmingham, Ala. April 20—Brtween thirty-five and forty men are caught in the Mulga mine of the Birmingham Coal and Iron Company as the result of an explosion at 9 o'clock tonight, and their fate is unknown. The explosion was of such force that the flames shot to a great height from the mouth of the shaft. The cages in the shaft were so badly sprung by the explosion that they cannot be used. The shaft is not on fire and air is being pumped in to the mine.

The cause of the explosion has not been determined. Mulga mine has only been opened a couple of years and was regarded as a model of its kind. Mulga is located about six miles northwest of Eusley.

Word has been received in this city that twenty-five of the men in the Mulga mine were killed at midnight. A request has teen made of the Birmingham Southern Railroad for its hospital car and it will be sent to the scene from Bessemer.

Ambulances were hurried to Mulga from Eusley scon after the news of the explosion reached that city. Mulga is connected with Eusley by one telephone wire over which it is practically impossible to communicate tonight.

James Bonnyman of Birmingham Coal and Railroad Company, left in an automobile for Mulga shortly before midnight. It is understood here that rescue parties are having great difficulty in getting down in the shaft.

Immediately after the explosion timbers were placed over the mouth of the shaft to prevent draft as it was believed that the interior of the mine might take fire. It was expected that rescue parties would be able to be lower-ed into the mine by 3 o'clock tomorrow morning. The hospital car contains gas helmets and all of the paraphernalia necessary for entering a gaseous mine.

The Mulga shaft is 350 feet deep and the flames shot up from the mouth for 100 feet over the surface. The ground is covered with charred timbers which were blown out of the shaft and every window in the entire camp was broken.

Birmingham, Ala. April 21.— Of the forty men entombed 10 the Mulga mine of the Birmingham Coal and Iron Company at Mulga Ala., by an explosion at 9 o'clock last night it is believed all are dead. The cages in the shaft of the mine were so badly sprung by the force of the explosion that they are useless and all other means edopted by rescue parties in an effort to reach the entombed men proved futile.

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