

A NANTICOKE HORROR.

Explosion at No. 2 Shaft of the Susquehanna Coal Company—Five Men Supposed to be Killed.

About one o'clock this morning information reached us that a terrible explosion of gas had occurred yesterday afternoon at Nanticoke, at No. 2 shaft, operated by the Susquehanna coal company. The carriage, which was standing at the bottom, was blown up the shaft a distance of forty feet, and almost shivered to splinters. Some of the workmen were in the mine when the explosion took place, two of whom were rescued. On reaching the surface, either frantic with joy at their lucky deliverance, or suffering from the effects of the accident, they behaved, as our informant says, "like wild men," running about and leaping into the air. Five others were still below, and the belief was prevalent that they had succumbed to the fatal black damp which accumulated. As the news reached us at such a very late hour we are unable to give further particulars.