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Carsbad, Germany, William Jamison, of Washburn street, has returned from Stroudsburg State Normal school to spend his vacation at

WILL NOT ABANDON IT.

Fourth ot July Celebration to Be Held, Notwithstanding the Disaster. Letter from Col. Ripple.

At the meeting of the Fourth of July celebration committee held last evening in the board of trade rooms Secretary A. B. Dunning read a communication from Colonel E. H. Ripple, suggesting in view of the disaster at Pittston, that the demonstration be abandoned. was decided that the arrangements had gone too far to abandon the celebration. The letter is as follo vs:

Mr. A. B. Dunning, Secretary of Fourth Dear Sir:-I had intended to be presen at the meeting of the executive commit-tee this evening in the capacity of a citizen to make the following suggestion: Since the terrible disaster at Pittston has occurred there has been quite a general feeling in our community against a celebration such as we have contemplated at this time and I have been asked to bring this matter to the attention of the executive committee. Our nearest neighboring city has been visited by an awful calamity, a large number of her citizens have probably been swept into eternity and many widows and orphans are left to mourn their loss. It seems that at this time when sorrow and gloom are spread-ing over their heads that we can show our feeling to them in no better way than by ury for the needs of these widows and orphans the surplus funds which we may have raised or may raise for this cele-

I confess that I cannot enter into these preparations with the heart and spirit that I would otherwise have when I know that some of those men escaped being that our neighbors are passing through crushed. The air is undoubtedly courssuch a terrible trial. It is to me as if I were preparing for a festival in my house while my next door neighbor is bowed in grief over the dead bodies of members of his family. It may be that we have incurred some expense that must be met and this is unavoidable, but we can eather raise the money to pay this when it is respectfully submit this for the consideration of the executive committee, knowing that their sympathy and goodness of heart will lead them to do what is right and proper as far as they are able under the circumstances.

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distance they cannot help but strike the river, as they are in close proximity to the bank of the Susquehanna now. A Tribune reporter yesterday made a tour of the entire Coxton farm, where the fissures have appeared. No others than those already reported could found, although every part of the large farm was carefully surveyed. The farm is on the opposite side of the Lackawanna river from the shaft and lies between the Lehigh Valley tracks and the Susquehanna. The fissures are just on the edge of the farm, where the slope of the Susquehanna river begins. They are few in number and only one of them is of any appreciable size, the others being the merest cracks. The large fissure has, however, opened up the top of the river bank only about wenty yards from the highwater mark. It would have to extend a distance of about fully 190 yards to reach the present level of the water. It has not opened or lengthened any since first discovered and all in all is not causing

The shifts are being worked the same as on the previous days. Harry Mc-Millan again had charge of the morning shift, which went in at 7 o'clock, David W. Evans the 3 o'clock p. m. shift, and Daniel Owens the 11 o'clock p. m. shift. Men are so plentiful now that only the very best are selected and many are

turned away. Superintendent Law is first in charge, and his assistants number many of the best mine operators in the valley. Mine Inspectors McDonald, Roderick and Blewitt, particularly the first named, continue to lend their valuable aid. Superintendent Mostler, of the Lehigh Valley, does the supervising at night.

#### THE CLEAR SPRING SCHEME.

No Hope of Good Results from That Quarter.

Not much attention is being paid to the Clear Spring operations, as it is generally admitted that little is to be oped for from that source

feet at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. when it was discovered that the bore hole was pointing into the rock at the foot of the pillar and would not strike the Twin shaft workings. At 4 o'clock another hole was started at a different angle, which will, it is quite sure, strike the opening on the other side, as the maps of both mines were carefully studied before the angle was deter-mined upon. H. P. Simpson is directing the work of the drill and Foreman Thomas has charge of the men.

It will take the drill at least thirtysix hours to go through the 80-foot pillar. Then, if no water or gas is tapped. the manhole will be commenced, and this will require three days at least to complete. From the point where the manhole will strike the Twin workings to where the imprisoned men are supposed to be is 2,500 feet. The condition of the intervening workings is not known and the chances are that they are quite as bad as the other portions of the mine. As the present route is the shorter by several hundred feet, it would be absurd to timber a way through it, now that the present route is more than half timbered.

#### HAS ENCOURAGING HOPES.

Interview with One Who Was to the Front.

Michael Murphy, fire boss at the Phoenix colliery, formerly a resident of Jackson street and well known to Scrantonians was one of the men who came up from the morning shift. He spoke more encouragingly than any who were seen and as he is an intelligent, conservative man and one of the most experienced miners in the valley

his opinion carries considerable weight. He says there is a strong possibility of some of the entombed men being alive and furthermore that their rescue is not altogether an improbability. abandoning our arrangements for the celebration and turning into the treassquads which penetrates the slope for about one-fourth of its length and was in every way qualified to study the situation.

