

'Black Damp' in Abandoned Mine is Fatal to Two

YOUNGSTOWN, Jan. 21—Henry Gordon and Mark S. Whalen, employes of a local rubber company, lost their lives here today while attempting to make repairs to a pump in an abandoned mine owned by the company and used as a water reservoir. They were overcome by "black damp."

A. M. Buscher, another employe, who was working with Gordon and Whalen at the time, had a narrow escape from death from the same cause, but succeeded in reaching open air.

City firemen and police made a heroic but unsuccessful effort to rescue the two men. Before the bodies of the two dead men could be recovered, firemen and police worked for seven hours, during which time one fireman was overcome by gas and smoke in an effort to fasten ropes to the bodies, in order that they could be hauled to the surface. The mine has been abandoned for 20 years.

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