

**The Keelridge Mine on the
"Range" Caves In.**

Iron Mountain, Mich., April 11.—A relief force has been organized and is actively at work trying to recover the bodies of the miners who were buried by the caving in of the Keel Ridge mine yesterday afternoon. Edward Wicks, who was found on the top of the debris, is in a comatose condition and the doctors say he cannot recover. One of his legs is broken at the thigh and he is badly crushed about the ribs of one side. The accident occurred yesterday at 1 o'clock while nine men were working about the mouth of the pit, and is supposed to have been caused by the support of the roof of the mine giving away.

THE LOST.

The names of the men lost are as follows: Pat. Egan, W. Henderson, Thomas James, William Pollard, Dick Williams, John Morris, Wm. Jeffery, An Unknown.

The mine was being closed and the men were engaged in taking out the machinery. About 75 feet of earth between the engine-house and No. 1 shaft suddenly sank away carrying with it the men, the machinery of the mine and four large hoilers. The mass of earth went down a distance of about 200 feet, and all the miners were either killed outright or buried alive, with the exception of Edward Wicks, who fell a distance of 140 feet and was hoisted to the surface as soon as possible. The opening is now about 75 feet long and 50 feet wide.

RELIEF MEASURES.

The scene of the accident is surrounded by an excited crowd of miners who at first were unable to make a movement toward rescuing the bodies of their late companions, but order was soon brought out of chaos and relief parties organized who were detailed in shifts and at once went to work. Machinery will have to be erected, which will be brought from the other mines tomorrow. Even then it may take weeks to find the bodies, as they are covered with thousands of tons of earth. The four large boilers, the engine and all other machinery are completely buried.

THE MINE.

The Keel Ridge Mine, where the accident occurred, is situated on the southeast quarter of section 32, town 40, range 30, in Menominee County, Mich., about two miles northeast of Iron Mountain. It had a new double shaft with an upright self-pumping balance skip-road through which the entire product of the mine was raised to the surface. This shaft was down 220 feet from the collar to the working level. The underground workings covered last year a length of 276 feet. The mine was worked on what is known as the modified Nevada plan in rooms 20 feet wide leaving alternate pillars of ore 15 feet thick. The double shaft and skip-road was perfect piece of work, and the only one of the kind in the region. Since work was commenced the annual product of the mine has been as follows:

	Gross Tons
1880.....	11,496
1881.....	19,011
1882.....	23,425
Total.....	53,932

The mine was owned and wrought by the Emmett Mining Company, E. P. Foster general agent, J. T. Jones superintendent and John Wicks in charge of the underground work. The plant of machinery consisted of two Rochester duplex engines of the largest size, with two 6 foot drums, and six 30-inch Fraser & Chalmers drums, which last were used for sinking and drifting. The mines gave employment to a force of about 120 men.

ANOTHER ACCIDENT.

Escanaba, April 11.—A disastrous accident occurred at the Keelridge Mine on the Menominee Range in the Michigan Iron District at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. About 70 feet of ground between the engine-house and the No. 1 shaft caved in, the engine house in which were eight men, all the mine machinery and four large boilers going down a distance of from 100 to 200 feet. All the men were either killed outright or buried alive except Edward Wicks, who went down 100 feet and remained on top of the debris. His leg was broken, at the thigh and one rib was broken. He is probably fatally injured. The size of the cave is about seventy feet long and fifty feet wide, and the boilers are not in sight. The following are the names of the men buried: Patrick Egan, W. Henderson, Dick Williams, John Morris, Thomas James, Edward Wicks, William Jeffrey, William Pollard.

Men are working hard, and will work night and day until the bodies are found. Thus far Edward Wicks is the only one recovered.

LATER PARTICULARS.

Quinneseec, April 11.—The Keelridge Mine owned by the Emmett Mining Company, caved in on Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock burying nine men who were working on the service. The mine commenced caving last Friday in the second level when about 200 tons fell in. The danger was recognized by the Company at once and all work below ground was suspended. There was no one below at the time of the catastrophe. The buried men's names are:

Dick Williams, the time-keeper; Ed. Wicks, Wm. Jeffery, Wm. Hendersol, John Morris, Thos. James, Wm. Pollock, A. Helmer, Pat Egan.

All were married men except Dick Williams and Wm. Jeffery. At 5 o'clock cries were heard at the mouth of the main shaft, and Ed. Wicks was finally found in a drift down 160 feet with a broken rib and thigh. He spoke intelligently on being taken out but

soon wandered in his mind. The Company is using every exertion to get at the other bodies, and put up hoisting machines as fast as men could put them. Three large and one small boiler were also swallowed up in the awful pit. There is no hope of other men being alive. The doctors now have hopes of Wick's recovery.

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