

## EXPLOSION KILLS 7 MINERS.

Rescuers' Plan to Save Imprisoned Men Proved Fatal.

WILKESBARRE, Penn., May 12.—Seven miners were instantly killed and more than a dozen injured this afternoon in an explosion in the Mount Lookout Colliery of the Temple Coal and Iron Company at Wyoming, near here.

The explosion occurred 600 feet underground and 1,800 feet from the shaft up which the miners make their exit. John Kosmith, a miner, left a small "gas feeder" burn in the extreme end of a gangway all of last night, which set fire to the timbers and the coal.

Early to-day, when the fire boss started into the mine to make his rounds, he discovered the fire. He at once reported it, and with three men he tried to subdue the flames, but they met with gas while trying to do so. Shortly after a slight explosion occurred, burning the four men but not seriously injuring them.

Another party was formed and the air was let in from another gangway to allow the gas to escape. While doing this a second explosion occurred, killing the seven men. The shock of the explosion was felt on the surface and a rescue party was formed, several of whom were overcome by gas.

## \$5,000 JOB GOES BEGGING.

Potato Trust Needs a General Manager, but Finds No Applicants.

Now that the Long Island Potato Trust has been completely organized and the vegetables have been planted, with hope of a large crop, the Directors of the organization are having their first trouble.

It is not often that jobs, good or bad, go begging, but the Directors of the trust are having great difficulty in finding some suitable man who is willing to take the job of marketing the product when it is ready.

The office of General Manager, at a salary of \$5,000 a year, has been authorized, and also the office of General Inspector at a slightly smaller sum, but there have been no applications for the jobs, and when the last reports to the Directors were made it looked as if there would be trouble before the right men could be obtained.

These places will give all-the-year employment, and the Directors have appointed a committee, consisting of Josiah Layton of Easthampton, W. D. Van Brunt of Southampton, Samuel Dickinson of Southold, De Forrest Wells of Riverhead, and Henry R. Talmage of Baiting Hollow, to drum up an applicant or two.