

NO MORE CHANCES ON MARVINE ROPE

**Mine Inspector Evans Orders
New Cable For Slope Where
Three Men Were Killed.**

MORE MANWAY TROUBLE

No more men's lives are to be risked on the tensile strength of the rope on the Marvin colliery slope, where three men were killed by runaway cars on September 12. The rope has been in use since the date of the accident, the broken end having been discarded. Cars have been hoisted and let down the slope with the same rope and miners have ridden up and down the slope on cars pulled by the rope.

Mine Inspector Llewellyn M. Evans went to the Marvin Monday to make a regular inspection. The rope appeared to be all right, the inspector said, but since it had parted without apparent cause, it is apt to do the same thing in the future, he declared. So he ordered the immediate discontinuance of the fatal rope. The company officials obeyed the order and telegraphed a rope making concern to have a new rope at the Marvin within twenty-four hours. The new rope arrived last night.

The coroner's jury that has been investigating the causes of the accident in which the three men lost their lives will have a verdict ready tonight. During the inquest, Mine Inspector Evans insisted on several occasions that the accident would never have occurred if the company had heeded an order given by him six months ago, that a manway paralleling the slope be abandoned because it was not a safe passageway for the miners. Delaware and Hudson company officials, including C. C. Rose, superintendent of the coal department, insisted on the other hand that the manway is safe and its construction is within the law governing such passages.

Mr. Evans made a further inspection of the Marvin yesterday. There is another manway in that colliery that is not safe, according to his ideas of safety. The manway parallels another slope and has been in use for fifteen years. It is to be discontinued as soon as the company completes the driving of a new tunnel which is to be in less than two months. After the new tunnel is driven, the slope and manway will be used entirely for men and mules, and no coal will be hoisted on that slope.

The use of the manway on the slope where the three men were killed has been completely abandoned, Mr. Evans said last night. The men on their way to and from their work are taken up and down the slope in mine cars, as he ordered six months ago, he declared.