

## **MINE DISASTER CAUSE UNKNOWN.**

### **Coroner's Jury Has Decided That Responsibility Can Not Be Placed.**

The exact cause of the disastrous explosion at No. 9 mine, near Stone City, last Wednesday which cost the lives of 20 miners, will never be known. This was established Monday by the verdict of the coroner's jury, attempting to fix responsibility for the explosion, that it was unable to determine the cause, and by the statement of John Pellegrino, state mine inspector, following the jury's report.

Mr. Pellegrino said that the real circumstances which caused the explosion, were known but to one man and he is dead. He was the miner who was badly burned, the second brought out. One other miner, also now dead, was slightly burned and he is presumed to have been the one next to the immediate source of the explosion. The other 18 were suffocated by black damp.