

EXPLOSION OF GAS IN ALABAMA MINE KILLS ELEVEN MEN

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 26.
—Rescue work at Acmar mine, No. 3, of the Alabama Fuel and Iron company, in which eleven miners were killed and four-score entombed as the result of a terrific gas explosion Thursday, was completed today, and investigation of the disaster made by C. H. Nesbitt, chief state mine inspector.

Inspector Nesbitt attributed the explosion to gas combustion, followed by intermingling of air through gas pockets formed in sections of the mine, and said it was practically unavoidable.

The explosion was purely local in nature, and slight damage was done to the mine, which will be in operation again tomorrow, officials of the company stated.

Funerals of the victims will be held at Acmar tomorrow and Sunday.

The dead:

J. F. Martin, M. R. Byers, Virgil Stone, G. F. White and N. H. Engle, white; John Fincher, Hezekiah Walker, James Wedgeworth, John Mitchell, Calvin Lindsey and Herbert Brown, negroes.

Fincher's body was not recovered until late this afternoon.