"No cave-in," said he, "completely crushed. The air is undoubtedly cours ing through the workings where the men are and if we can reach them before they starve to death I have strong hopes of finding some of them alive. In the Sugar Notch disaster which is a somewhat similar case the men were taken out after seven days digging. known why we have abandoned the cele-bration than to continue to the end. I There is every possibility of our reach-ing them inside of that time and why shouldn't we hope for the best?"

#### NO SECOND OPENING.

Main Shaft and Air Shaft the Only Exits.

Mention has been made frequently n newspaper reports of an opening on Scoville's island and vague reference has been made to an opening some place or another not definitely men-tioned. There has been much conjecture in this city as to the reason why these openings had not been taken advantage of and to discover the cause a Pribune reporter yesterday investigatd the matter.

The result was as had been surmised These openings existed only on the maps, if they ever were there. Only two openings reach the Twin mine, and these are the main shaft and air shaft. There is no mule way or man way or opening into any adjoining mine.

#### NEW HOPE-GIVING THEORY.

It Does Not Seem Probable, but It Is

Nevertheless Possible. John Lynott, tracklayer at the Old Forge who has been working about the shaft where his brotherMichael is entombed ever since the calamity occurred, has advanced a new but high-ly improbable theory. It is that the mprisoned men, or a number of them are now in the fifth vein safe and sound

awaiting help from without. The fifth vein has but the one en trance and that is from the lower vein, the sixth, of which it is a "split." The entrance is 150 feet long and is a gradual incline from the foot of No. 3 slope. The coal is taken out of this vein down the short slope and through the sixth vein to the shaft. The last place Langan was seen was at the foot of No. 3 slope. Why, Lynott asks, would not Langan with all his knowledge of the mine make for the fifth vein at the first sign of danger. According to one story affoat Langan was running towards the short incline when last seen by the driver boy, Ricker. Lynott's theory is that he gained this slope and took all the men working nearby with him. A man could cover this distance of 150 feet easily in the time elapsing between the first blast of

which it was the forerunner. From this Lynott figures that Langan and some of the men who were within a short distance of the foot of the slope rushed up the incline and when the dividing strata fell they were on top of it or possibly in a chamber that did not give away...

Lynott has not left the shaft or slept a wink since the accident occurred and the worry and strain are telling on his constitution. He looks as pule as a ghost and goes about in a half-dazed condition, refusing to listen to the entreaties of the officers to go home and take a rest. Despite the hardships he is enduring he is one of the most undefatigable workers about the place. He looks after the work of assigning the men to the shifts doing duty on the outside and assists in directing work of lowering the timber. Occasionally he goes down the shaft,

and whenever an exploring party is organized he is the first to demand a place. Yesterday morning he and Foreman McMillan climbed over and through the fall a distance of about 500 feet, which is nearly half way down the slope. He wanted to push on farther, but as the dangers and difficulties increased at every step, he was disuaded and returned to the protected tunnel. They found the fall to be lighter in some places than in others and for several yards, at times, the road was practically clear. Their explanation is responsible for the opinion quoted elsewhere that there is a possibility that quicker progress will be made as the rescuers proceed down the slope. They found the air to be good and the settling almost completely subsided.

Lynott was so encouraged by these dicoveries that he wanted to organize a party to push to the bottom of the slope, where the workings begin and where the brunt of the fall is. He believed that by rapping at that point the entombed men could hear them, if they are still alive. The more calm heads, however, refused to entertain this proposition just yet, as the undertaking is most hazardous, and the first thought now is to avoid any further casualties As long as the slower but surer method is progressing so encouragingly they do not believe in assuming risks that are almost suicidal.

#### STATEMENT FROM OFFICIALS.

The drill had penetrated twenty-five Fresident Patterson and Superintendent Law Interviewed.

A Tribune reporter yesterday had an interview with Frank Patterson, of Philadelphia, president of the Newton Coal company, and John B. Law, the general manager. Both were seated together in the office and the interview was jointly with them.

They greatly deprecated the sensational reports that have gone forth through the metropolitan papers, because it has a tendency to discourage the men engaged in the work of rescue and keeps many away who would swell the shifts of the rescuers. Many of the gangs were short-handed yesterday because of these scare stories about the condition of the mine. It is true they say that the work of rescue is danger ous, but not as dangerous as some of the newspapers would make out. Yesterday, they claim, the mine was in such an excellent condition that they felt no great apprehension for the res cuers. They want to reach the enmit another calamity if it can be avoided. The first thought must always be

for the safety of the rescuers. The company is not considering expense or trouble in pushing the work of ing per day to carry on the work, and miner's lamp at the foot. to inquire. Expense does not enter the entoombed men, arrived from Kans into the question. It is only a matter of getting at the men without consulting trouble or expense. Both men are greatly depressed over the sad affair.

#### CAUSE OF THE CAVE-IN.

Manner in Which the Colliery Has Been Operated for Some Time.

