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CAPTIVE IN BURNING MINE

Six Men Imprisoned and Their Lives
Despaired Of.

Two Others Burned in Explosion in Fanhouse of Clyde Mine, Near Fredericktown, Pa.

Fredericktown, Pa., Oct. 13.—Half a mile back from the entry, six miners are imprisoned—perhaps dead—in the mine of the Clyde Coal Company. The mine is on fire, and the belief is general that the entombed men cannot be reached in time to save their lives, even if they are not already dead. Two others were seriously burned in an explosion in the fanhouse, following the breaking out of the fire in the mine, one of them so seriously that he will not live. The imprisoned men are:

George Kelly. Homer Harvey.

Richard Marsh.

Richard Mona. Bonel Lorenzo.

Cesto Binardin.

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L'D. Wood, burned about the face and back, may recover

Robert Virgin, frightfully burned about the body, cannot live

Nearly 200 men were in the mine when the fire started to-day. Its exact origin is not known, but it is supposed that it was caused by a wire becoming short circuited and igniting the brattice cloths, which serve to create drafts by means of which the mine is kept free from foul air.