

ANOTHER HORROR.
Fatal Explosion of Fire Damp in the Unionsdale Mine.
Two Miners Killed Outright and Three Others Fatally Hurt.
White Nine More are Dangerously Harmed and Otherwise Injured.
Details of the Disaster With the Names of the Victims.

(Special to The Pittsburgh Post.)
CONROSVILLE, Pa., March 8.—The Unionsdale mine, owned by Hood Bros., and situated near Dunbar, was the scene of a terrible disaster today from fire damp. Two miners were killed outright, two there are no hopes for and for the life of another eight hopes are entertained. Beside these five, nine more were more or less seriously injured. The pit in which the explosion occurred is an old one, but was never considered dangerous. In fact, fire damp was a thing unknown to it. The supposition prevailing to-night is that the gas generated in the Marcell mine, which adjoins the Unionsdale, and when an abandoned entry in the former mine, filled with it, was struck from the Hood pit, the explosion followed.

There were two explosions. The first one at 12:30, was not noticed outside the pit, but another one that followed in twenty minutes was terrific and was heard for miles.

The miners in the Marcell and Anchor pits adjoining dropped their tools and fled in terror for outside. At the time of the first explosion there were twenty three men in the pit, and nine who were working on the south side of the slope escaped uninjured as the explosion occurred in the north side. Beside those killed and seriously injured all the balance were burned more or less severely.

A rescuing party was soon formed by James Henderson, Superintendent of the Conrosville and Columbus Shay, a miner, of the Mahoning mines. A score volunteered to follow them into the pit and, with safety lamps they entered. By this time a large crowd had assembled at the pit mouth, in which were wives and children of those who were supposed to be dead. Their grief was great, and they presented a heartrending sight. Within two hours all the unfortunate men were brought to the surface who were unable to come alone, except John Williams. A further search of an hour and his body was found horribly mangled under a pit wagon a greater distance from the entrance than any of the rest. The names of the killed and injured are as follows:

JAMES WILLIAMS, truckman, aged forty-five, killed.
JACOB COFF, Sr., miner, aged fifty, killed.
JACOB COFF, Jr., miner, aged sixteen, no hopes of recovery.
CAL MARTIN, miner, aged nineteen, cannot live.
W. W. BRADLEY, miner, (colored), dangerously and perhaps fatally harmed about the face and body.
SMALLER MARTIN, miner, leg broke and badly burned.
THOMAS OWEN, pit boss, severely harmed about the face and hands.
ISAAC FRY, W. W. SHAW, HIRSH HITEY, PETER BRYANT, Wm. BOON, MARTIN HANSON and PETER KEENE are more severely harmed about the body, face and hands, but not seriously.
J. J. DAVIS, Mine Inspector, and Charles Connor, a member of the Board of Mine How Examiners, were on the ground this evening and will commence a thorough investigation of the cause of the explosion in the morning.

The Coroner has been sent for, and inquests will be held on the dead bodies to-morrow. Colonel Field, one of the mine owners, was assisting in his efforts to have the men rescued and to alleviate suffering.

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