
FATAL EXPLOSION IN A MINE.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 10.—An explosion of gas on Tuesday night in the Prospect mine, operated by the Lehigh Valley railroad company, and situated about one mile north of this city, killed four miners, namely: Jenkins Lewis, George Tasker, John Williams, and James Ruane. Several others were injured, but, fortunately, not seriously. Great damage was done to the inside works, and operations will necessarily be suspended for a time. This is one of the most dangerous mines in the Wyoming coal fields. The prospect is that the State Inspector will make a rigid example of the negligent persons. It was generally known that a large quantity of gas had accumulated in the workings, and while some of the men were in a chamber brushing the gas out, one of them, who was killed, carelessly entered with a naked lamp, and the explosion followed, with results as stated above. It is the duty of some one not only to warn employees against danger, but to prevent them from entering the mines without safety lamps when the gas is known to be concentrated. There is considerable ill-feeling mingled with the mourning in the vicinity of the homes of the deceased.

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