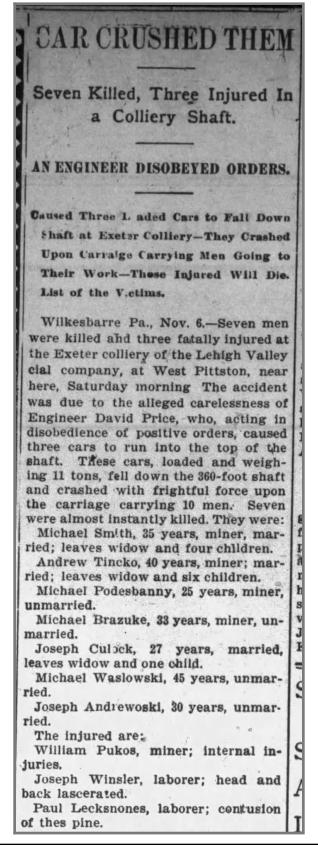
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The accident occurred at 6.30 o'clock as the men were going to work, and being sent down the Exeter shaft in parties of 10. At the same time Engineer Price, in charge of a little donkey engine, was shifting loaded cars from the new Red Ash shaft, several hundred yards away, to the Exeter breaker.

This track approached the head of the Exeter shaft and at a distance of 30 feet from it curved gently to the right and around the shaft to the breaker. At the point where this track commenced to curve was a switch, and the 30 feet of track leading to the head of the shaft was used for storing crippled cars. Close to the head of the shaft it was closed by a head block. 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. Today 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 200 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 fatally hurt. The injured were taken to the hospital.

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