

DROWNED IN A COAL MINE.

RUSH OF WATER IN KASKA WILLIAM COLLIERY OVERWHELMS HALF A DOZEN MINERS.

Pottsville, Pa., May 26.—At noon yesterday a large body of water was reached in the Red Ash vein by a tunnel from the mammoth vein of the Kaska William colliery, about ten miles east of this place, and six men employed therein are presumed to be drowned. They are:

William Morgan, married, wife and two children.

William Derr, single, 17 years old.

Martin Nalochis.

Peter Durkin, wife in Poland.

Paul Koscinski.

Wenedel Kroviski.

It is probable that Derr and Morgan may be rescued, but there is no hope for the others.

The accident occurred at the bottom of the shaft. A tunnel was being driven through the Orchard vein, part of which had been worked years ago and abandoned. The Slavs were working in the tunnel removing the debris where a shot had previously been fired. A large body of water had backed up in the old workings in the vein which the tunnel was destined to cut, and the last shot fired burst open the seams, and through this water poured upon the men. All six were caught in the body of water and drowned like rats in a trap before they could even think of making for a place of safety. The bodies of none of the victims have been recovered. The water will have to be first pumped from the colliery workings before the search for the bodies can be made.