

## EXPLOSION AND FIRE

### Many Men Entombed in Catsburg Mine.

### NO HOPE FOR RESCUE

### Accumulated Gas Too Much for Safety Lamps.

#### Twenty Men Knocked Down by the Concussion and Only Two Suc- ceed in Reaching the Mouth of the Mine Again.

MONONGAHELA, Pa., March 6.—Two miners were seriously burned and many others are entombed in the Catsburg mine, which is burning furiously, as a result of an explosion just before noon today.

John Hager, a machinist, on going into the mine with a score of men, placed his safety lamp in one of the room entrances. A terrific explosion followed, and all the men were knocked down, many of them being rendered insensible.

Hager was stunned for a minute, but soon recovered consciousness and crawled over the prostrate forms of the men to the mouth. He was followed by James Turnan. Both men were horribly burned about the face and hands.

#### Attempt at Rescue.

In spite of his intense pain, Hager crawled back into the mine and unsuccessfully tried to rescue the workmen who were piled on the floor. He then went back to the opening and was taken in charge by a physician. Turnan and he were removed to their homes.

The pit opening is a mass of flames, but a rescuing party is trying to get to the imprisoned men.

The Catsburg mine has had several explosions during the past week and had been boxed up. It was opened today in the belief that the gas had all been pumped out. All the miners used safety lamps in going in. The gas was too much for the lamps.

#### Dead and Injured.

Five men are known to be in the mine and they are thought to be dead. Their names are: Robert Howey, married, mine boss, Catsburg; James Howey, his son, married, roadman, Catsburg; John Gelden, mine boss, married, Catsburg; Isaac Eastwood, fire boss, married, Sunnyside; William McFarland, boss driver, married, Catsburg.

The injured are: John Hager, roadman, Catsburg, horribly burned, condition serious; James Turnan, wireman, married, Catsburg, badly burned, condition serious.