

SEVEN MEN KILLED

**Terrible Accident at the Exeter Colliery,
Near Wilkes-Barre.**

CARS DASHED INTO A SWITCH.

The Switch Was Open and Mine Cars Went
Down the Shaft Striking a Carriage
Filled With Miners Going to the
Bottom of the Mine.

Wilkes-Barre, Nov. 6.—Seven men
were killed and three fatally injured at
the Exeter colliery of the Lehigh Valley
Coal Company, at West Pittston, near
here yesterday morning. The accident
was due to the alleged carelessness of
Engineer David Price, who, acting in
disobedience of positive orders, caused
three cars to run into the top of
the shaft. These cars, loaded and
weighing eleven tons, fell down the 300-
foot shaft and crashed with frightful
force upon the carriage, carrying ten men.
Price's orders were to approach the
breaker with the engine at the head of
the train. A few days ago he was
caught pushing cars and was threatened
with discharge for disobeying orders.
Yesterday he did the same thing. The
train was going at good speed, when,
instead of curving around the shaft, the
cars dashed into the switch, which was
open. Price reversed the engine, but it
was too late. The cars struck the head-
block, smashed it, and three of them
toppled down the shaft. About twenty
feet from the bottom they struck the
carriage with awful force, completely
wrecking it. The mass of wreckage fell
to the foot of the shaft, choking it, and
when, after hard work, the men were
extricated, seven were dead and three
were fatally hurt.

The killed are:

MICHAEL SMITH, thirty-five years,
miner; married; leaves widow and four
children.

ANDREW TINCKO, forty years,
miner; married; leaves widow and six
children.

MICHAEL PODESABANNY, thirty-
three years, miner; unmarried.

MICHAEL BRAZUKE, thirty-three
years, miner; unmarried.

JOSEPH CULOCK, twenty-seven
years, married; leaves widow and one
child.

MICHAEL WASLOWSKI, forty-five
years, unmarried.

JOSEPH ANDREWOSKI, thirty
years, unmarried.

The accident occurred at 6:30 o'clock.

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