

A BRAVE RESCUE.

Five Men Saved from Death in a Burning Coal Mine.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 6.—A terrible explosion of gas occurred this evening in the Nottingham mine in Plymouth. There had been a heavy fall of coal, and this forced the gas toward the shaft, but on its way it was ignited by the naked lamps of miners and exploded. The brattice work and timber at once caught fire and burned furiously. Five men were caught between the cave-in and the fire, and all means of exit was cut off. The report spread that the men were dead, and in a few minutes hundreds of men, women and children gathered at the mouth of the slope, waiting to see the dead bodies hoisted to the surface. About half an hour after the fire broke out John D. Humphreys and John Richards were lowered into the mine to ascertain the true state of affairs. When they reached the fire they heard cries and shouts on the other side. Putting their hands before their faces they rushed through the fire and dragged the five imprisoned men out one by one uninjured. Thomas Richards, who was in another part of the mine, was severely burned by the explosion and it is feared he cannot recover.