

WILL BE DEAD WHEN FOUND.

The Attempt to Rescue the Entombed
Miners Abandoned.

ANOTHER FALL OF EARTH AND ROCK
AT THE NANTICOKE MINE.

The Rescuers Narrowly Escaping with
Their Lives.

NANTICOKE THE SCENE OF UNIVERSAL
MOURNING.

WILKESBARRE, December 21.—The men who are straining every muscle in an effort to rescue the entombed miners in the Nanticoke mine were given renewed vigor about 1:30 this afternoon. They received a signal, indicating that there was still life beyond. The signal consisted of a tapping upon an iron air pipe.

THE WORK CONTINUED.

Little change was observable in the condition of affairs to-night. The miners at Morgantown quit work to-day and joined the relief party at Nanticoke. Forty men have been at work on eight-hour shifts at No. 1 slope and 100 men at the air shaft, being relieved every six hours. It is in reaching the imprisoned men by this way that the only hopes are entertained of ever saving them. Fifty cars of rock and sand are sent out every eight hours from the slope, but the treacherous quicksand mixed with culm keeps pouring in so that it is impossible to form an idea of the vastness of the work that lies before the relief party. The fan is kept running night and day, but experienced mine bosses doubt whether there is sufficient power to cause fresh air to penetrate the vast obstruction filling the gangway of No. 1 slope.

A FRESH CALAMITY.

About 9 to-night the work of the rescuing party was suddenly interrupted by another fall of sand, rock and culm. The men were working on a steep incline. They fled and several had very narrow escapes. The work of digging is for the time being suspended. The fall did not come from the surface, but from an upper chamber. The officials in charge after an exploration thought it could be overcome with a few hours' work and at 11:25 a new gang of ninety men were preparing to go down.

Three men, Jas. Turner, Jno. Absalom and Jas. Warne, were caught in the fall. Though not badly injured, they were extricated with great difficulty. The men who were at work are now afraid to re-enter the mine, and there appears to be no hope of rescuing the imprisoned men alive. They have been imprisoned since Friday morning. It is believed it will take several days to penetrate the earth now obstructing the passages.

UNIVERSAL MOURNING.

The excitement about the mine is indescribable. Women and children who have hardly closed their eyes since Friday are made nearly crazy by the fresh calamity. Screams and wails of anguish from the women rend the air, while disheartened and exhausted miners sit around the mouth of the mine in despair. Crowds of people for miles around are coming to view the scene of desolation. The Town of Nanticoke is a place of universal mourning and lamentation.

ALL HOPE ABANDONED.

WILKESBARRE, December 22.—At 12:30 o'clock this morning the mine officials at Nanticoke decided to abandon work in the air shaft on account of the cavein and the presence of fire-damp. All attempts to get the missing men out alive have now been abandoned, but the work through the tunnel will be pushed forward. It will probably be two weeks before the bodies are reached.