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The Coal Mine Explosion- Further Particulars

St. Louis, January 9 - The explosion in the coal miners at Coulterville, Ill. Yesterday seems to have been occasioned by the ignition of fire damp by the blasting of coal. Three blasts were fired when the explosion occurred. Several attempts were made to descend the shaft, but the smoke was so dense that nothing could be done until at about six o'clock when a party of miners effected an entrance. After two hours of hard and dangerous the bodies of all the dead were recovered and brought to the surface. Two of the victims were badly burned and the others were suffocated.

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Ten Men Confined in a Mine in Illinois

Coulterville, Ill., Jan. 9 - Yesterday afternoon, a terrible explosion occurred in the coal mine of Jones and Nesbit near here. Cause unknown. There were 12 persons in the mine at the time. Two escaped. A man named Mason was at the mouth of the shaft and badly hurt. At eight last night, the relief parties had not been able to enter the mine, foul air rising in dense volumes from the shaft and overpowering them at once. The fate of the ten men is not known, but it is believed to be impossible that any can escape. The scene about the mine is heartrending, for eight of the ten have families who are calling in agony on their loved ones, whom they hope are yet alive. The names of the imprisoned men are as follows: Nicholas Kohl, Frank Brown, Henry Fury, Thos. Hansen, Harry Starr Sr., Robt. Dunlap, Jas. W. King, A. H. Coombs, Frank Stanford, Harry Starr Jr.