
SCRANTON, Penn., Aug. 8.—The Capouse Washery of the Scranton Coal Company, a branch of the Ontario and Western Coal Department, was completely destroyed this afternoon by a fire of unknown origin. The loss is about \$35,000, uninsured.

The company officials allege that the place was set afire during the noon hour, when the workmen were away at dinner, and when only one man was about the plant.

W. H. Truesdale, President of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, said yesterday that the Dodge breaker, at the anthracite mines of the company, near Scranton, was opened yesterday morning. There was not a full force of men, but coal was being mined.

"The situation is improving at the mines daily," he continued. "Every day a few men come back, but there is no stampede to work. The stampede will come later."

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