

## THRILLING RESCUE OF MINE WORKERS.

**Men Were in the Mine While Breaker Was Burning.**

Wilkes-Barre, June 27.—Exciting scenes attended the burning of the Baltimore No. 2 breaker of the Delaware & Hudson Coal Company late yesterday afternoon. Six hundred men were at work in the mines when the fire started, and Samuel Smith, outside foreman, and John Matthews, inside foreman, set about to rescue them. Matthews was sent down the shaft, while Smith communicated with them by telephone. Hurriedly they ran to the foot of the shaft, and thence were hoisted to the surface. Matthews coolly mastered the situation and prevented a panic among the men in their eagerness to get out. He, with seven others, the last in the mine, who had run from the distant workings, reached the surface as the engineer was forced to leave his station by the heat.

Seven men were reported missing when the hoisting engine stopped, and it was thought they had perished, but an hour later they appeared on the surface. The men had a thrilling experience. Finding the mine filling with smoke, they made their way through some abandoned workings to an opening. They had to crawl on their hands and knees, and were well nigh exhausted when they reached the surface. Fifty mules are still inside, it being impossible to get them to the surface. Smoke that got into the mine through the burning shaft may have suffocated them.

The breaker was valued at \$50,000, washery at \$20,000 and the other buildings at \$20,000, making a total loss of \$90,000.

## 1901 Miners rescued during the Baltimore No 2 breaker fire

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