

A COAL MINE CAVING IN.

THE BELLEVUE COLLIERY DAMAGED—CONSTERNATION AMONG PERSONS LIVING ABOVE IT.

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SCRANTON, Penn., Nov. 23.—Much consternation has been caused in one of the outskirts of this city to-day by the caving in of the Bellevue Colliery, one of the most valuable of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company's mines. The first indication of the coming crash was felt a few days ago, in what is known among miners as a "squeeze," which caused several of the props sustaining the roof to give way. This was followed by the falling of a large area of the worked-out portion of the mine. The result on the surface would be ridiculous were it not so serious. Several houses were disturbed and lost their balance badly by the shock, and a large chasm suddenly appeared in the roadway traversing the unsettled region.

The falling in of the mine roof still goes on, and persons living in that vicinity are treated to something like an earthquake on a small scale, which, in many instances, is rather alarming. The sudden activity in real estate is anything but pleasant. Wells are drying up, and great fissures continue in close proximity to many of the dwellings. The phenomenon is said to have started in a portion of the mine worked out about 20 years ago, and left without proper support of roof. It has now extended to the most valuable part of the colliery, and throws about 200 men out of employment, in addition to creating a small panic among the miners' huts overhead.

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