

IMPRISONED MINERS RESCUED.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 3.—A dispatch from Virginia City, dated last night, says: "Six men penetrated the Alta drift to-night with refreshments for the imprisoned miners. All wore ice helmets to enable them to pass the belt of 300 feet of foul air between the entrance and the end of the drift. The men were found in comparatively good condition. They had turned water from the drift into their ice-water keg when empty, twisted the end of the compressed air pipe into a barrel of water, and, standing around it, breathed the air thus cooled as it arose through the water. About midnight all were removed from the drift, the whistles along the lode signaling the event. The bodies of Bennett and Callahan, the brave fellows who perished in the attempt to rescue the miners by means of a boat, have been recovered."

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The Imprisoned Men in the Alta Mine.

VIRGINIA CITY, June 2.—Early this morning a small hunting skiff, with Richard Bennett and Dennis Calahan on board, ventured into the Alta drift in search of the imprisoned miners. Neither have since been heard of, and it is feared both have been suffocated by heat and gas. Shortly afterward, a German, known as Dutch George, tried to wade into the shaft, but soon returned delirious. He saw the light and the boat, but no men. Two other men attempted to wade in, but found the heat and gas insupportable, and returned after getting a short distance. It is reported that raps are still heard on the air pipe, indicating that the imprisoned miners are yet alive.

LATER.

A miner, named Pokoff, by wearing a helmet, has penetrated to the end of the Alta drift. He found seven men all right, sitting in the colling-off place, two hundred feet from the end of the drift. The only lives lost were the two men who went in with a boat this morning.

1882 Alta mine rescue at Virginia City



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