

SUFFOCATED IN A MINE.

36 MEN OVERCOME BY COAL GAS.

Terrible Disaster in the Brookfield Coal Company's Mine at Wheatland, Pa.—Seven Men Carried Out Dead—29 Men Injured.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 11.—It is reported that between one and two o'clock this afternoon an explosion occurred in the mines of the Brookfield Coal Company, near Wheatland, Pa., on the Erie and Pittsburgh Railroad, between Sharon and New Castle, Pa. Fourteen bodies have already been recovered. There are said to have been between 30 and 50 men at work at the time of the explosion.

[SECOND DISPATCH.]

How the Disaster Occurred—Suffocated by Coal Gas—Seven Men Killed.

CLEVELAND, July 11.—The Brookfield coal mine disaster, at Wheatland, Pa., is not as bad as first reported. Later news from there, places the number of dead at six. Their names are R. Williams, Miles Davis, John Jones, David Jenkins, Richard Jones, and John Barto. Twenty seven more men were nearly suffocated. The coal from the Brookfield mine, is hauled out by a locomotive engine.

THE STORY OF THE DISASTER.

This morning the manager of the mine ordered anthracite coal burned in the engine furnace instead of soft coal, which has been heretofore used. About 11 o'clock the engine passed into the slope. After being in a short time the men in charge of the engine became suddenly affected by the gas from the hard coal, causing them to fall to the ground in an insensible condition. The engineer managed to make his way back to the mouth of the bank and gave the alarm, at which a large number of men rushed into the bank to rescue their comrades.

SINK DOWN INSENSIBLE ONE BY ONE.

One after another they passed in, but were almost immediately overcome by the gas and they, too, became insensible.

THE RESCUERS—29 LIVES SAVED.

After several had thus fallen, a gang was organized to rescue those who went in last, and squads of four or five passed in until they came to a fallen comrade, when they would take him in their arms and carry him out to the open air. In this way thirty-six men were brought out, six of whom were either dead before reaching the mouth of the bank or died immediately after. John Young, one of the injured, died this morning.

WHERE WHEATLAND IS LOCATED.

Wheatland is a small town on the Ohio and Pittsburgh Railroad, five miles east of Sharon. Telegraph facilities are meagre, hence the incorrectness of the first report.