

## *DRIVEN BACK BY GAS.*

SCRANTON, Penn., Sept. 20.—When, after a week of constant hard work, the rescuers broke through the thick wall of coal last night in the Marvine colliery to the space beyond, where the seven entombed miners were supposed to have taken refuge, they were confronted by a large volume of deadly mine gas which had accumulated there, and a hasty retreat was necessary in order to save their own lives and avoid an explosion which might blow the great coal breaker at the mouth of the shaft into fragments. It was a terrible disappointment to the relatives of the buried men. No one ventured into the mine to-day, and matters will remain at a standstill until such time as the gas has gone out, which will probably take until to-morrow afternoon. The danger of the situation was so great to-day that men working in the engine room on the surface, close to the mouth of the shaft, were warned against using lights, lest the gas escaping from the pit might come in contact with them. The miners in the Leggett's Creek colliery, which adjoins the Marvine, were ordered out from work to-day, because the gas from the shattered colliery was escaping into the workings.

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