

FLOODING THE LUKE FIDLER MINE.

Desperate Efforts Being Made to Ex- tinguish the Fire.

SHAMOKIN, October 11.—The work of flooding the Luke Fidler Mine is being pushed as rapidly as possible, and to-night the slushing with culm of the entire inside workings, where the flames are daily destroying thousands of dollars' worth of valuable coal, was begun. Twenty-seven hundred feet of track was to-day laid to bring the culm from the bank to the rope holes over the shaft, and it is hoped that in this way the workings can be saved from total destruction. A stream of water three feet deep and five feet wide is constantly flowing into the mine, and the entire inside workings, which cover an area of several miles, will have to be flooded below water level.

With the two best collieries in the region idle, and 2,500 men in and about the coal metropolis with no work, the times for the next several months look bad, although many of the miners of the Henry Clay may be given employment at the Coal and Iron Company's and other workings in this vicinity. The company's collieries shut down this evening for the remainder of the week.