

ELEVEN MEN KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION IN MORGAN CO.

Supposed to Have Resulted From a Gas Pocket or Premature Discharge
of Keg of Powder—Sixty Odd Men Escape Without Injury.

Property of the Barbour Coal and Coke Company
Near Village of Nemo.

By Associated Press.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 20.—A special to the Sentinel from Rockwood says eleven miners were killed in an explosion at mine No. 3 of the Barbour Coal & Coke Co., Catoosa, about three miles west of Nemo, Tenn., late Wednesday afternoon. Seventy-five were in the mine at the time, but only eleven were casualties. Those killed were:

W. A. Bryan of Oneida.

Joe Smith of Rockwood.

A. J. Bukner, residence unknown.

Max Hester, Wayland, Ky.

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Ed East, Rockwood.

Charles Monday, Glen Allen.

Alex Stone, Catoosa.

Max Mullen, Catoosa.

Will Carter, Kingston.

Walter Shelton, Rockwood.

The explosion is believed to have resulted from a gas pocket becoming ignited, or from the premature discharge of a keg of powder in the mine. Opinions differ as to which of these theories is correct. Rescuers began work soon after the explosion, and bodies are being recovered.

Confined to Main Heading.

Special to the Banner.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 20.—The explosion in the mine near Nemo was confined to the "main heading," as it is called, of mine No. 3. The cause of the explosion has not yet been definitely ascertained. Explanations as to the probable cause vary. Engineer George Sylvester, who was in charge of the mine at the time of the explosion, is of the opinion that it must have been caused by a large can of powder in some way being ignited. Officials of the Dar Dour Coal & Coke Co., on the other hand, express the opinion that it was due to the combustion of mine gas. An investigation is being conducted by officials to determine the exact cause of the explosion.