

FOUR KILLED IN MINE.

Gas Explosion at Luke Fidler Colliery Brings Death and Destruction.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Nov. 29.—A terrible explosion of gas occurred at the Luke Fidler Colliery, operated by the Mineral Railroad and Mining Company, here, this afternoon. Four foreigners, Walty Sincavitch, Charles Maruth, Thomas Vok Volando and Leon Sekosk, were instantly killed, while eight others were badly injured.

The explosion occurred in the second shaft. The investigation has not yet revealed as yet the full extent of the damage done. The explosion tore down the battices and made awful havoc in the mine.

The bosses went at once to the scene of the explosion, but were driven back by the foul air. Rescuing parties were soon formed, but the work was slow and dangerous, as the mine was filled with gas. The men were compelled to dig in the debris caused by the explosion for the victims.

As they worked they could hear the groans of the wounded men, and they made almost superhuman efforts to reach them before they were overcome by the foul air. About an hour after the explosion the injured and dead had been brought to the surface.

Mothers, wives and relatives of the miners gathered at the head of the shaft praying for the safety of their beloved ones. The features of the dead were unrecognizable and their bodies badly mangled, and they had to be identified by their clothing. It is believed all the injured will recover.