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Another Mining Accident.—Ten Persons Killed.

HAZLETON, Dec. 18.—Another terrible mining accident occurred at about 5 o'clock this morning, at Stockton, two miles from this place. A coal mine caved in, filling the shaft and tunnel with enormous masses of earth, and choking the entrance to the mine. There were several persons in the dwelling-houses at the time of the accident, and these were carried down in the falling mass, and buried hopelessly in the ruins. Of course, they were instantly killed, although as yet it has been entirely impossible to reach their bodies.

Some men were in the mine, it is reported, at the time of the terrible disaster, and these are supposed to have been killed instantly. Ten persons in all lost their lives, and efforts are now being made to extricate their bodies. The houses fell a distance of forty feet, and were broken to fragments.

The mines are known as "The East Sugar Loaf Mines," and were once owned by Asa Packer.

1869 East Sugar Loaf mine cavein

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LATER DETAILS.

MAUCH CHUNK, Dec. 18.—The mine had not been worked for fifteen years, and the houses fell in so quickly that the two families that were living in them had not time to get away, save one girl who had got out of the house, but not far enough to escape falling in, and was rescued from the top of a house.

The families in the adjoining block had just time enough to get out before the whole block fell in. Ten persons went down with the houses, George Swank, his wife, and four children, and Mr. Retch, his wife, child and mother, are the unfortunates, and are still in the mine, and must certainly be dead. The Hazleton steam fire engine has been throwing a continual stream in the hole since daylight.

It will be some time before the bodies are recovered, as the ground is cracked around for some distance, and still falling in, and it is dangerous to work near. The excitement in the vicinity is increasing, and families in neighboring houses are moving out, for fear they will go next.