

## MINERS IMPRISONED.

Thirty Men Shut Up in a Mine Chamber by Water.

DESOLATION AND DESPAIR.

Heartrending Scenes at the Mouth of the Nanticoke Mines—No Hope for the Imprisoned Men.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., December 18.—The water collected from springs in a pool at Nanticoke broke through the working of No. 1 slope of the Susquehanna coal company this morning, and at noon there was about six feet of water in the slope and 30 men employed on the rock work were imprisoned in the upper lifts. When the water was discovered rushing into the slope, there were nearly 1000 men and boys at work in the various openings, but at the particular spot where the water first appeared, there were not over 90 persons at work.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., December 21, 2 a.m.—It is now certain that the 29 workmen shut in by the floods at the Nanticoke mine Friday are dead. Experienced miners declare that their supply of air was cut off so that they must have died in 48 hours. Gangs of men have been working with terrible earnestness and dug through 60 feet of quick sand and rubbish to find their suffering companions and were pushed forward by hundreds of anxious people on the outside. They reached the first chamber at 1.30 this morning, where they expected to find the bodies of the unfortunate men, but were surprised at finding no trace of them, and it is supposed that they went up into another chamber in their struggle for life.

The missing men are 16 English, Irish and Welsh, and 13 Poles and Hungarians. Yesterday was the gloomiest Sunday ever witnessed in Nanticoke. Thousands of people poured into the town in vehicles, on horse back and afoot. Hundreds of them gathered in groups around the various workings where they discussed the situation of the imprisoned men. No. 1 colliery, where the accident occurred, employs 600 men and boys. The loss to the company will be large and the next three months will be consumed in making repairs. During that time the men and boys will not remain idle, but will be given work at other collieries of the company.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., December 23.—  
There was no rest for Nanticoke last night. It is impossible to describe in words the consternation, the dismay, the agony which spread through the village when it was learned after midnight that all efforts to get the miners out alive had to be abandoned. The whole population was out on the streets discussing the decision, and exclamations of despair, cries of agony and mutterings of discontent were heard on every side. Several relatives of the victims were seized with convulsions. Fannie Sarver, sister of the two Sarver brothers, was prostrated with violent fits, and it was feared she would die. Mrs. Kiveler, the mother of the three Kiveler brothers, was at death's door from weakness and shock, and many other relatives and friends of the entombed miners were completely prostrated. Investigations at an early hour this morning show that the sand, rock and culm have fallen to such an extent that the mine is now filled to the roof and that the men are dead.

There was a second cave-in during the night which was very large. This fall brought with it odors of black damp and sulphurous gases, which have filled the mine and put a peremptory stop to all work. At 6 o'clock this morning it was learned that the bodies of the victims cannot be recovered for at least a month, and since this news has been spread throughout the mining region the most intense excitement prevails. Every effort will now be made to work in toward the men from the slope. The clearing up of the gangways will be pushed as rapidly as possible, though the work will be long and tedious, as there is about 3000 feet of gangway also filled up and said to be packed to the roof.

The following is a complete and correct list of the victims as given for the first time since the calamity took place: Thomas Clifford, driver boy, aged 14 years; William Delaney, driver boy, aged 14; William Elkie, runner, aged 19; Edward Hargraves, miner, aged 21, single; John Hawk, laborer, aged 30; Wadislav Zelgoshinski, laborer, aged 23; Oliver Kiveler, miner, aged 27, married, leaves three children; William Kiveler, laborer, aged 17; Frank Kiveler, miner, aged 33, married; Maux Longolski, driver, aged 17; Abram Lewis, miner, aged 42, married; Andrew Lewie, miner, aged 25, married; Vincent Luke, laborer, aged 28, married; Edward Matthews, laborer, aged 20; August Matule, miner, aged 45, married, leaves six children; Peter Mattlewicz, laborer, single; Joseph McCarth, miner, aged 23, married; John Norvach, laborer, aged 32, single; Abram Rubuski, laborer, aged 29, single; Isaac Sarver, miner, aged 28, married, leaves two children; John Sarver, laborer, aged 21, single; John Shutt, miner, aged 28, married; Thomas Williams, laborer, aged 21, single.

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There is a possibility that the imprisoned men in the Nanticoke mine are still alive, and the company will drive a drill in several places and put down pipes to furnish the victims with air. But as the mine is now full of black damp, experienced miners say that they cannot be rescued alive, and it is more than probable that many of the bodies will never be found.