MINE MUST BE FLOODED.

The Reason Is No Men Can Be Obtained to Fight Fire in Richmond Colliery.

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SCRANTON, Penn., July 12.—When the coal strike began there was a fire in the middle mine of the Richmond Colliery No. 3, a large mine owned by the Scranton Coal Company. No men can be obtained to fight the flames and the mine must be flooded.

The Lackawanna Company is trying to hire strikers to do timbering in various collieries, but the strike leaders will not permit it. Strikers are leaving for mines in British Columbia.

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