

THE ENTOMBED MINERS.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., March 15.—There is now very little hope of rescuing alive the six entombed miners at the Black Diamond colliery. The scene of the accident is in the slope one thousand feet below the surface. Hopes were entertained of reaching two of them to-day, but a fall of coal, bringing down with it thousands of tons, occurred at 3 o'clock this morning. It is believed that the men were killed or will be killed by the coal, which is constantly falling and crushing down the chamber, or suffocated for lack of air. Mine Examiner McMurtrie, of the Shamokin district, reached the colliery late last night. It is estimated that it will take several days to drive a passage way to the men, and their exact fate cannot be determined at the present writing. There is a bare possibility that some spot of the roof will shelter them.

MT. CARMEL, Pa., March 15.—Five of the six miners at the Black Diamond colliery have been rescued alive and well and the sixth will soon be brought to the surface.

A HAPPY SCENE.

MOUNT CARMEL, Pa., March 15.—Supreme joy reigns in the homes of John Hall, Nicholas Revels, Michael Buggy, Patrick Leonard and Vincent Rokus to-night on account of their almost miraculous deliverance from what at this hour last night seemed certain death. Hundreds of citizens escorted them from the Black Diamond colliery, the scene of the accident, this afternoon, to Mount Carmel, and a constant stream of callers has been on hand ever since.

Hall and Revels, though suffering from nervous exhaustion, gave to the Associated Press to-night the first account of their experience. These two men were engaged in driving new schutes in breast No. 8, in the south slope of the mine, about noon yesterday, when they heard a terrific roar, and the next minute they experienced a shock which caused Hall to exclaim to his "butty": "My God, Nick the slope has caved in."

Revels descended to the gangway and twelve feet from him found their egress to the slope cut off by the huge rocks. He called to the miners who were working in number seven, and soon saw Rokus cralling from the debris. They both joined in the shouts and then heard Nearshalski calling from number seven chamber for help. He was pinned by a large rock, and urged his comrades to come to his rescue. They climbed up a distance, but the danger grew so great that they had just time to run back when a second fall occurred and no more sound was heard. The poor fellow was in all probability killed, though a force of men are still working for his deliverance.

The five miners who were saved secured themselves by setting props in the gangway and they then awaited the result. They heard their rescuers stop work outside about 6 o'clock last night, and growing desperate they endeavored to climb up an abandoned chamber and gain an exit, but mountain-like boulders stood in their way. They returned to the gangway and endeavored to console one another. Later they heard sounds of outside work again and their hopes grew. They betook themselves to prayer, and the sounds grew nearer. They then signalled five times on the solid pillars. The rescuers returned the

signal, and the wives, children and hundreds of friends at the mouth of the colliery knew that five were saved. At 12 o'clock to-day they heard a voice shouting: "Are all safe?"

The imprisoned miners answered back: "Five are here; one is covered." The next moment they embraced their rescuers and shed tears of happiness. Their deliverance had been effected by driving a tunnel twenty-nine yards. Hundreds of tons of debris must be removed before the mine can be put in working order.

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