

A TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION.

SCRANTON, Penn., Aug. 31.—A tremendous explosion of fire-damp, which shook the buildings on the surface, occurred this afternoon in the Mount Pleasant Colliery and blew the tower of the shaft into fragments. The accident took place in what is known as the 14-foot vein of the mine, where a number of workmen were engaged in putting in a fan. The air rushed along the gangway with the force of a hurricane, flinging the miners about like toys, but fortunately none of them were seriously injured. The tower of the shaft, a strong structure, stood about 400 feet from the scene of the accident, but it was shattered by the tremendous force of the explosion. Several buildings near the shaft were also wrecked, and there was a regular panic among the residents of the neighborhood, who thought at first that it was an earthquake. The mine has been badly wrecked, and it will take some time to put it in repair again.

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