

**Fire at a Del. & Hud. Coal Shaft—  
Six Miners are Rescued with Dif-  
ficulty.**

The "Van Stork Coal Shaft," the property of the Del. & Hud. Canal Company, near Scranton, was destroyed by fire last Thursday night. The fire originated in the boiler house and soon communicated with the main building, and enveloped it in one broad sheet of flame. In an hour's time the old building, which has stood the storm many years, was a mass of ruins. It had not been used as a coal cracker for some time past, the shaft having been in disuse for a year or more.

There were fourteen men at work in the mine below the shaft where the fire broke out. Eight of these escaped safely through the slope at the river, half a mile from the shaft, the others, being above, were cut off, and suffered considerably before water was got down the shaft. They were finally rescued, however, nearly exhausted. Work will be resumed in the mine soon.

1870 Six miners rescued from the Can Stork coal shaft fire

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