MINERS ARE ENTOMBED

AT FOSTER'S TUNNEL. RESCUED THIS MORNING. NO HOPE FOR OTHER NINE.

A cloud of sadness swept over this ly, valley yesterday afternoon when it be came known that eleven men were is- entombed in Foster's Tunnel of the ie, L. C. and N Co. A rush of water ed from one of the breasts in the Split gangway demolished everything, in its course, breaking down the gangway for a distance of fifty feet or to more and sweeping everything before er it and finally causing a blockade. Res cuing crews were rushed to the scene th at once and are working with might and vigor to reach the entombed men as soon as possible. Rappings from the men closed in was heard and answered up to a late hour last night. This caused the rescuers to redouble their efforts to reach the victims.

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Those entomt ed are: William Watkins, Bloomingdale George Hollywood, Coaldale Elmer Herron, Coaldale John Bonner, Bull Run Joseph Murphy, Tamaqua John McAndrew, Coaldale Peter Limmick, Shenandoah Charles Matakosk, Coaldale George Loigonis, Coaldale Mike Dodori, Coaldale Dominick Holchek, Centerville The rescue work is being pushed vigorously.

These men were employed as loader and driver boys, throwing the coal from the crutes and hauling it from the mouth of the tunnel. Large gangs of men in relays, the shifts changing every four hours, are work ing to open the mouth of the tunnel

Shortly before the noon whistle blew, it was explained the crash came, and the roof fell at close inter vals for a distance of two hundred feet. Whether the entombed men are behind this fall or were caught under it could not be determined for a certainty. Company officials seemed to cling to the theory that the men were behind the fall, evidently n the opin ion that they had been warned of the fall and had run further back to a place of safety

A number of physicians are upon the scene ready to render aid to the victims. All the company's pulmotors have been rushed to the scene also. First Aid Corps are in readiness to assist the victims.

Two Men Rescued

Hollywood and Watkins were rescued at 8 o'clock this morning. They were in breast No. 22 when the accident occurred and worked their way through headings to breast No. 7, and thus assisted in their own rescue. They were much fatigued, but upon being given stimulants and receiving the fresh air became revived and were enabled to go to their homes unassisted.

They expressed the opinion that the other entombed men would not be reached alive. Watkins, who resides at Bloomingdale, went to the home of his fother-in-law, George Willingham, where there was a scene of rejoicing at his safe and happy return

The same scene was enacted at the home of Hollywood, who is the well known ex-prize fighter

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