

THE KOHINOOR EXPLOSION.

**Verdict Returned by the Coroner's Jury
Yesterday.**

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE INQUIRER.]

SHENANDOAH, Pa., May 30.—The coroner's jury to-day returned the following verdict in the Kohinoor Colliery disaster of last Wednesday: "They were killed by an explosion of gas in the No. 1 lift, new slope working, of the Kohinoor Colliery east of the old slope, on May 24, 1882. We are of the opinion that the gas was fired in the second breast inside of the old slope worked by Martin and James Mulhall, and that it was brought down on Martin Mulhall's lamp by a fall. We were unable to ascertain if the gas was generated in Mulhall's breast or in the breast next to the counter in which the fall occurred, on the night of the 23d, which blocked the heading leading to the counter gangway. This section was working or creeping, and generating large quantities of gas; and in our opinion, on the morning of the 24th, all the employees in the section should have been withdrawn until the danger was removed. We are also of the opinion that there was great laxity in the discipline of the colliery in not keeping the safety lamps in proper condition, and want of discrimination in the selecting men to work in places evolving gas and not enforcing the orders of the fire boss. We also think that the testimony of Richard Trecise, the inside foreman, was very unsatisfactory, and we find nothing to sustain the sensational evidence of Mr. George Ridley, the fire boss."