

TWELVE KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION

DISASTER OCCURS IN WORKS OF
VICTOR AMERICAN FUEL COM-
PANY AT TRINIDAD.

Trinidad, Col., June 19.—Thirteen miners were entombed and 12 are dead as a result of an explosion in the new slope of the Hastings mine of the Victor American Fuel company shortly after midnight today. Another miner badly injured, has been rescued. The mine is located 16 miles north of Trinidad.

The officers believe the explosion was caused by a "windy shot" which set off a quantity of gas. The explosion took place in the new slope of the mine, where development work is in progress. The 14 men who were in the night shift were shot firers and entry men.

Rescuers who entered the mine early today returned soon afterward with a Greek who was badly burned. According to the mine superintendent, who came out after a hasty investigation, both the main slope and the new air course, the only means of exit, are badly caved.

The Hastings mine is one of the largest producers in the southern Colorado fields.

The 12 bodies of the victims of the Hastings mine explosion were all brought to the surface shortly before nightfall. The bodies were only slightly scorched.

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