

SEVENTEEN DIE IN COKEDALE MINE

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Been Brought to Surface
at Trinidad

EXPLOSION OF POWDER

Cause of Disaster Fixed by
Superintendent Bayliss
After Examination

TRINIDAD, Colo., Feb. 10.—Seven-teen lives were lost in the explosion that wrecked the Cokedale mine of the Carbon Coal & Coke company, eight miles from here last night. To-night sixteen bodies, including those of Assistant Superintendent E. A. Sutton and Robert Meek, rescuers who lost their lives in the attempt to rescue others, have been brought to the surface. The remaining two bodies have been located and will be removed before morning.

Two of the bodies have been brought to Trinidad for burial and coffins for the other fifteen have been sent to Cokedale.

It has been determined by Superintendent F. P. Bayliss that the explosion of a car of blasting powder in charge of the shot firers caused the disaster. It is not known how the powder was ignited.

Practically the entire mine has been explored, and the damage to the property is small.

All of the victims died from the effects of after damp and none of the bodies were mutilated. With the exception of the two rescue men who perished, the victims were Poles and Italians. Nearly all were married and some have large families. The company officials have given orders for the care of the widows and children.