

ANOTHER MINE SUNK.

The City of Scranton in Danger from a Fallen Shaft.

Several Houses Going Down—Great Excitement—

A Man Confesses that He Aided in Firing the Avondale Breaker.

SCRANTON, Penn., Nov. 23.—Olive-street, between Wyoming and Washington avenues, in this city, was sunk several inches this morning, in consequence of a cave-in in the Pine Brook shaft, within five squares of the main street. Neat and comfortable dwellings have been put up on Olive-street, walks built, shade-trees set out and all the surroundings of pleasant homes provided, but no sooner has this outlay of money been made and these improvements completed than out goes the bottom, cracking the surface like splintered glass, breaking open the foundation-walls and twisting buildings out of all reasonable shape.

The occurrence has naturally created the wildest excitement, for now that we are following the example of Hyde Park, people begin to wonder if the coal mines are going to drop us into mother earth. The fact is that the whole mining region is alarmed, as it is known that in scarcely any of the mines is proper care observed in placing props in the galleries and shafts.

The confession of a man at Grand Tunnel as being one of six who fired the Avondale breaker failed to create the least sensation in this city two weeks ago. An Irishman died in Bellevue in this city who, before expiring, reiterated the very same confession. The general public do not place any reliance upon the statements made. The following is the story as told by a Wilkesbarre correspondent of the *Republican* :

“Since the loss of the Avondale coal-breaker by fire, and the additional terrible loss of 100 lives from the effect upon the ventilation of the mine, there has been endless and fruitless speculation as to its cause, and while the story which reaches us comes from no authoritative source, it is still so generally circulated that we feel justified in giving it for what it may be worth. A man who lived somewhere near Grand Tunnel, died from the effects of small-pox last Friday night. In his last moments he said to those about him that there was something on his mind which troubled him, and he could not die at rest with himself until he told it. He went on to say that the Stenben (Avondale) breaker was never fired by accident, but that he was one of a party of six who fired it. Then, giving his own name, he undertook to give others, but could only articulate what was understood to be “Michael,” when a fainting fit attacked him, from which he did not rally, dying shortly after. It will, of course, never be known what he intended to divulge, but he has certainly left enough behind him to confirm the belief of some who have held that the burning of the breaker was through foul means, and it may open the way to find out whether there is really any foundation for the belief.”