

TWO BOYS KILLED IN ABANDONED MINE

Crushed to Death When Roof of Mine
Gave Way.

Pottsville, Pa., May 10.—Two boys aged 13 and 14 years, were killed and three others about the same age, were seriously injured shortly before noon at Mt. Carmel, by a fall of coal in an old abandoned mine working which they were exploring. The drift is located on the outskirts of Mt. Carmel and was abandoned years ago. Since the suspension of the mines, miners have been taking coal out for their own use. Early this morning the miners fired a shot in the old drift and then retired for the air to clear. While they were gone, the five boys came along and out of curiosity entered the drift. They got to the spot where the shot had been fired when the roof gave way and tons of coal fell down. Four of them were pinned down by the fall. John Keretis, aged 14, with a broken leg crawled to the mouth of the drift where he notified several men who came along soon afterwards. They entered the drift by the aid of lanterns and found James Besloch, aged 18, with a broken arm and leg, and Frank Thursick, aged 15, with a broken leg, both pinned down by debris. John Megosh, aged 14, and Frank Sketulsko, aged 13, were under a mass of coal, their deaths having been instantaneous. It was necessary to break the coal with sledges before the bodies of these two could be recovered. The rescuers took their lives in their own hands as there was a constant danger of another fall of the top coal.

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