

EXPLOSION COST SEVENTEEN LIVES

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Disaster at Cokedale Mine Due
to Ignition of Car of Blast-
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TRINIDAD, Colo., Feb. 10.—Seventeen lives were lost in the explosion that wrecked the Cokedale mine of the Carbon Coal & Coke company, eight miles from here, last night. Tonight 16 bodies, including those of Assistant Superintendent A. E. Sutton and Robert Meek, rescuers, who lost their lives, have been brought to the surface.

Two of the bodies have been brought to Trinidad for burial and coffins for the other 15 have been sent to Cokedale.

It has been determined by Supt. 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 the victims died from the effects of after-damp and none of the bodies was mutilated. With the exception of the two rescuers 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.