

FOUR MINERS ENTOMBED

Another Terrific Explosion in the Luke Fidler Mine.

SHAMOKIN, October 10.—A terrific explosion occurred in the ill-fated Luke Fidler mine this afternoon, the shock of which was felt a mile distant. It was caused by the accumulation of gas and sulphur. The extent of the damage done cannot be ascertained, as no one has been able to go near the workings, where the fire of yesterday is still raging fiercely.

It has been decided by the officials of the Mineral Mining Company that there is only one way to extinguish the fire, and that is by flooding the mines. In order to do this arrangements are being made to turn the water from Coal run stream into the workings. Although strenuous efforts were made, it was impossible for any persons to get near the workings on account of gas, so all endeavors to take the remains of the supposed dead from the burning furnace were futile, and the hope was finally abandoned.

The No. 1 shaft, in which the fire is raging most fiercely, is now being filled with water and dirt, and it is the intention of the company to make it solid, in order to smother the flames if possible. The connection between the burning mine and the Colbert Colliery is being bratticed off, so as to allow the Union Coal Company's operation to commence work. The Colbert started up this morning, and by keeping the Fidler fans idle it is altogether probable that the fire will not reach that colliery.

It is now positive that there are only four men in the workings, as all the rest have been accounted for. The family of George Brown can scarcely be made to believe that he is one of the unfortunates, but there seems to be no other explanation of his absence. It is altogether likely that the remains of the poor fellows will never be found, as the fire in all probability has long ere this reached the spot where they are supposed to be.

The heroic action of Michael Golden and Johnny Dunmore in going back to the No. 3 and No. 2 slopes to warn their comrades of the danger has received much comment, and to their work alone may the credit be given that the dead men do not now number nearly fifty instead of five. The number of brave deeds done during the frightful catastrophe of Monday will doubtless never be known, and it is very likely that some of those whose remains are by this time cremated met death in a vain effort to save the life of a fellow-workman.