

SIX MEN MEET INSTANT DEATH

Eight Miners Thrown From
Cage Wheel in Penn-
sylvania.

A FRIGHTFUL PLUNGE.

One Leaps to Fatal Hurts—Victims
Precipitated Into Watery Depths
of Colliery.

Tamaqua, Pa., May 30.—The Mary D. colliery, five miles west of this place, was the scene of a very peculiar and appalling accident yesterday afternoon, as the result of which six men were instantly killed and two were injured.

The dead are Joseph Selinsky, Tuscarora, married; Martin Visculas, Middleport, married; Mike Smith, Mary D., married, his wife having arrived from Europe but two months ago; William Petrosky, Middleport, single; Thomas Novak, Mary D., single; Henry Weiker, Tuscarora, six children.

The men were employed in the mines and were on a cage being hoisted to the surface. The cage instead of stopping at the surface landing, continued at a rapid pace 40 feet above the ground, until it reached the sheave-wheel, where it turned upside down and five of the occupants of the cage plunged 700 feet to the bottom of the shaft, where they landed in a sump containing ten feet of water. They were crushed into shapeless masses, and it was not until a late hour this evening that their bodies were recovered and all identified.

Henry Weiker jumped from the cage while it was in the air, and struck a beam on the ground, his skull being crushed, and death was instantaneous.

When the cage fell Andrew Durkin, of Tuscarora, grabbed a projecting chain and escaped with slight bruises.

The officials of the company are unable to give the cause of the accident, and it is not known whether the engineer failed in his duty to stop the cage at the surface landing, or whether there was some mechanical defect at that time.