

## FIVE MEN MEET DEATH IN DOVER MINE SHAFT

**Employees of Richard Mine Ascend in  
Skip and on Reaching Surface  
It Tips Dumping Five to  
the Bottom.**

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Dover, June 8.—The overturning of a skip, in which ten men had just about reached the surface about midnight last night, resulted in the spilling of five of the number down a deep shaft of the Richard mine to instant death.

It is said that while five of the men were in the skip, the other five sat on its rim, and that the skip overturned as the latter were stepping off to the landing stage. The victims of the accident were George Dorman, of Whar-ton; John Sault, Paul Dejenko, John Johanko and Charles Caprino, the latter four being Slav miners living in the immediate vicinity of the mine.

Captain James Arthur, superintendent of the mine, said to-day that it was against the orders of the company for the men to ascend by means of skips, as the ore cars are called, but that they took the risk of riding up with its attendant danger rather than climb up the ladder.

Coroner Edward Totten, of Dover, after an investigation, decided that the men were themselves to blame. Richard mine is owned by The Thomas Iron Company, whose headquarters are at Satasaqua, Pa., where the company has blast furnaces.

The mine has been in operation many years, and for the last twelve or fifteen years has been yielding more than 100,000 tons of ore a year. The disaster last night was the first which has happened in many years. Several years ago there was a large cave in, which left a hole more than a hundred feet across, and several hundred feet deep.

It occurred in the night and no one had any knowledge of it, the cave-in being over old, abandoned workings, until the next morning. No one was injured, although the cave-in happened within a few feet of Captain Arthur's house.