

ANOTHER COAL MINE HORROR.

Fire at the Works of the Atwater Company, in Stark County, Ohio—Eleven Miners Burned to Death.

LIMA, OHIO, July 5.—Yesterday afternoon about 1:30 P. M., intelligence reached here that the slope of Atwater Coal Company, two and a half miles north east of this place was on fire and ten men in the mine. The excitement became very great; the citizens dropped everything and rushed to the place of danger. The fire which had gained considerable headway by that time, was burning furiously, and notwithstanding everything was done that human skill could devise to arrest its progress, all efforts to extinguish or smother it out proved futile. The miners being apprised of their situation at once rushed to the mouth of the slope, but only a few made good their escape. The remainder are supposed to have suffocated. Finding that it was impossible to effect an entrance through the mouth of the slope, it was determined to drill a hole down in the back part of a mine, in order, if possible that any of the men might be living it would afford relief. Work was commenced, and by two o'clock this morning the hole was completed, but no indication of life, was perceptible. At the completion of this drill-hole it was decided to sink a shaft five feet square, which has been worked without cessation ever since. This morning the Phoenix Fire company, from Ravenna, came down and played on the fire for some time without apparently accomplishing much good, but finally succeeded in nearly putting it out. The origin of the fire, it seems, was a stove or furnace used at the bottom of the slope for the purpose of removing foul air. By some means unknown, to any, the timbers took fire. The company is severely censured for neglecting to sink a shaft through which the miners could retreat in case of emergency. It will be a heavy financial loss to the company, and it is feared will have a tendency to intimidate them in extending this new enterprise as anticipated.

This has been a sorrowful fourth of July to the people of this part of the country and altogether one of the greatest calamities that ever occurred in our midst. Thousands of persons are at the scene and the greatest excitement prevails. John H. Hutching, Esq., is on the ground doing all he can to expedite work.

Later.—The fire has ceased. Seven bodies have already been removed, which are so badly burned as scarcely to bear recognition. Three men and a boy are in yet. No hopes are entertained that they will be taken out alive.