

## PREPARING TO OPEN MINES.

### Imported Miners in Scranton District —Old Hands Returning.

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SCRANTON, Penn., April 17.—The Erie, the Delaware & Hudson, and the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Company, all of which have been cutting coal on a small scale at some of their collieries since the miners' suspension order went into effect, are preparing to go into the work more extensively.

The Erie will make its strongest efforts at the Barnum and Forest City mines. The Delaware & Hudson Company will try to work the Grassy Island colliery at Olyphant and one of its collieries in Carbondale. Nearly two carloads of imported workers, most of whom are negroes, have been sent to Carbondale for No. 1 Mine, No. 3 Shaft, and the Racket Brook Washery. The force of men at the Lackawanna's Bellevue colliery is increasing, and it is understood that twenty-five of the old employes who are dissatisfied with the suspension order went back to work to-day.

The Lackawanna Company is not importing any men, but expects that a large number of the old miners will return in a short time. Many of the foreign speaking men are restless, feeling that they should be working when no strike has been ordered and the miners and the company men are at work.

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