

MINE DISASTER AT TAMAQUA COLLIERY

Cage Turned Turtle and Men Fell 700 Feet to Bottom of Shaft—Two Were Saved

Tamaqua, Pa., May 29.—Six miners were killed and two badly injured at the Mary D. colliery late today when a cage in which they were riding to the surface turned turtle after it had gone forty feet into the air past the landing where the men were supposed to disembark. The dead are:

Joseph Selinsky, Tuscarora.
Martin Visculas, Middleport.
Michael Smith, Mary D.
William Petroskey, Middleport.
Thomas Novak, Mary D.
Henry Weiker, Tuscarora.

Weiker jumped while the cage was twenty feet in the air. He landed on a beam and his skull was crushed. The other five men plunged 700 feet into a dump at the bottom of the shaft and were so badly crushed that it was not until a late hour tonight that it was possible to identify the bodies.

Andrew Durkin saved his life by grasping a chain. An unknown foreigner caught on a projection and escaped with a broken leg.

The colliery is operated by Wentz & Co., of Philadelphia, and employs 500 men. No official statement as to the cause of the accident was given out and it is not known whether it was due to negligence or to some mechanical defect.