

THIRTEEN ENTOMBED MINERS.

Buried by the Caving in of a "Roof" at
Plymouth, Penn.

PLYMOUTH, Penn., Feb. 13.—An extensive cave-in occurred at the Gaylord Mine of the Kingston Coal Company, at this place, this morning.

Buried in the Mine.

Thirteen men are entombed in the mine, and there is small hope that they will come out alive. Their names are as follows:

PICTON, THOMAS.
JONES, THOMAS.
DAVIS, RICHARD.
MORRIS, JOHN.
KINGDON, JAMES.
MORRISON, THOMAS.
COIE, THOMAS.
ORDS, JOSEPH.
MORGAN, DANIEL.
ARNER, JOHN.
M'LAUGHLIN, PETER.
WALSH, MICHAEL.
LEYSON, THOMAS.

Leyson is a single man and Morgan is a widower; the rest are married, and most of them have large families.

Some of the men may have been instantly killed when the cave-in took place—indeed, it is quite possible that all were killed. The section of the mine in which the men are imprisoned is the portion known as the Five-Foot Vein, Seven-Foot Vein, and Bennett Vein. The men were engaged in placing large timbers to support the roof, which for some time had been considered weak and in need of bracing. After a shot had been fired, without any warning whatever the roof, consisting of rock and coal, fell in with a heavy crash.

There was at once great excitement at the mouth of the slope. The relatives of the men shut in the mine gathered about the place, and their lamentations were pitiful. An army of rescuers at once set at work, but with no expectation of speedily reaching the men. It was said at the outset that it might be three or four weeks before it would be possible to reach the place where they were buried.

A number of mine foremen and their assistants, led by John B. Davis, Superintendent of Gaylord Mine, who had been in the mine all the afternoon, came out at 5 o'clock and reported that all the outlets in the mine were closed, and also the rock tunnel and all the entrances.

The cave-in, it was said, covered an area of about a mile, it having extended since noon so as to affect the central portion of the town of Plymouth.

The rescuing party was obliged to retreat on account of the further caving in of the mine. They report that the crashing of the immense rocks as they came down, the rolling and rumbling of the many falls, and the rush and roar of the wind caused by the concussion, were terrifying.

The mules were taken from the shaft this afternoon, as the cave-in was extending close to the foot. Should the shaft be closed at any time all hope of rescuing the men would have to be abandoned for an indefinite time.

The imprisoned men were warned yesterday that there was danger ahead, but they were of the opinion that the danger was not sufficient for them to stay out. They said, however, this morning, to the hoisting engineer, as they went down to the pit, that should anything occur he would find them in the "big branch in the Bennett vein." This is closed, and there is no way to reach it.

The scene about the mine late to-night was heartrending. The officials were hard at work to devise some plan or means of rescue, but in order to get the men they will have to penetrate through hundreds of feet of coal and rock. It is thought by the Superintendent and other officials that the men are on the big plane in the Bennett vein, which is about 700 feet from the foot of the shaft. The air supply is shut off, and if any of the buried men are alive now it is improbable that they can continue to live long in the pent-up atmosphere of the mine.