Newspapers

ONE LEFT

Down the Black Hole,

From Which Six Mangled Corpses Were Carried.

No Chance to Rescue Robert Poneylight's Body—The Princeton Mine Horror.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE ENQUIRER.

PRINCETON, IND., December 27.—The holocaust which visited this city yesterday in the explosion of gas at the Maule Coal Mine Company's attracted thousands of people from far and near, who visited the scene of the disaster to see nothing but a black hole, from which had been taken eight men alive, all more or less injured, and six who were cold in death, mangled until they could scarcely be identified by friends, while one poor unfortunate remains in the hole somewhere among the debris that has not and cannot be investigated until the mine is again cleared of foul air. A corrected list of the dead and injured who have been taken from the pit is as follows;

John Holmes, married, three children, age 53.

Theodore Faber, married, one child, age 33. John Ernst, married, two children, age 26. James Rial, married, age 21.

Carl Poneylight, single, age 24, resides at Belleville, Ill., was here on a visit.

Robert Maule, married, aged 29, Treasurer and General Superintendent Maule Coal Company.

So far as can be learned by diligent inquiry there only remains in the mine now one man, Robert Poneylight, married, four children, age 27.

The injured number has been increased to eight, as four of the men reported dead were rescued from the mine last night at a late hour. They were: Jas. Turner, only slightly injured about the face, was up today; David Nolan, one side of face burned, in a good condition; Arthur Colegate, forehead and neck burned, left leg broken in two places below the knee, amputation will be necessary; Jim Cruse, hands, face and neck burned.

THE OTHER INJURED

Are getting along as well as could be expected. They are: William Grills, Frank Turber, Tom Pierce and Will Booker. The bodies of Ernst, Maule and Holmes will be taken to Belleville, Ill., to-night for burial to-morrow. Faber and Riai will be turbed at this piece to worrow.

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State Mine Inspector Robert Fisher, Brazil, and Assistant Inspector James Epperson, Linton, together with three expert deep vein miners from Linton and Shelburn, arrived in the city this morning and are now in charge of the mine. They have made various attempts to get the body of Poneylight, but fire damp, choke damp and gas drove them out. They have abandoned the work until the fan is run long enough to drive these deadiy gases from the mine.

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