The Twin shaft has worked out both its first, second and third veins, known respectively as the small vein, the Pittston vein and the Marcy vein Those three veins have caved in and settled in their turn. The distance from the Marcy vein to the sixth vein is about 275 feet. The shaft was sunk to this vein about eleven years ago and M. J. Langan has been the superintendent from that time. During the past ten years all the coal that was mined in the Twin shaft came from the sixth vein. Seven hundred cars of coal, each car holding about two and a half tons, came up the shaft daily. This number of cars was expected each day. Some days as many as 800 cars would be hoisted. About eight months ago all the solid coal in the sixth vein with the exception of one airway was worked out. Mr. Langan decided to open up the fifth vein, which is above the sixth vein separated by seven feet

of rock. According as the miners worked out their chambers they were put to work in the fifth vein. There were about 198 men working in the Twin shaft. The 1.fth veln was opened about 800 feet down No. 3 slope and coal from both veins came up the slope. Mr. Langan met with many difficulties in the fifth vein and could not find room for all the miners, so he turned many men upon the pillars of the sixth, cutting through them until such time as he could find places for them in the fifth. The fifth did not turn out as well as expected and sooner than discharge the miners he kept them at work on the pillars of the sixth. Things went on this way for the past eight months. Many were robbing the pillars in the sixth vein and comparatively few working overhead

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in the fifth. Under these circumstances the mining of 700 cars of coal each day

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last week.

In the fifth vein the blasting of the bottom rock to allow the cars to be loaded with a topping of coal caused a caving of six places last Tuesday, and after last Tuesday the whole place around the foot of No. 3 slope was on Vain efforts were made the move. during all last week to secure both veins, but the pillars continued to work until last Saturday evening, when the men to were propping and timbering refused to work and came from the mines. This was at 10 o'clock Saturday evening. Mr. Lynott, the mine foreman, was sent for. He sent for Mr. McCormack and M. J. Langan and all determined to save the mines if possible. After entering the workings and taking a careful survey, they evidently saw that the mine was lost, and Robert Haston the master mechanic of the company was sent for to remove all the pumps and other machinery that were in the mines. This was what the men were doing when the dreadful fall came.

The Pittston Item of last evening. Mine Inspector McDonald says that he examined the mine a month ago and found no indications of a cave-in He also says that if he had been notified last Thursday or Friday of what was happening there would be no calamity to record, presumably meaning that he would not have allowed the men to go into the distant parts of

#### CITIZENS IN MASS MEETING.

Liberal Subscriptions from the Bereared Families' Townsmen.

The call for a mass meeting at Music Hall, Pittston, last night, issued yesterday morning, by the board of trade, did not attract as large a throng as was expected, but those who responded came prepared to respond liberally as is attested by the fact that \$3,068 was subscribed within a short time Another meeting will be held tomorrow

night and in the meantime notice of it will be generally circulated. The joint meeting of councils which was called for last night did not take place, the members being in attendance

#### NOTES OF THE DISASTER.

at the mass meeting.

The Vitascope company which is now entertaining in Wilkes-Barre gives a performance tonight for the benefit of the

Both picnies which the Pittston Catholic congregation had arranged for the Fourth of July have been abandoned. There will be no rejoicing in Pittston Saturday. A young son of one of the victims, Alexander T. McCormack, the fire boss, fell down on the street near his home last vening at 6 o'clock and broke his col-

Thomas O'Brien, who quit the mine and then returned with Superintendent Langan, was to have worked his last shift that night, he having Been promoted to the position of fireman, which he intended to assume Sunday night.

It is said that a man named Hannigan

was on his way to the ill-fated mine Saturday night in the early shift, but met some friends on the way and started drinking, became intoxicated and was locked up in the station house until Sun-The Philadelphia newspaper man who

sent his dispatches from the foot of the shaft by a specially constructed wire and wrote them by the light of a miner's lamp had better not do it again as the company is very strict about letting peo-ple other than the rescuers down the mine rescue. Neither Mr. Patterson nor Mr. and will not permit even a lighted pipe Law had any idea of what it was costeach said it had never occurred to him The mother of Michael Hughes, one of

City, where she had been visiting, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Her first intimation of the terrible calamity was gained when she stepped from the train and saw the crowds about the shaft. She was not told of the full extent of the disoster, but it was easy to be seen that she apprehended the worst. She received a etter from her unfortunate son last week, telling her to come as he intended to pur-

paccentis would Lbist atte to some news from his son, was his only companion and sulgett James Gilbride, of Asnley, an engineer on the planes at that pract, read among the victims the name of Martin Gribrice, single young man who pearded at Co bell a hotel. He had a younger prother oy that name from whom no had beard no traings in several years, and taking a phetograph of him along, came on to Pittition, His worst fears were realized are, Connell recognized in the photograph the picture of his bearder, who is now among the entembed men,

posted a netice in the mine office that the families of the entoembed miners holding policies in that company can have the claims paid at ence by presenting their policies at the office. The general officers nave authorized the local agent to take this course without waiting for the usual proofs of death and identification. Whether or not this is cheap and grueome advertising or whether it is a most commendable charity depends on the number if any of the victims who were in sured in this company, all of which will ome out in due time and receive the

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