

RESCUED FROM FLOODED MINE

Cool Heads Prevent Panic After
Cloudburst at Glen Carbon,
Threatening Miners.

Glen Carbon, a mining town of 1,200, about four miles south of Edwardsville, was demoralized by a cloudburst Thursday night. The storm came up from the lowlands, and, striking against the bluffs under which the town lies, resulted in a terrific precipitation.

At Madison Mine No. 4 the presence of cool heads averted a possible panic. The water poured in a flood into the boiler-room and rose rapidly. Soon the stream was a couple of feet deep, and as it continued to rise it was feared that the fires would be put out, and all the men marooned in the mine. Orders were given to get them out quickly.

The cages shot back and forth at high speed, bringing the workers to the surface, and did not cease until all were above ground. When the engine was shut down at last the water was within three inches of the grate bars in the boiler-room.

Men with shovels tossed up a sort of levee to head the water away from the main shaft, but it could not be diverted from the air shaft, and poured through the tunnel of the latter in a torrent.

Alex. Miller, manager of the mine, learned by wire of the trouble, and started for the shaft on a hand car. Near the plant of the St. Louis Press Brick Company the water was so deep over the rails that he had to abandon the car and wade, sometimes almost waist deep.

The Illinois Central main line was undermined west of No. 4 mine, and the evening accommodation train was forced to spend the night on a switch there. At the junction west of Glen Carbon the Central, the Clover Leaf and the Litchfield and Madison were all blocked by a washout and rendered impassable.

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