

DISASTER SURVIVOR ABSENT

Eye Witness to Tripp Shaft Accident Unable to Attend Coroner's Inquest

The absence of Martin Bollinskey, the only survivor of the Tripp shaft disaster at Scranton, whose testimony is much desired by the coroner's jury investigating the deaths of the thirteen men killed in the fall down the shaft, prevented the ending of the inquest in the Scranton court house last evening, and another hearing will be held on Monday evening.

Col. R. A. Phillips, head of the Lackawana Coal Co., which owned the colliery at which the disaster occurred, testified last night that from his experience as a practical miner he was led to believe that the disaster was caused by an explosion of dynamite. David Fowler, member of the executive board of the United Mine Workers, expressed the opinion, based on his experience in the mines, that the carriage upon which the fourteen men were riding was defective and that the company is to blame for the accident. Bollinskey, who is suffering from the effects of his horrifying experience on Dec. 9, is ill and could not attend last night's session of the inquest.