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WHITE ASH MINE HORROR.

Twenty-Three Bodies Recovered to the Evening Time.

Some of the Rescued Probably Fatally Injured—Cause of the Disaster.

CERRITOS, N. M., Feb. 27.—The White Ash coal mine, situated some two miles from Cerrillos and operated by the Santa Fe Railroad company, was the scene this morning of a terrible disaster, whereby some thirty men of various ages, each of whom was in the prime of life, and possessed of a wife and family, are now in the grave. Fourteen men have been taken out alive, but their lives are hourly ebbing away, and it is doubtful if any will live to see the sun rise. Twenty-three bodies have been taken out, and it is now certain that every man in the mine at the time of the explosion, which occurred at about 10 o'clock, has been killed. The cause of the explosion is not known, but it is thought to have been caused by the ignition of a quantity of powder. The force of the explosion was so great that it shook the entire town, and the people ran out in the greatest confusion, fearing that the boilers had exploded. The mine is one of the best equipped and most modern in the country, and the company has been at great expense in the matter of ventilation. The mine is a slope, and the men had to walk a mile and a half before they could reach the place where they were working. The company has been in the habit of employing a large number of men, and it will be a very hard matter to ascertain the number of those who were in the mine at the time of the explosion. The company has been in the habit of employing men without any inquiry as to their antecedents, and it will be a matter of great difficulty