

Inspectors Place Blame For Loomis Mine Disaster

Use of Electric Trolley Motors and Failure of Employees to Observe Anti-Smoking Rules Given as Cause.

HARRISBURG, Pa., June 27.—Use of electric trolley motors and failure of employees to observe anti-smoking regulations were blamed for the explosion at the Loomis colliery of the Glen Alden Coal company, near Wilkes-Barre, June 6 which caused fourteen fatalities, in an official report of the disaster today submitted to Joseph J. Walsh, secretary of mines, by inspectors who investigated the disaster.

The inspectors said they found electric trolley motors being used in gaseous parts of the mine while burned match stems and cigarette butts were found in the debris in that section of the workings where the explosion occurred.

. CONFIRMS COMPANY REPORT

The report of the mine inspectors on the explosion at the Loomis operation confirmed in part a report furnished investigators of the Glen Alden Coal company, it became known last night.

The investigation by the company officials was made with and at the same time as that conducted by the inspectors. It traced the cause of the explosion to a violation of the anti-smoking regulations in the mine.

In commenting on the mine inspectors' report last night, a Glen Alden company official declared that the use of electric trolley motors in the operation could not be blamed for the catastrophe. "The electric trolley motor was not operating in the section of the mine affected by the explosion at the time," the official declared.

FOR NEW NAVY SCHOOL

WASHINGTON, June 27.—The special naval board which has been investigating the proposed removal of the post graduate school from Annapolis has submitted a report recommending that the institution be maintained there. Secretary Wilbur has taken the report under advisement.