

BURIED UNDER TONS OF COAL

Three Men Believed to Be Dead in Russelton Mine.

A fatal accident occurred at the Russelton mine of the Russelton Coal and Coke Company, at Russelton, near Tarentum, yesterday afternoon. Three men and a mule were buried under a fall of coal and slate. All are believed to be dead. At 9:30 o'clock last night the body of one man and the dead mule were uncovered.

The Dead.

ANDREW FALOCK, driver, Russelton.

The Buried.

JOSEPH SHIKISKI, 35 years old, married, Russelton.

JOHN SHIKISKI, 40 years old, single, a brother of Joseph Shikiski, Russelton.

Two relays of men are working to clear away the many tons of coal and slate that entomb the men. It is not expected that they will be reached until this morning. Although there is scarcely a chance that the two brothers are alive under the fall, it is possible that the falling coal and slate may have formed a dome which has saved the men from being crushed.

The Shikiski brothers were pulling stumps in old entries and the driver, it is believed, stopped near them to take a trip of their coal from the workings. It is thought there was a "pot" in the roof, supported by one of the ribs that was being taken out. When the rib was undermined the loose coal and slate in the pot, weighing probably 50 tons, buried the men.

The company is controlled by the Bessemer Coal and Coke Company, of which F. S. Love is vice president and general superintendent.

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