

RESCUED IN TIME.

Twenty Miners Entombed by an
Explosion of Gas.

BRAVE MEN GO TO THEIR RELIEF.

Fourteen of the Imprisoned Men Found on the Brink of Death and Borne to Air and Life—Five or Six Others Probably Gone to Their Long Rest—First Rescue Party Driven Back with a Close Call for Two of the Party.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 2.—A terrific explosion of gas occurred yesterday afternoon in Baltimore shaft No. 2, of the Delaware and Hudson Coal company. Over twenty miners were imprisoned, but at a late hour last night fourteen had been rescued alive, and there was still hopes of reaching the others before the deadly after-damp claimed them as victims. Immediately after the disaster became known rescue gangs descended the shaft, but it was some time before the ventilation had been so managed that they could work in safety. A party which entered the mine at 9:45 last night succeeded in pushing its way to the plane where the imprisoned men had been working, and there it stumbled over the bodies of a number of unconscious men. As quick as the work could be accomplished they were brought to the surface, where a corps of doctors was in waiting. Wrapped in blankets, some of the victims were sent to their homes and some to hospitals. The physicians have hopes that all may recover. Had they been in the mine five minutes longer all would probably have died of suffocation.

Had Abandoned Hope of Re-cue.

John Healy, one of the rescuers who was first to discover the bodies on the plane, says the men were huddled closely together. They had apparently abandoned all hope of rescue and were resolved to die together. The supposition is that the men, when they realized their danger, made their way to the highest point on the plane. The smoke found its way to them, however, and they were all but suffocated when found. The theory of the explosion is that there was a fall of rock on the slope where the dynamite was stored, that the dynamite exploded and the smoke filled the plane. Grief was turned into joy when the rescued men were brought to the surface. Women and children wept and strong men clasped each other in their arms.

Names of Those Brought Out.

The men rescued are: Frank Howard, pump runner; Michael Conway, miner; James Lavery, driver boy; Daniel Munday, miner; Con Mooney, laborer; Ed Connon, miner; William O'Day, miner; John Moulter, laborer; John Scholoski, miner; Mike Baleb, laborer; John Davis, laborer; Mike Hollovitch, miner; Michael Garry, laborer; Patrick Barrett, laborer. It is probable that those men who are in the immediate vicinity of the spot where the explosion occurred were the only ones killed, and their number may not be more than four or five.