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SUBJECT: Explosion, Cooper Seam of the Pettebone Colliery,
Glen Alden Coal Company, Kingston, PA., July 3, 1926.

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