

APPALLING RESULT OF AN EXPLOSION

Eighteen Men Are Missing and Believed To Have Been Killed at the Port Royal Mine of the Pittsburg Coal Company.

Jacob5s Creek, Pa., June 11.—A disastrous mine explosion occurred at 6:30 Monday evening in the Port Royal mine of the Pittsburg Coal company, six miles southeast of West Newton.

Twelve are known to be missing, and are supposed to be dead. They are:

Frank Davenport, aged thirty-eight, married.

Antonio Stickel, aged thirty-eight, married.

John Peebles, aged forty, married.

Jeremiah Daily, aged forty, single.

Wm. McCune, superintendent of the six mines of the Pittsburg Coal company between West Newton and Eureka.

Wm. Allison, superintendent of several mines below West Newton.

Dennis Wardley, pit boss at Port Royal mines.

Michael Roy, pit boy at Euclid mine.

John Keck, pit boss at Darr mines.

Peter McCanto, boss driver at Royal Mine No. 1.

Bernard Ball, loader at Port Royal Mine No. 2.

An unknown.

The injured brought out up to 2 a. m., are:

Arthur Smith, pit boss at Smithson mines, both eyes destroyed and fatally burned.

Henry Beveridge, machinist, both arms broken and fatally burned.

Fritz Kreuter, miner, both eyes destroyed and fatally burned.

The disaster was caused by the explosion of gas, released by a fall of slate. How the gas became ignited is not known as the mines are burning.

At the time the explosion occurred

a shift of the working forces was taking place, and it is almost impossible to estimate accurately how many men were in the mine. That the conditions in the mine are frightful was eloquently attested when Harry Beveridge, a member of the rescuing party, was brought out at 11 o'clock last night with both arms broken and badly burned about the body, perhaps fatally.

Edward Sweeney, a civil engineer of West Newton, who also went with the rescuing party, was brought out unconscious at the same time, having been overcome by gas.

A second explosion occurred at 9:30 o'clock, while the rescuers were searching for the missing.

The mine employed about 250 men, and no one knows how many of these are imprisoned or lying dead in the workings that are now filled with stifling smoke and gas and burning heat.

The Port Royal mine is a very large one. It is entered by a shaft 250 feet deep and the explosion occurred about two miles from the bottom of the shaft.

A throng of relatives and friends of the men who are missing are gathered at the top of the shaft. There is great excitement, and the unconfirmed fears of the wives and children are of the gloomiest character.

At 4:00 a. m. all the rescuing parties have come out of the mine. They say that the black damp makes work impossible, and they give up hope of finding any of the missing alive.

A special from West Newton says eighteen men are imprisoned in the mine.