

ANOTHER COLLIERY DISASTER. ONE HUNDRED MINERS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED NEAR MANCHESTER.

LONDON, June 18.—A terrible explosion took place to-day in the Pendlebury colliery, near Manchester. Sixty persons have been rescued alive; seven dead bodies have been recovered. A hundred miners are still below, and there is only a faint hope that any of them can be saved. The cages in which the volunteers were proceeding down to the bottom of the pit got stuck in the shaft, and it was two hours before the party could get to work exploring the mine for the missing men. Those who were rescued state that when the explosion occurred they fled to the bottom of the shaft and that they are ignorant of the fate of their companions.

Later dispatches from Manchester say the explosion was caused by fire damp. There were working in the mine at the time 349 miners. One hundred and sixty of these were at work in the level in which the explosion occurred. They are still in the mine and cannot be reached, owing to the masses of coal thrown down by the explosion and which closed up their means of exit. The men before reported rescued were taken out before noon. Great excitement has been caused by the disaster.

One hundred additional men have been rescued from the mine. Probably 100 have been killed. Up to 2:30 o'clock this afternoon 18 dead bodies had been recovered.

LONDON, June 19.—The latest dispatch from Manchester states that 204 miners have been recovered alive from the Pendlebury colliery; that 22 bodies have been taken out, and that 122 men are still unaccounted for. The work of exploring is impeded by bad ventilation and water.