

Six Men Overcome by Gas Lose their Lives.

Heroic Action of Fellow Work- men to Save their Comrades.

ACCIDENT IN A COAL MINE.

CLEVELAND, O., June 11.—It is reported that between 1 and 2 o'clock this afternoon an explosion occurred in the mines of the Brookfield Coal Co., located near Wheatland, Pa., on the line of the Erie & Pittsburg Railroad, between Sharon and New Castle, Pa. Fourteen bodies have already been recovered. It is said there were between thirty and forty men at work at the time of the explosion.

LATER—The Brookfield coal mine disaster at Wheatland, Pa., is not as bad as was first reported. Later news from there places the number of dead at six. Their names are as follows: Robert Williams, Miles Davis, John Jones, David Jenkins, Richard Jones and John Barter. Twenty-seven more men were nearly suffocated. The coal from the Brookfield mine is hauled out by a locomotive engine. This morning the managers of the mine ordered anthracite coal to be burned in the engine furnace instead of soft coal, 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 gas from hard coal, causing them to fall to the ground in a senseless 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. One after another they passed in, but were almost immediately overcome by the gas, and they too fell insensible. 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 or died soon after. Wheatland is a small town on the Pittsburg and Erie railroad, two miles east of Sharon. The telegraphic facilities are meagre, hence the incorrectness of the first report.