

SCRANTON MINE DISASTER.

Seven Men Suffocated in the Von Storch Mine.

Scranton, Pa., Oct. 30.—The most fatal mine disaster in the Lackawanna, or Wyoming coal fields, since the Twin Shaft horror at Pittston, over a year ago, was developed in the fire which gutted the river slope of the Delaware and Hudson Company's Von Storch mine in this city to-day.

At least seven men are known to have been suffocated by smoke, and possibly another, a Polander, is numbered among the dead. The dead are:

Thomas Hill, married, 45 years of age.

John Farrell, widower, 45 years old, company man.

John Francis Moran, 21 years old, driver.

Michael Walsh, single, 22 years old, laborer.

John McDonnell, single, 27 years old, miner.

Joseph Yomaski, Polish laborer.

Thomas Padden, single, 24 years of age.

The slope extends down through three veins. The missing men were at work in the deck and surface veins, the former 100 and the latter 60 feet from the surface.

They had but two avenues of escape. The shorter route was by way of the slope, which was a sea of flames for nearly twelve hours, and is yet burning near its foot, and the other route was via cross cuts to the gangways which lead to an air shaft nearly a mile from the spot where the men were working. Fire kept them out of the slope and the smoke, which backed out and into all the workings, prevented escape through the cross cuts. The supposition is that the men were suffocated. Eighteen men, it is thought, were in the mine when Pump Runner Simpkins detected smoke in the slope and ran back in the workings to give the alarm at 1:20 o'clock this morning. Only ten of this number are known to have been hoisted through the air shaft.

Joseph Yomkaski, one of the seven men entombed in the mine, was rescued at 10 o'clock to-night. The bodies of the other men were afterward found and brought to the surface.