

## A FIERY PRISON.

### FIFTEEN MINERS CUT OFF BY FIRE.

### FIVE FOUND DEAD IN THE GOULD & CURRY MINE.

The Best & Belcher also invaded by Flames—Tunneling from the Consolidated Virginia—A Great Loss of Tobacco at Louisville.

VIRGINIA CITY, NEV., June 25.—A fire broke out last evening in the Gould & Curry mine. Six men employed on the eight hundred foot level of the Best & Belcher mine, five miners the eight hundred foot level and four men in the four hundred foot level of the Gould & Curry mine, making in all fifteen miners imprisoned by the fire.

Little hope is entertained of saving the men on the four hundred foot level. The engines are busily engaged in pumping air to the levels where the miners are imprisoned. Thousands of persons surround the mines and most intense excitement prevails. No effort is being made to put out the fire as it is impossible to ascertain where it is.

LATER—A rescuing party has finally reached the four hundred foot level but they found the five miners dead. They had evidently been asphyxiated while endeavoring to escape. The miners have not yet been able to do anything towards the rescue of the men imprisoned in the Best & Belcher mine. The names of the dead miners are John Trounce, J. Morgan, R. C. Bruce, W. C. Carpenter and Andrew Bean. Morgan was married only a few weeks ago and it is feared his widow will lose her reason in consequence of his death.

#### THE FIRE EXTINGUISHED.

Unavailing efforts were made to-day to rescue the six miners entombed in the burning Gould & Curry mine, in which five miners lost their lives last night. The fire was extinguished about noon to-day and the cage was sent down, but was driven back after it had reached the four hundred feet level. Relays of miners are tunnelling through from the Consolidated Virginia mine and expect to reach the imprisoned miners by noon to-morrow. The damage to the mine from the fire is very slight. It is known that the imprisoned men were alive at 2 o'clock this morning, which fact has occasioned great energy on the part of relief parties who are making superhuman efforts in the hope that the entombed men may still be alive when the tunnel is completed.