

EIGHTY MINERS NEAR DEATH IN GAS-LADEN MINE

WORKMEN BECOME UNCONSCIOUS SOON AFTER ENTERING MINE TODAY.

CONDITIONS ARE RECOGNIZED AND RESCUE CREWS ORGANIZED

All Are Brought Out Alive, but Last Are Not Rescued Till After Many Hours

Freeport, O., June 7.—(P)—The last of the 80 miners overcome by gas in the mine of the Alpha Portland Cement company here this morning were rescued alive by 11:45 a. m., hours after they had entered the mine.

Freeport, Ohio, June 7.—(P)—Eighty men employed in the mine of the Alpha Portland Cement company here, were overcome by gas shortly after they reported for work at 7 o'clock this morning.

At 8:20 seventy-five men had been taken out of the mine and regained consciousness on reaching the open air.

Five men are still in the mine and a crew of six, equipped with gas masks are engaged in rescue work. Among those still in the mine is William Patterson, mine superintendent. The fans are in operation, officials report the gas laden air is clearing. The shaft is six hundred feet deep and the men are on the lower level.

Officials are unable to account for the accumulation of gas. On reaching the workings this morning the men began to lose consciousness. Those nearest the shaft left the mine and reported the condition and a rescue crew was hurriedly organized.

1926 Eighty miners rescued from Alpha Portland Cement mine

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