

22 MINERS DEAD IN MINE FIRE

**Seven Corpses Recovered From
Depths of Burning Mine In
Oklahoma—Rescuers Posi-
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Lives.**

M'ALESTER, Okla., Feb. 23.—More than twenty persons met death, it is feared today, in the explosion at the Lehigh coal mine yesterday when fifty miners were entrapped. Up to an early hour today seven corpses had been recovered, while more than a score of others escaped death.

Rescuers predict that not less than fifteen other miners perished, and this with the seven bodies already recovered, would bring the death list up to twenty-two. Others believe that thirty-five men are still entombed, but as the payroll has not been checked, it is impossible to get definite figures. The fire started in No. 5 mine of the Wichita Mining company, at noon yesterday. Many lives were saved by Chester Caldwell and a young Mexican running through the works and sounding an alarm. The fire is still burning today in the inner workings, and the loss will be heavy.