

Coroner's Jury Reached Verdict in Lance Mine Accident.

The coroner's jury appointed to investigate the cause of death of Edward Gallagher who, with four others, met death at the Lance colliery in Plymouth on May 5, met in the office of Justice of the Peace James O'Donnell at Plymouth yesterday afternoon and rendered the following verdict: "We, the jury, do find that the men came to their death from shock and burns caused by an explosion of gas in the Hillman vein of the Lance colliery, Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Co., at Plymouth, Pa., May 5, 1904, and we do further say that the deaths would not have occurred in such a manner if the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Co. had complied with section 15, article 10, of the anthracite mine laws, passed June 2, 1891, and amended to section 10, article 10, of April 200, 1899." Section 15, article 10 of the mine laws says that a boy shall be stationed at all main doors, and the other section of the law says that headings shall be driven every 60 feet apart. There was some doubt whether the accident was caused by an explosion of dynamite, giant powder or gas, but the jury has come to the conclusion that it was gas.