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19 MEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Fifty-Eight Men Escape From the Alabama Mine.

Abernant, Ala., August 13.—Nineteen negro miners were instantly killed by an explosion here this morning at the Abernant Coal company's mine.

Seventeen bodies had been taken out at 9 o'clock tonight.

Forty white men and eighteen negroes who were in the mine when the explosion occurred got out alive.

The explosion was in entry No. 15, 1,200 feet from the surface. The men who escaped were further down in the mine, and were able to get past the afterdamp fumes.

State Mine Inspector Nesbitt reached the scene this afternoon, and tonight was unable to give the exact cause of the explosion, but thought a windy shot had been fired in the pressure of gas and dust. It was still very dangerous tonight to enter the mine.

Rescue parties came from Johas Yoland and other nearby mining camps: but, while they were soon organized for work, their early efforts were greatly hampered by the crowds of distressed friends and relatives about the mine.

The mines are owned by the Abernant Coal company, of which J. B. McClary is president. The Abernant mine is only a few miles from the Yoland mine, where a disastrous explosion occurred several years ago.

NINETEEN NEGROES DIE IN EXPLOSION

Coal Miners Are Caught on
1,200-Foot Level—Seventy
Escape After the Blast.

Abernant, Ala., Aug. 13.—Nineteen negro miners were killed by an explosion in the Abernant Coal company's mine here this morning. Forty-six white men and eighteen negroes got out of the working after the blast. Seventeen bodies had been recovered tonight.

The explosion occurred 1,200 feet from the surface. The majority of the workmen were engaged at a lower level. This prevented greater loss of life.

It was difficult to get assistance after the explosion as recent storms have torn down all telegraph and telephone wires. Horsemen rushed to nearby mining camps summoning aid.