

CABLE BREAKS; 10 MEN ARE DASHED TO DEATH

Accident at Wilkes Barre Mine Is
Third of Its Kind in Six Months.

STATEMENT BY ENGINEER

Says He Did His Duty—Thousands at
Mouth of Shaft—Mine Inspector on
Scene—Cable Recently Inspected.

Ten men were dashed into eternity this morning by the breaking of a hoisting cable at the Conyngham Shaft of the Delaware & Hudson Co. at Wilkes-Barre. This is the third time in six months that employees of the mines in the Wyoming region have been killed in this manner. The victims, including those of today's accident, number 27.

Following are the names of the ten killed today:

MICHAEL ZOYANTZ, Georgetown, survived by wife and four children in Hungary.

JOHN ZASHE, Wilkes-Barre, wife and four children.

JAMES MARMATORIEK, Wilkes-Barre, wife and six children.

ANTHONY ZOYANTZ, Georgetown, wife and nine children.

ANTHONY ZELLEWICK, Wilkes-Barre, wife and two children.

WILLIAM HANEY, Wilkes-Barre, wife and two children.

JOHN JUSTISK, Wilkes-Barre, wife and two children.

LORENTZ WARNICK, Wilkes-Barre, wife and four children.

FRANK ROGUL, Wilkes-Barre, wife and eight children.

HARRY MCGRAW, whose residence could not be ascertained. It is not known whether he was single or married. He was a laborer. All the others were miners.

It was just quarter of seven when the men clambered on the carriage to enter the mine for their day's work. When ten had taken their places the signal to start was given and the men started towards the bottom of the shaft.

The accident occurred when the cage was 250 feet from the top and the shaft is 700 feet deep. The men thus dropped 500 feet.

Cable Recently Inspected.

The cable had been recently inspected by the mine inspector and was thought to be all right.

Engineer's Statement.

Engineer Mills, who was at the throttle at the time, when interviewed said: "I handled the engine the same as usual, but it refused to work. I do not know what the trouble was, but I can truthfully state that I did my duty."

Two other accidents of a similar nature have occurred recently in this county, one being at the Auchincloss colliery at Nanticoke, when ten men lost their lives, and the other at the Clear Spring colliery in West Pittston six weeks ago, when seven men were instantly killed.

Early in the year at Minersville several men met a like fate in a shaft.

Great Crowd Gathers.

When the news of the fatality flew around there was a rush for the scene and in less than half an hour thousands had gathered at the mine opening to watch the work of recovering the bodies. Women wept while men and children walked about in an anxious frame of mind, desperate to know whether any of their friends or relatives were among the victims.

Mine Inspector on Scene.

Supt. Morgan and Mine Inspector Boyle were soon on the ground and conducted an investigation.

Breaking of Cables Frequent.

Many men have lost their lives in the anthracite region by the breaking of hoisting cables.

With so many mine accident of this nature being reported to the State Bureau of Mines and Mining, it is likely that there will be a general demand for more stringent laws in reference to the ropes on cages.