

A FLOODED MINE.

The Susquehanna Coal Company's Mines in the Vicinity of Nanticoke, Pa., Flooded—The Lives of a Number of Employees in Jeopardy, Being Hemmed In by the Water—Working For Their Rescues.

NANTICOKE, Pa., December 19.—Nanticoke was thrown into a terrible consternation at eleven o'clock yesterday morning by a report that the mines of the Susquehanna Coal Company were being flooded by water from the river, and that several lives had been lost. The break was in No. 1 slope, and the volume of water pouring in was so great that before the miners and laborers could get away from the breasts in which they were working, the water was more than a foot deep in the gangway, and rising rapidly. Boats were abandoned, driver boys left their mules in the gangway, and all fled for posts of safety. Before the workmen were all out, the water was breast high. Several men are reported missing, and it is feared they have been drowned. An alarm was spread to the other workings, No. 1 and 2 shafts and No. 2 slope all of which are connected with the slope and are of lower and greater depth. The alarm was promptly acted upon, and the workmen hoisted ten at a time to the surface. The workings now affected by the inflow employ upwards of 1,500 men and boys, all of whom will be thrown out of employment.

Yesterday afternoon the excitement was greatly increased over the report that about forty men employed on rock work and a half-dozen slopemen are imprisoned in an old working, the mouth of which is closed by mine timbers and broken cars that were forced against it by the rising waters. Twenty-nine men and boys were rescued through the air shaft by means of ropes, which were lowered and fastened about their bodies, and one at a time they were drawn to the surface. As each one was safely landed, terrific shouts of rejoicing arose from the hundreds of people present. It is believed that there remains yet in the abandoned breast at the slope the following named miners and laborers:

Oliver, Will and Frank Silver, brothers, miners.
Thos. Clifford, door boy.
Will Delancy, driver.
William Eklie, driver.
Lewis Tarbey, company man.
Isaac Saleer, laborer.
Harry Dowd, miner.
John Shutt, miner.
John Hawk, laborer.
John Barber, laborer.
August Mittuel, miner, and several others whose names can not be learned.

The first rescuing party have entered the mine. The greatest danger feared is from foul gas, which is rapidly accumulating, and which the fan can not drive out, owing to the air-ways being closed up.

The disaster is now believed to have been caused by the caving in of a large swamp covering several acres, upon which culm was being dumped, the accumulating weight of which is supposed to have forced the bottom out.

Nanticoke No 1 inundation

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