

ALL HOPES ABANDONED.

Entombed Nanticoke Miners Must Perish.

TERRIBLE TYPHOON.

The Philippine Islands Swept Over by a Tremendous Storm.

EIGHTEEN HUMAN LIVES LOST.

Thousands of Houses Leveled and Other Property Destroyed.

FRIGHTFUL DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

The Number of Victims Placed at Between 400 and 1000.

The Fated Miners.

A Nanticoke dispatch, Dec. 21, says: A new gang of men went into the mine at 6 o'clock this morning and are pushing forward, but it is hard to say when the second chamber will be reached. It is now fully believed that the missing men were caught in the sand and culm when the cave took place and are now dead. The next messenger connected with the exploring party came out of the slope at 11:30 this morning and reported that none of the men had been discovered and all hope of ever seeing the men alive was again abandoned. A vigorous search was made, but it appeared almost certain that the unfortunate men have perished and that when the bodies should be found they would be under the mass of sand and culm.

TAPPING ON A TUBE HEARD.

Late in the day, however, the workers were spurred to renewed exertions by hearing faint sounds of hammering on the iron air tube leading to the interior chamber toward which they were working. This showed plainly that some one was at work in the mine and the work was pushed with more vigor than ever.

The miners at Morgantown quit work to-day and joined the relief party. Forty men have been at work on eight hour shifts at No. 1 slope and 100 men at the air shaft being relieved every six hours. It is in reaching the imprisoned men in this way that the only hopes are entertained of ever saving them. Fifty cars of rock and sand were sent out every eight hours from the slope but the treacherous quicksand mixed with culm keeps pouring in so that it is impossible to form an idea of the vastness of the work that lies before the relief party.

The fan has been kept running night and day, but experienced mine bosses doubt whether there is sufficient power to cause fresh air to penetrate the vast obstruction filling the gangway of No. 1 slope.

ANOTHER BIG FALL OF SAND.

About 9 o'clock to-night the work of the relieving party was suddenly interrupted by another fall of sand, rock and culm. The men were working on a steep incline. They fled for their lives, and several of them had very narrow escapes. The work of digging is for the time suspended. The fall did not come from the surface, but from the upper chamber.

The officials in charge, after an exploration, thought it could be overcome with a few hours' work, and at 11:30 p. m. a new gang of nineteen men were preparing to go down.

Three men, James Turner, John Absalom, and Joseph Warner, were caught in the fall. Though not badly injured they were extricated with great difficulty. The men who were at work are now afraid to re-enter the mine, and there appears to be no possible hope of securing the imprisoned men alive. They have been imprisoned since Friday morning.

INTENSE EXCITEMENT FELT.

It is believed that it will take several days to penetrate the mass of earth now obstructing the passages.

The excitement around the mine is indescribable. Women and children who have hardly closed their eyes since Friday are made nearly crazy by the fresh calamity. Screams and wails of anguish from the women and the air, while the disheartened and exhausted miners sit around the mouth of the mine in sullen despair. Crowds of people for miles around are coming to view the scene of desolation. The town of Nanticoke is a place of universal mourning and lamentation.

ALL HOPE FINALLY ABANDONED.

A Wilkesbarre dispatch, Dec. 22, says: At 12:30 this morning the mine officials decided to abandon work in the air shaft on account of the cave in and the presence of fire damp. All attempts to get the missing men out alive have now been abandoned, but the work through the tunnel will be pushed steadily forward. It will probably be two weeks before the bodies are reached.