

**NINE ARE DEAD
IN MINE BLAST**

Three Others Expected To Die
from Injuries.

**DYNAMITE AND DUST
EXPLODE IN WORKINGS**

**Marietta Mine, Williamson, Is
Scene of Disaster.**

Heavy Rocks, Timbers and
Wreckage Are Hurled High
into the Air as Pillar of
Fire Flashes Upward.

Williamson, W. Va., Feb. 8.—
Twelve coffins were rushed to the
wrecked operation of the Marietta
Coal company, Pinson Fork, Pond
Creek, Kentucky, early today. Nine
men were reported dead and three
expected to die as the result of a
dynamite and dust explosion there
last night.

Known Dead.
The known dead are: Oscar Nun-
nelly, Paul Nunelly, Kelly Lockhart,
J. Ains and Frank Ains. Four men
are unidentified. Three men, so far
unidentified, are said to be at the
mine.

M. P. Ball, Williamson undertak-
er, was asked early today to send
twelve caskets to the Marietta mine.
He was told nine had been instant-
ly killed and three were expected to
die.

Blasting in the mines is done at
night. A crew of twelve were blow-
ing out coal preparatory to its re-
moval today. A heavy "shot" of
dynamite was put off in a deep re-
cess of the mine.

According to the information the
explosive was not well tamped, re-
sulting in a "windy" shot.

Fire from the blast ignited coal
dust. A blinding explosion follow-
ed. Most of the crew were instant-
ly killed.

Because of the sloping situation
of the mine, rescue workers had lit-
tle difficulty in removing the bodies
last night and early today.

Digging in Debris.
Relief parties are still digging in-
to the debris in an effort to locate
other bodies but the opinion was
expressed that all bodies have been
taken out.

The blast occurred about 5 o'clock
yesterday afternoon. As the blasters
were "putting off" their first shot of
the night shift, a terrible explosion
occurred. Heavy rocks, timbers and
wreckage were hurled high into the
air out of the mine shaft as a pil-
lar of fire and smoke flashed upward.

The Marietta mine is a small
operation owned by W. E. Deegans,
of Huntington, West Virginia.

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