

CAVING OF THE ROOF OF A COAL MINE IN PENNSYLVANIA.

A Terrific Crash, Like an Earthquake.

The Miners Saved by Vacating the Mine Just Before the Crash.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—A letter from Wilkesbarre, Pa., states that the most extensive and serious mining casualty ever known in the Wyoming Valley, occurred at the Chauncey and Grand Tunnel mines, between Plymouth and Nanticoake about two and a half miles south of former place. About two weeks ago, Mr. Roberts, one of the proprietors of the Chauncey mine, noticed that the roof of the opening was working in a most extraordinary manner and was convinced that the mine was doomed to certain calamity. About 11 o'clock, on the morning of the 10th inst., he gave orders for the men to leave the mine as soon as possible, and remove as much of the company's property as could be taken out on the spur of the moment. The miners, to the number of 125, left at 12 o'clock, taking with them the implements of their calling, and two hours later the mine caved in. The effects were truly terrific. Huge boulders were thrown out of the mouth of the tunnel by compressed air, as if they had been pebbles, and the shock of the crash was like an earthquake.

1875 Chauncey mine owner orders 125 men to withdraw 2 hrs before devastating roof fall saving all

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