

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

THE FIRE IN THE YELLOW JACKET MINE.

Work to be Resumed on the Crown Point and Belcher—Passengers.

[By Telegraph to the Santa Barbara Press.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—The fire in the Yellow Jacket mine, to-day, caught 300 feet north of the 1400 foot level drift running to the Imperial. The Belcher's blacksmith shop is situated at this point. While the blacksmith was up the 1000 foot level, at another shop, the fire took place in a winze. Louis Roselle, a blacksmith, started down to put it out, but was suffocated by the gas. A terrific explosion occurred, driving a mass of the flames through the drifts of the Yellow Jacket, Kentuck and Crown Point to the Belcher incline, a distance of 2,700 feet, killing four men in the Crown Point, and badly injuring several others in the Crown Point and Belcher. The bodies of the wounded were all got out. The 1300 foot drift, from the Yellow Jacket to the Crown Point, caved in, and the Crown Point and Belcher are entirely safe; also the Imperial, as the drift has been caved north of the fire. The old Yellow Jacket works are bulkheaded from the fire, and between the fire and the Yellow Jacket works is solid work, without timbers, for 100 feet in the 1300 foot level, and 200 feet on the 1100 foot level, so that the fire is effectually blockaded on all sides. The disaster has had a depressing effect on the stock market in this city.

Work in the Crown Point and Belcher mines will be resumed tomorrow. The explosion of gas in the Yellow Jacket was felt in the three mines, and was of great violence, knocking the men down and injuring them severely. No names of the men said to be missing have yet been received. It is thought the fire will soon be out.