

BOY'S FATAL FALL DOWN MINE SHAFT

Fell Head First, a Distance of More Than One Hundred Feet, Striking on Carriage.

A terrible accident which caused the death of Alexander Hendrillitis, a thirteen-year-old Italian boy, occurred at the No. II shaft of the Pennsylvania Coal company at Inkerman, Saturday.

The young lad left his home early in the day, telling his mother he was tired of being idle and was going to the mines to look for work. He went, only to be carried home an hour later dying, with nearly every bone broken in his body. It appears that the boy went to the No. 11 shaft and stood about watching the hoisting apparatus work. Becoming curious he went up close to the opening and looked down in the dark hole where the carriage disappeared to return with its load of freight.

While standing there holding on to one of the guide posts, he lost his balance and fell into the shaft, striking the hood of the carriage a hundred feet below. On the carriage at the time were several miners returning to the surface, and when the body struck the carriage with a sickly thud they were badly frightened, but little realized that it was a human form until the carriage reached the light. When the surface was reached it was found that the boy was alive and the mine ambulance was quickly called, but before medical aid could be summoned the boy died without regaining consciousness.

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