

A terrible accident occurred at the Mike Westerhausen home, near McHenry, early Monday morning. Mrs. Westerhausen arose at 4:00 o'clock to put some coal in the stove, and in an instant a terrific explosion followed. A box containing 60 or 70 dynamite caps was kept on a shelf in the coal shed, and had fallen into the coal and carried into the house unnoticed. The front of the stove was blown into fragments, thousands of the pieces, a mixture of iron, coal, mica and caps striking her, penetrating her body from her head to her knees. Some of these fragments were blown through the bowels, causing peritonitis from which she died. Mr. Westerhausen was lying in bed in the same room and says that he saw a flash pass over him throwing him to the floor. The explosion blew out all the windows and damaged the house. A blaze which threatened the building was soon extinguished. Mrs. Westerhausen was hurried in to town for medical aid, and Dr. Truscott was called up there in consultation with Dr. LeBein, but nothing could be done for her and death relieved her of her suffering Tuesday evening. She leaves twelve children, the youngest only an infant, and a sorrowing husband to mourn her sad demise.

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