

## FIVE MEN CHOKED BY FIRE DAMP AND SMOKE

Appalling Accident at a Coal Mine in Issaquah, Wash., Which Was Caused by a Fire on the Surface.

Flames From Brush Spread to an Airshaft Where Ventilators Draw It Down to Where Men Were at Work.

Seventy-Five Men Near the Top Escape, but the Unfortunates in a Far-Off Chamber Were Victims.

SEATTLE, August 21.—A special from Issaquah, Wash., says:

Five miners were smothered to death in the Issaquah Coal Company's mines at this place this forenoon. A brush fire spread to the mouth of an airshaft, ignited the timbers and was sucked down by the ventilator fan into the workings, where eighty men were employed.

All the miners who were near the exit escaped.

Dominick Cassassos, Carlos Cassassos, C. M. Vowell, Ben Laws and John Lind were in a remote chamber and were overcome by smoke and black damp. Their bodies were recovered this afternoon.

1900 Issaquah No. 4 Mine Asphyxiations (Examiner)

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