

Mine No. 6 Explodes

One of the saddest affairs that has ever come to the ears of the people of this locality was the mine explosion which occurred at the Witteville Mine Wednesday, Jan. the 24th at 2 10 p. m.

The explosion occurred on the 4th entry and sent 14 men to their eternal homes, of whom six have up to this time been found. Following is the names of the unfortunate victims:

J. H. HARP, family.
PETE DELASATTO, Italian.
ANGELO RECK
JOE TURK, family.
ED FRANKMAN, family.
JAS. BATTLE, family.
JOS. DUFFEY, family.
JNO. ALEXENDER, family.
WILL ALEXANDER, son of John Alexander.
ANGELO SCARRIOT, Italian.
ANGELO DELASATO, Italian.
JAS. THOMAS, family.
JOHANNAN RECK, family.

As to the exact cause of this sad disaster it may never be known but is generally expressed that some one had set a body of gas, in some

of the abandoned rooms or the breaking into of an old abandoned slope caused the trouble. At the time of the explosion there were about 75 men at work but the heavy pressure and force of fire, wind and smoke, broke some of the stoppings causing a sufficient amount of air to circulate in the main entry thus affording everyone except those on the 4th south a chance to escape, but with all these advantages, a number of men were almost suffocated on account of the afterdamps.

Young Dunlap, a driver, who was near the trap door when the explosion occurred, had a most miraculous escape. Timbers, coal, cars and mule were blown against the door which opened on the main slope and luckily for Dunlap a timber crashed through the door tearing a hole through which he crawled, but became unconscious and would have been lost had it not been for the assistance of Amos Norris and Pete Bedalia.