

THIRTEEN MINERS DROWNED

RESCUERS COULDN'T DESCEND THE SHAFT

Water Came Rushing In Upon the Unfortunate Men Without Any Warning—Two Pits in the Deluge.

DENVER, Aug. 29.—A special to the News from Central City, Colo., says: The accidental flooding of the Americus and Sleepy Hollow mines yesterday afternoon caused the death of thirteen miners. Every effort is being made to rescue the unfortunate men, but little hope is entertained.

Little after 3 o'clock the water in the lower workings of the Fisk mine, east of the main shaft, broke through the old workings of a vein that has not been worked for a number of years. Coursing eastward it struck the Americus, where two Italian miners, whose names have not been learned, were at work in the lower part of the shaft. They were both drowned. In its course the water descended to the Sleepy Hollow mine, the easterly portion of the Fisk vein.

Twenty-nine men were working in the Sleepy Hollow and Americus mines when the disaster occurred. All who escaped were engaged at points above the line of the break. All below at the time were almost instantly submerged and their bodies must lie for weeks. The names of the dead are:

LIST OF THE DEAD.

In the Americus:
OLIVIA PATNOSTER, aged 35; married, wife and two children.
AHILI APANCINI aged 47, married; wife and five children.

In Sleepy Hollow:
N. VEGAS, single.
C. CROSKENBACK, single.
NAZZARINO MARAOTA, married, wife and child.
WILL PRISK, single, aged 17.
WILLIAM THOMAS, married, wife and child.
O. BROUSE, married, wife and child.
THOMAS WILLIAMS, married, wife and child.
THOMAS CARBIS, married, wife and three children.
J. HARRIS, single.
STEVE VALLERO, single, aged 20.
J. PERKI, single.
MARTIN RACONA, married, wife and two children.

The sounding of the whistle gave the first signal of the disaster, and soon the shaft building of the Sleepy Hollow mine was so packed with the families and friends of the imprisoned miners and those anxious to render assistance that it was almost impossible for the rescue work to proceed.

1895 Sleepy Hollow Gold Mine flood
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