

AN AWFUL EXPLOSION AT LUKE FIDLER

**A Fearful Mine Horror in Which Four Are Killed and
Many Injured.**

ACCIDENT OCCURRED AT NOON TO-DAY

**A Miner Lit the Gas in Gangway No. 10, and Himself and
Comrades Are Instantly Killed.**

That the occupation of Anthracite coal mining is a particularly hazardous one, the following of which entails the risk of life and health, was again emphasized with telling force at the Luke Fidler colliery today.

An explosion occurred in the No. 2 level of the East Gangway, Luke Fidler shaft, shortly after noon today. Fire bosses Dugan and Clark had made an inspection just a few minutes prior to the accident and found everything in good order. It is not known how the explosion occurred. Superintendent R. A. Quin and Inspector Brennan can not explain its cause.

An ITEM representative on the scene found things in such confusion that particulars could not be learned. Many men were injured, and several more deaths will result.

The following men were killed by the explosion:

THOS. OLENTIM, residing at 1202 Oneida street, Shamokin.

CHARLES MARROTT, Tioga street, Shamokin.

An unidentified man.

The injured are Jesse Koppenhaver, who will probably die. He is badly bruised and burned.

William Kelly, slightly injured.

Full particulars of the accident could not be obtained.