

SERIOUS EXPLOSION IN MINE AT CLAY, KENTUCKY

Bodies of Forty Men Taken From
Mine—Twenty Still Are Entombed
—Shaft Burns, Halting Rescue.

Madisonville, Ky.—One body was taken from the No. 7 Mine of the West Kentucky Coal Co. at Clay, making a total of 40 dead. There still remain in the mine about 20. One hundred and thirty-five men have been taken from the mine and some of these will die and many are badly injured. There were 195 in the mine at the time of the explosion. The rescue work was stopped several hours due to the fan shaft catching on fire and water had to be pumped into the mine. The rescue work is slow, for a crew of men headed by Will Chandler has to erect supports as they proceed to the end of the entry where the men are expected to be found.

The men are believed to be dead. Strenuous efforts are being made to get to them. Will Borders, the foreman who saved 53 men in the mine, was in Madisonville, the guest of his relatives. He stated it will take from a week to 10 days to build supports and trap doors and put the mine in running order again. When the explosion occurred 100 supports and a dozen trap doors were blown down.