

## *FIRE-DAMP IN A MINE.*

WILKESBARRE, Penn., Dec. 20.—The air course being cut off in the Pine Ridge Colliery by the recent cave-in, has forced an accumulation of fire-damp in the mine to such an extent that it is impracticable for the miners to venture more than a few yards from the foot of the shaft into the mine. It is impossible to trace the cave-in or to ascertain the course of the foul air. Four hundred men are thrown out of employment for weeks by this forced suspension.

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