

SMOTHERED IN A MINE.

Peter Pascoe and Others Descend the Burning Republic Shaft.

ALL ARE OVERCOME WITH SMOKE AND GAS AND PASCOE PERISHES.

And Heroic James Dower Loses His Life While Attempting a Rescue.

MARQUETTE, July 21.—[Special]—Peter Pascoe, Jr., and James Dower, Jr., were smothered by gas and smoke in No. 7 pit of the Republic mine about noon to-day. Peter Pascoe, Jr., was a son of Peter Pascoe, superintendent of the Republic. James Dower lost his life in his gallant and repeated efforts to rescue his friend Pascoe from the burning mine.

Peter Pascoe, Jr., was night boss of No. 8 pit. Shortly before noon he descended into the burning mine by No. 7 shaft to ascertain, if possible, the extent of the fire raging in Nos. 5 and 6 shafts. He was accompanied by Shaft Boss W. R. Polkingham, Head Timberman Edmund Tucker and Charles Tucker. The whole party was overcome by gas and smoke. The three latter managed to reach the skip and were brought to the surface unconscious. Young Pascoe had been unable to reach the skip and was left behind in the burning mine.

Then James Dower, Jr., Arthur Blythe, John Hodge, Thomas Lynch, and Liewellyn Evans descended into the mine to endeavor to rescue Pascoe. But the smoke was so dense that they also were overcome and were unable to give the signal to be drawn up. The men on the surface became alarmed at the length of time the party remained below, and hoisted the skip. All the rescuing party were unconscious, and were with difficulty resuscitated, but Pascoe still remained in the mine, and James Dower bravely went alone down into the smoky hell a second time to rescue his friend. He perished in the heroic attempt, for the skip came back empty. Grant Kimberly ventured down and succeeded in recovering Dower's body. Pascoe's body was at length found and brought to the surface by John Rinberg and William Bryant. But Pascoe had been three hours in the smoke and life was extinct.

Peter Pascoe, Jr., was 25 years of age and was married in November last to Miss Annie Dillen, of Fort Huron.

James Dower, Jr., was 21 years of age and unmarried. Both young men were born at Humboldt, this county, were of most estimable character, and their untimely death is mourned by all who knew them.

The fire in the mine is still burning and has swept through Nos. 5, 6 and 7 pits. Its duration cannot be foretold.

1891 James Dower dies in Republic mine while attempting rescue

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