

Two Miners Die In Rescue Effort

Four Still Trapped in Mine by Fire and Gas.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 20.—As the result of fire and gas fumes in the Mount Braddock mine of the W. J. Rainey Coal Company, two men are dead, four are trapped in the mine and two have been rescued. The dead miners, Samuel Hardy, 28 years old, of Mount Braddock, and Clyde Foltz, 35 years old, of Dunbar, lost their lives in an attempt to aid their trapped comrades.

The missing men are James Russell, 45 years old; Frank Largen, 25 years old; Charles Lurch, 27 years old, and Elmer Matthews, 38 years old, all of Mount Braddock. Jack Cole, 32 years old, and Herman Earhart, 36 years old, of Mount Braddock, were rescued at 6 o'clock this evening.

Cole, Earhart and the missing men entered the mine on an inspection tour when gas was discovered this morning. When they did not return Hardy and Foltz entered in a coal car to which a cable was attached. Miners on the outside were to withdraw the car on signal. After waiting 20 minutes the men withdrew the car and found both occupants dead.

Little hope is held out for the men still trapped.

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