

SIX MEN KILLED IN A COAL MINE.
FEARFUL DISASTER AT WHEATLAND, PENN.—
THIRTY ODD MEN OVERCOME BY GAS—
HOW THE UNFORTUNATE AFFAIR OC-
CURRED—LIST OF THE DEAD.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 11.—The disaster in the Brookfield coal mine, at Wheatland, Penn., which occurred between 1 and 2 o'clock this afternoon, is not so bad as first reported. Later news places the number of killed at six. Twenty-seven others were nearly suffocated. The coal from the Brookfield mine is hauled out by a locomotive engine. This morning the managers of the mine ordered anthracite coal to be burned in the engine furnace instead of soft coal, which had been heretofore used. About 11 o'clock the engine passed into the mine slope. After being in a short time the men in charge of the engine became suddenly affected by the gas from the hard coal, causing

them to fall to the ground in a senseless condition. The engineer managed to make his way back to the mouth of the bank, and gave an alarm. A large number of men rushed into the bank to rescue their comrades. One after another they passed in, but were almost immediately overcome by the gas, and they, too, fell insensible. After several had thus fallen a gang was organized to rescue those who went in last, and squads of four or five passed in until they came to a fallen comrade, when they would take him in their arms and carry him out to the open air. In this way 36 men were brought out, six of whom were either dead before reaching the mouth of the bank or died immediately after. Wheatland is a small town on the Erie and Pittsburg Railroad, two miles east of Sharon.

PITTSBURG, Penn., July 11.—A special telegram from Sharon to the *Dispatch* gives the following account of the disaster at the Brookfield Coal Mines to-day: A most distressing catastrophe occurred at the Brookfield Coal

Mine, near this place, to-day about noon. The company recently procured a pony locomotive to haul their coal cars in and out of the mines through a tunnel nearly a mile in length. Efforts to use soft coal and coke as fuel on this locomotive proved abortive, and to-day an experiment of anthracite coal was tried. Three successful trips were made but, in the fourth the tunnel filled with sulphuric gas, and a number of workmen were suffocated. Three men were taken out dead, and about 20 more or less injured, some seriously. Subsequently eight persons from adjoining mines, under the impression that the persons were still in the tunnel, entered and were also overcome. Of these three were taken out dead and the other five insensible. Every effort is being made by Frank H. Buhl, manager of the works, to administer to the comfort of the injured, and they are all doing well.

The names of the dead are :

John Jones, mine boss.

Robert Williams

Miles Davis.

David Jenkins.

Richard Jones.

John Barter.

John Young.

The last named, one of the injured, died at 6 o'clock this evening.

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