

STILL ENTOMBED.

The Dunbar Miners Not Yet Recovered—Hope That They May Be Alive—Reported sounds from the Interior.

DUNBAR, Pa., June 18.—The Hill farm mine, where the explosion of fire damp occurred on Monday, and where the thirty-two miners are still entombed, is the scene of active work to-day.

The miners who work in Hill Farm, and who claim to know everything about the works, say that the pit is filled with lumber, and that if so much air is kept going in the man-holes it will only add fuel to the flames already raging in the pit, and that in the end the entombed men would be simply roasted alive.

This occurred in the heading leading to the main entrance, and as a natural result stopped considerably the course of the smoke. This will keep the bulk of it in the mine, and make the chances of smothering for the entombed men ten fold greater.

Mr. Lynch said: "There is a possibility of the men being alive, but I would not like to take their chances. Every circumstance would have to be in favor of them, which is hardly probable."

Mr. Lowden said: "The mines, as near as we could see, were filled with smoke, probably more so than with fire. The lives of the men, if death has not already claimed them, depends on the amount of air we can get to them."

It is stated now that the Mine Inspectors' report, which was made some time ago, says the mine was in bad condition and filled with gas. It is now said the report has been spirited away.

This current has been caused by the breaking down of the brattice which was built between the opening that led from the Mahoning mine to the Hill Farm.

There are three butts in this entry. In the two upper butts farthest from the fire in the main entry, and in the one farthest up, are Robert McGinell and William Shearin, and in the next are Daniel Smith, John Mitchell, James McCleary, Thomas McCleary, John Divilin, John Cope, and Andy Cope.

They remained there until half-past 8 o'clock, when both were removed by some workmen. Shortly after they were taken away, John Fernan, a driver, who had been in the man-hole leading to the Hill top mines this morning, came over the hill to the mouth of the pit and said he had been in far enough to hear some of the men hollering, and also said that at 9 A. M. he heard the bray of a mule. This statement is doubted by nearly all who

heard it. They say if the men are in the direction Fernan says they are, the ones who are digging for them in Mahoning pit will not reach them, as the two courses are in different directions.

A pitiful sight was that of many children who had lost fathers and brothers in the disaster, gathering in a group above the mine to-day watching anxiously, as the work proceeded. Some of them were crying, but they were those who were able to realize just what death was and also able to appreciate the loss of father or a brother.

In a long talk with a miner from Connellyville on the train to-day, he stated that to his knowledge safety lamps had been in use in Hill Farm mine for quite a long time. The safety lamp is something the shape of a small lantern, the blaze being covered with a globe and a wire screen.

He stated also that the mine had been condemned some time ago, but that notwithstanding this, the company continued to work it. He also stated that many of the mines in this region were in the same condition, and that it was his opinion that more explosions would follow.

DUNBAR, Pa., June 19.—Since the disaster at the Hill farm mine it is seventy-two hours. The question is: "Are the men still alive?" It all depends upon where they are.

In that right entry where the thirty-two men are shut up there was at the time of the explosion thirty-two buckets of food and twenty-three mules. Each bucket held about half a gallon of tea, and there is not a drop of fresh water in the entry.

Beth Worman's steady belief that he is going to bring some of the men out alive has increased confidence in all hearts here, and nearly every one is now ready to hope that some of the men are alive. It is believed that the men are not only alive, but have made efforts to dig their way out.

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Mr. Worman said last night: "I see no reason to give up hope. I am going to help bring out some of the boys alive. My party met with some unexpected difficulty at the first, as I told you yesterday. We were running through and over the job in a desire to get to this line leading to the Hill Farm mine."

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It is now known that the bare hole was tested Saturday, and that there was no gas in it. The hole was ten inches in diameter, and was being drilled from the top of the hill to alongside the floor of the mine, and was to be used for pumping purposes.

Mr. Laing, one of the pit bosses, said to-day: "If the men ran down to the main entry to escape they were probably caught, as they would have to pass several hundred feet of fire. If they remained in their rooms or tried to make their way to the top of the headings they stand a chance for being alive."

Young Patsy McCleary saved the life of an old man named Smith. Patsy is only a boy and was leading two or three men out of the mainway.

Mr. Dorin is a pit boss at the Hill Farm mine. He was all through the right entry just before the explosion. He saw the men at work and said scarcely any of them had eaten.

At the mouth of the fatal pit there was scarcely any one this morning. Ropes stretched around kept away the few who were present. A few boys were up on the hillside, but there were no women there.

Another man is reported to be in the mine. His name is Daniel McCassion, and he was in the entry which is nearest the fire.

The rescuing parties are taken care of at a little shanty on the outskirts of the mine. It is a sight to see them at night, huddled together on the floor, piled over each other.

He Found the Schoolmaster. We were sitting on the veranda of a hotel at Niagara Falls, when I noticed the man on my right looking sharply at the man on my left, and presently he got up in an excited way and walked about. After a bit he halted before the other man and asked: "Isn't your name Graham?"

Dr. Beale's Book. The following in regard to Rev. Beale's book is from the Ohio State Journal. The signers are all Presbyterian ministers.

THE FENCE LAW. An Imposition Upon Poor People—A Cow Belonging to a Widow in Morrellville Detained for Trespass.

A Town in Ruins. ELKLAND, Pa., June 18.—Two clouds met and broke over Osceola last evening, causing the waters of Holden brook to rise to an unprecedented height.

A Canadian Pacific Train Plunges Into a Washout. TORONTO, Ont., June 18.—A terrible accident occurred on the Candian Pacific Railway, between Claremont and Myrtle.

What is a Reformed Presbyterian? What was the matter with him before he reformed? Adolph Busch, the St. Louis beer king, is at the head of an establishment which employs 3,000 men, and he receives a salary of \$50,000 a year.

The Trustees of the British Museum have got hold of a great curiosity in the shape of a Chinese bank-note printed in the middle of the fourteenth century.

The Latest Hold-up. The two men who had been sitting together in the seat near the door of the car became engaged in an animated controversy.

The Children Lived Longest. BALTIMORE, June 18.—In the matter of the Order of the Golden Chain vs. Bertha Cowman, a case growing out of the Johnstown flood, in which a whole family was wiped out.

Too Late. A Train of Six Construction Cars Run Off a Trestle Near Morrisville.

Unexpected Reappearance of Magee in Pennsylvania Politics. PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 15.—Chris Magee, after a retirement of a year and a-half, has reentered politics. At the meeting of the County Republican Executive Committee Saturday afternoon Mr. Magee unexpectedly appeared.

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