

A COAL BREAKER BURNED.

**NARROW ESCAPE OF SEVERAL MINERS
IN A FIRE AT SCRANTON.**

SCRANTON, Penn., Aug. 18.—The Central Coal Breaker of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company, in the western portion of Scranton, caught fire this evening shortly after 6 o'clock and was burned to the ground. It was a massive frame structure and rose to a height of 150 feet directly over the coal shaft into which the miners descended to their work several hundred feet below the surface of the earth.

As several men were in the mine when the flames were discovered great consternation prevailed in the neighborhood, and hundreds of men, women, and children rushed to the scene from all parts of the city. The flames shot swiftly to the tower of the breaker and made it look like a pillar of fire. Meanwhile the anxiety of relatives for the fate of the men who were in the depths was intense, and a cry of joy went up when the news was received that all were saved.

The men who were in the mine escaped by means of an air shaft situated some distance from the burning breaker. The loss to the company is about \$150,000, and 600 men and boys will be thrown out of employment.

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