

FIRE IS NOT YET EXTINGUISHED

Discovery That Coal Is on Fire in the
Von Storch Mine.

FIVE OF THE VICTIMS BURIED

Funerals Were Attended by Large
Concourses of Sorrowing Friends.
The Body of Moran Was Borne to
Hyde Park Catholic Cemetery in
the Morning--Other Funerals Took
Place in the Afternoon.

Burning coal was discovered yesterday morning in the Von Storch mine by a gang of workmen who were engaged in clearing away the debris of Saturday's disaster. The Diamond vein in the vicinity of the place where the fire is supposed to have started was found to be red-hot and glowing for a space of twenty feet and at several points small patches of coal had become ignited. The work of mastering this new danger was begun at once.

A twin hose was attached to the three-inch water pipes running down the slope from the breaker to the foot and during all of yesterday the burning parts were flooded with water. Last night the work had been so effectively done that the fire was under fair control.

The gang of fire-fighters experienced not a little danger in the work. The sulphurous gases from the smouldering mineral could be detected in the greater portion of the mine. Precautionary methods to prevent a possible repetition of the Jermyn, No. 1, mine horror several weeks ago, by which five men lost their lives, were adopted by the superintendent of the colliery, Finlay Ross.

CLEARING UP DEBRIS.

The work of restoration after the great fire was somewhat retarded yesterday because of the new danger. Nevertheless, great headway was made in clearing away the debris. It is estimated that 3,000 car loads of dirt from the falls in the mine must be removed.

The dirt is being dumped along the left bank of the river. Already a heap of slate and rock and coal, 300 feet long, twelve feet high and fifteen feet wide has been banked up. This track is being extended as the mass accumulates. Two gangs of men are at work on the debris—one in the mine and one outside receiving the loaded cars on the plane and sending down "empties."

Another gang is engaged in erecting new pillars where old ones were burned out. On the grounds about the breaker several massive piles of huge tree-trunks are scattered about. It is thought that the work will be completed in two weeks' time.

Chief of the Fire Department P. J. Hickey visited the mine yesterday and offered the services of the department in the work of fighting the burning coal. It is not likely that the department will be called upon to assist. Six hundred feet of city hose is still in use in the mine.

Chief Hickey yesterday secured the "safety lamp" of the dead fire boss, Thomas Hill, as a memento of the exciting catastrophe. The lamp, which was found where the dead bodies lay on the Diamond plane, shows the effect of the intense heat to which the poor fellows were subjected. The gauge of the lamp was melted so that the metal was formed into a solid sheet.