

NO STATEMENT UNTIL INQUEST

Mine Inspectors Have Completed Investigation at Wehrum—Said To Have Been No Fire Boss.

WEHRUM, July 2.—Although the investigation of the State mine inspectors following the explosion here last Wednesday has been completed, no statement, official or otherwise, will be made until after the Coroner's inquest, the date for which has not been set. While the inspectors may have formed an opinion as to the cause of the explosion the nature of their report will depend much on the testimony of miners caught in the lotgo.

It is said there has been no fire boss at the mine, which might be a violation of the State law but for the fact that this condition is permissible in mines reported as non-gaseous. It is understood more precaution will be taken in the future, as the workings are approaching those of a mine said to be gaseous and it is probable the Lackawanna people will put on a fire boss.

The work of the inspectors was no easy task, as the condition of the mine was very bad. It is said, however, that the explosion was not caused by a pocket of gas. While coal dust was found coked it was not in the shape that would follow an explosion of gas.

Coroner J. S. Hammers of Indiana will not arrange for an inquest until the miners now in Spangler Hospital are able to appear as witnesses, as they alone can tell of the happenings in the mine.