

BLACK DAMP

IN ABANDONED MINE CAUSES
TWO DEATHS.

James Hunter First Victim, While
Bud Holtclaw Was Overcome At-
tempting To Rescue Him.

Providence, Ky., Sept. 5.—[Special.]—Two lives were lost here this afternoon in the air shaft of Martin's coal mine, which has been worked out and abandoned for the past several months. Several boys were playing around the air shaft when James Hunter, a youth of twelve years, climbed down the shaft and was overcome by the black damp. When Bud Holtclaw, a young man twenty years old, went to the boy's rescue he was also overcome, both bodies falling to the bottom of the shaft, death doubtless being instantaneous. The accident occurred about 2 o'clock and the bodies were not recovered until 5 o'clock. A special train, bearing a diver and bell, was ordered from Evansville, but arrived too late to be of service as the bodies had been recovered by means of grappling hooks. The Hunter boy was the grandson of Mr. T. B. Payne, a prominent merchant of this place. Mr. Holtclaw was the son of a widow. He was an excellent young man and a member of the order of the Woodmen of the World, and highly esteemed among a large circle of friends. The act of heroism by which he lost his life has cast a deep gloom over the entire community. Both funerals will take place to-morrow.

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