

DEAD OR ALIVE.

Richardson Colliery Near Pottsville Holds Seven Miners.

A FATAL GAS EXPLOSION.

One Victim Already Dead and Three Others Fatally Hurt.

A WALL OF ROCK AND COAL

Shuts Their Remaining Comrades From the Light of Day.

DESPERATE EFFORTS TO RESCUE THEM.

POTTSVILLE, Oct. 3.—[Special]—Early this evening an explosion of gas occurred in the Richardson colliery of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron company, at Glen Carbon, causing a fall of coal.

Seven men are said to be entombed in the gangway of the Crosby vein. One man has been taken out dead and three others fatally injured.

The men are imprisoned behind a thick wall of rock and coal, which was brought down by the explosion. The names of the victims have not yet been obtained, and as the Richardson colliery is eight miles from town it is hard to get news.

At the time of the explosion the full force of miners were at work, and it came so suddenly that they were given no warning.

At this writing the greatest consternation exists at Pottsville. A train is being made up and will be sent to the scene to help in the rescue.

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