

FACED DEATH TO SAVE THE MEN

Engineer Lloyd Stood to His Post Surrounded by Flames Until Every Miner Was Rescued.

WILKESBARRE, Penn., Dec. 16.—The Stevens Colliery, in West Pittston, operated by Jenkins & Co., was the scene of considerable excitement at a late hour last night.

Shortly after 11 o'clock the engineer, Thomas Lloyd, discovered that the engine house was on fire. He made an effort to extinguish the flames with a few buckets of water, but was unsuccessful. The structure was very dry, and the fire made rapid headway. Lloyd was alone in the building at the time, and he remembered that there were forty-six men in the mine. Without losing any time he ran to the telephone and gave the alarm in the mine. The foot man at the bottom of the shaft told the miners to throw down their tools and get on the cage as quickly as possible.

By this time the flames had surrounded the engineer on all sides. He patiently awaited the signal to hoist the men to the surface. At last he got the signal, and brought up the cage with lightning speed. Eighteen men were aboard. The carriage was then returned to the mine for the second load of human freight. On this trip ten men were brought up. The side of the building now collapsed, and the burning timber fell all around the brave engineer, who still held the lever. At last the remaining men got on the cage, and in a few minutes all were brought to the surface safely.

The engineer fainted from the excitement and exhaustion, but was quickly rescued by the members of the local Fire Department, who had now reached the scene. He was badly burned about the face and hands, but will recover. The fire caused damage to property amounting to about \$3,000.

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