

ENTOMBED ALIVE.

Twelve Men Shut In by an Explosion in the Richardson Mines at Glen Carbon, Pa., with No Possible Hope of Rescue—The Bodies of Some of the Victims of the Explosion Recovered.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Oct. 4.—Early yesterday evening an explosion of gas occurred at the Richardson's colliery of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Co., at Glen Carbon, causing a fall of coal and entombing six men. Particulars thus far are meager.

GLEN CARBON, Pa., Oct. 5.—Great excitement in this vicinity was created when reports came that the Richardson mines had closed and all in the mines were lost. Later word came that the west gangway of the Crosby vein had closed and that twelve men were entombed. Rescuing parties were immediately formed, and on entering the mines the body of Michael Grant was found on the gangway. He was found to be fatally injured. Then John McGaskie, a Polander, was found dead; Thomas Conville and James Brennan seriously, and Martin Kelly, mine foreman, slightly injured.

These were the only bodies found before reaching the enclosed gangway, inside of which six other men were entombed, with no hope of their recovery alive. Their names are: John Purcell, mine boss, married, wife and three children; John Salmon, single; John Lawler, wife and three children; James Simons, single; Michael Welsh, married, two children; John Culick, Polander, single, and Thomas Clancy, widower, with seven children. The company and the men are doing all possible for the speedy recovery of the entombed, dead or alive.

The Richardson colliery is situated in the Hecksheville valley, and is operated by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Co. The gangway in which the accident occurred is a new opening with but twelve breasts in working order at present. The accident has caused a gloom to fall over the valley, which is partly relieved by the untiring efforts of the officials and the men engaged in removing the mass of coal which lies between them and the imprisoned miners. There is no hope of recovering the men alive as the gas will overcome them long before relief can reach them.