

The Sugar Loaf Mine Disaster.

HAZLETON, Pa., Dec. 18.—Another terrible mining accident occurred at five o'clock this morning at Stockton, near this place. A coal mine caved in, filling the shaft and tunnel with enormous masses of earth, carrying two large houses down with it bodily, and choking the entrance to the mine.

There were several persons in the dwelling houses at the time of the accident, and these were carried down in the falling mass, and buried hopelessly in the ruins. Of course, they were instantly killed, although as yet it has been entirely impossible to reach their bodies.

Some men were in the mine, it is reported, at the time of the terrible disaster, and these are supposed to have been killed instantly.

Ten persons in all lost their lives, and efforts are now being made to extricate their bodies.

The houses fell a distance of forty feet, and were broken to fragments.

Stockton is about two miles distant from Hazleton. The mines are known as "The East Sugar-Loaf Mines," and are owned by Messrs. Lindermann & Skeer. Mr. Asa Packer, of Mauch Chunk, formerly owned them.