

**WORST MINE DISASTER  
IN BITUMINOUS COAL FIELDS  
KILLS 82 AND INJURES 27**

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The worst explosion in the Pennsyl-  
vania soft coal region in many years,  
occurred at 7:45 o'clock in the Reilly  
Mine No. 1 on the morning of Mon-  
day, November 6th by which over 100  
miners at work in the mine were kill-  
ed or injured.

The tremor of the explosion was  
felt for a mile around the mine, and  
soon afterwards hundreds of persons  
were running towards the ill-fated  
mine to render such assistance as was  
in their power.

The Reilly No. 1 mine is located at  
Spangler and is reached by a shaft  
1000 feet deep. The explosion is sup-  
posed to have occurred about 500 feet  
from the bottom of the shaft, where  
it brought down many tons of mine  
roof and other debris. The mine air  
fans were damaged and the big air  
pipe in the mine broken, thereby cut-  
ting off the supply of pure air and  
causing the suffocation of many min-  
ers by fire damp gas. Some of the  
miners were killed by the explosion,  
but most of them were victims of fire  
damp gas.

It was nearly noon before an open-  
ing was made through the debris by  
which to get to the first entombed  
miners. These were dead, having  
been killed by the explosions. These  
men were left by the rescuers, who  
endeavored to find live men. As  
these were found they were carried  
to the shaft and hoisted to the sur-  
face. Rescue work was slow because  
of the prevalence of fire damp and  
lack of gas helmets for the rescuers.  
Men worked in four-hour shifts, or  
less, as they could stand the work.  
Monday afternoon the fans were re-  
paired and put into operation and the  
mine Rescue car from Pittsburgh ar-  
rived, after which the rescue work  
progressed more rapidly. By mid-  
night the mine had been explored and  
all the men alive were removed, then  
began the removal of the dead men.  
There were 27 men removed alive,  
two of these have since died, 82 are  
dead. Most of these were recovered  
on Tuesday. Most of the miners  
were foreigners and a majority were  
unmarried.

The cause of the explosion is un-  
known. It was known a small amount  
of gas was encountered occasionally.  
Safety lamps were used by the miners.  
The mine boss had visited the mine  
early Monday morning and reported  
it safe. The lives of all the miners  
were insured by the coal company in  
a Baltimore insurance company. A  
state compensation adjuster is al-  
ready at Spangler and all needed aid  
will be rendered at once. The explo-  
sion is a great calamity to the town  
of Spangler. Nearly every home has  
sustained a loss either in killed or  
wounded. It is likely never to be  
learned what caused the explosion.  
Those who might have known are  
likely among the victims.