

FIFTY-FIVE HAD THRILLING ESCAPES

**Another Mine Disaster in Pennsylvania--
The Mine a Mass of Raging Flames and
Will Have to be Flooded--Caused by a
Careless Carpenter Who Disobeyed
Orders and Lighted His Naked Lamp---
His Life Lost Through His Folly.**

SHAMOKIN, PA., Oct. 9.—One workman dead and four others closed in the mine with all avenues of escape cut off, and the most disastrous mine fire ever known in the western anthracite coal fields now raging at the Luke Fidler colliery, is the result in brief of a carpenter's negligence. Fifty-five other workmen, who were employed in the mine at the time of the accident, had thrilling escapes, as they were compelled to grope their way through smoke and noxious gases in order to reach the fresh air and safety.

George Brown, a miner, and his Polish helper, Anthony Bobert, a driver boy from the Luke Fidler mine, and other Polish laborer, whose name is not known by the mine officials, are in the mine and no hope is entertained of recovering them.

The mine is now a mass of flames and cannot be approached from any direction. It is feared that the inside workings will have to be flooded, which means many months of idleness to the 900 employees.

Superintendent Williams, Mine Inspector Edward Brennan, Inside Foreman August Hehrur, and Arthur Kennedy and Allen Under, bosses at the Fidler and Cameron, formed relief parties and entered the mine to rescue the 60 imprisoned workmen by way of the Coal Run workings through No. 3 airway on the mountain, and down the new shaft, the latter opening proving a God-send to the men, as it is to this channel that most of them owe their escape.

The smoke spread through the inside workings with great rapidity and alarmed men and boys doing night duty in the mine. While the imprisoned men were rushing through the inside workings in search of an air shaft for an outlet, hundreds of their friends gathered about the mouth of the shaft, and as the fan house was destroyed by the flames, the cries and moans of the mothers, sisters, wives and children of the imprisoned employees sent chills through the hearts of many hardy miners who were waiting for an opportunity to assist their doomed comrades.

Two of the men were overcome by the smoke while making their escape, but the Coal Run rescuing party succeeded in carrying them out and restoring them to consciousness. The gangs of workmen cannot get to any point near the fire on account of the smoke and gas, and the flames cannot be fought with any success.

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SHAMOKIN, PA., Oct. 10.—Up to this afternoon the entombed miners at the burning Luke Fidler mine had not been rescued.

Two sulphur explosions occurred this morning, and were felt above the ground.