

## MANY MINERS RESCUED ALIVE IN SCOTT SHAFT

Shamokin, Pa., June 9.—The results of the gas explosion in the Scott mine Saturday, were fortunately not as serious as was feared. Two men were killed, four other were severely burned, one badly squeezed, and seven overcome by bad air. All except one will probably recover. Twenty-four men had a very narrow escape with their lives. There were exciting scenes at the head of the shaft until late in the afternoon.

The first body recovered was that of Steve Worgus, which was found in the third from last breast. He was horribly crushed and burned.

In the same breast, about 15 minutes later, the body of George Sanduskie was located. He, too, had been caught full by the terrific blast, and his body was crushed into a shapeless mass. His son, George, Jr., aided in placing his father's body on the cage at the bottom of the shaft. The young man was employed as a driver, and following the explosion was directed to aid in loading the dead and injured. When his father's remains arrived on a stretcher they were covered with a rubber blanket. The young man asked who the victim was, but could not ascertain his name from anybody. The boy continued assisting at the bottom of the shaft until all the dead and injured had been removed, after which he hurried to his home at Mt. Carmel, believing that his father was among those who had escaped. He did not learn of his death until he reached home.

Stanny Silkus, one of the first men sent to his home after he was removed from the mines, returned to the colliery to help in the work of rescue. He said he was seated on a supply box along the gangway, and he added: "Something came just like a storm and a big spark, a big roar followed, and I was knocked with my two buddies about fifteen feet. They were burned. I ran out, yelling for help. First aid fellows took charge of me, and when I came up I jumped into an ambulance and went home."

It is generally believed that the explosion was caused by a miner either opening his safety lamp to light a shot, or by a pipe. In all probability the gas had gathered in a vast quantity at the face of one of the breasts, believed to have been the one in which Worgus and Sanduskie were killed, and was ignited.

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