

TEN MEN OVERCOME BY GAS FIGHTING FIRE

Fire-Bosses and Others Overcome at the Locust Gap Colliery This Morning.

There was intense excitement in our neighboring town of Locust Gap this morning when the word that ten men were killed in the Gap mine was hurled about the village. Later developments proved that all would revive and live.

Ten men were overcome by gas fighting a fire of unknown origin in the top west gangway of this mine. The fire-bosses discovered the fire and hurried for assistance. In the work of extinguishing several of the men were seen to stagger and fall and others who hurried to their assistance fell under the influence of the powerful black-damp, and before the men were rescued ten had gone down. They were John Shoppy, Sr and Thos. Farrell Jr., fire-bosses, Joseph Omlor, loader-boss, Lewis Shutt, all of Locust Gap, Henry Kehler, of Locust Dale, Joseph Iklis, August and William Saybrick, of Ashland, August Kisinski, of Mount Carmel, and Fred Prevost, of Lavelle. Of all these Thos. Farrell had the worst dose and required the most time for recovery.

All of the men will entirely recover from the effects of the gas, but for some the call was a close one. The fire is still burning, but those now contending with it expect to gain control in a few hours according to the report received at this office at about two o'clock this afternoon.

1904 Ten men overcome by gas rescued and revived at Locust Gap Colliery

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