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Fatal Accidents.

A few days ago, as a labourer, in company with two others, were undermining a large piece of solid earth for a railway, near Llangennech, Carmarthenshire, it fell on him, and, it is supposed, killed him instantaneously; for when he was dug out, not the least sign of animation appeared.

The Cambrian.

On Tuesday week, as Richard Bone was sounding a rock at East Wheal Strawberry Mine, the rock fell upon his left leg, and shattered it so severely as to render immediate amputation necessary. The operation was performed by Mr D.R. Robinson, surgeon of the mine, and the man is going on well.

On the 18th ult., an explosion of fire-damp took place at Carnfield Colliery, near Alfreton, which was attended with the most dreadful result. On the day in question four men descended into the pit - one of these, named T. Thorpe, an experienced miner. The lighted candle which he carried ignited the inflammable air, and the unfortunate individual received injuries of so severe a nature that he expired on the 31st ult. Dewes, his brother, was also so severely burnt that he died on the 24th. The other two men are expected to recover. Verdict - "Accidental Death." - The deceased, T. Thorpe, was a bass singer in the South Wingfield choir, and in that capacity his loss will be much regretted.

Derbyshire Courier

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Swansea.

The copper trade is very brisk, and the trade of the port, for the time of the year, wears a very cheering aspect. It is not the time to expect heavy shipments in the coal trade, but upon the whole the collieries in the neighbourhood have very little reason to complain. There is an immense demand for the Craigola Coal for steam-engine purposes; and the superior anthracite of the Vale of Tawe is not brought down in sufficient quantities to meet the demand. In culm there is of course an overplus just at this time, but only, as usual, to wait the spring and summer shipments. It is confidently hoped that the neighbourhood will be placed upon its new footing of floating docks, &c, at an early period.

Cardiff Chronicle.

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Newcastle.

The corporation of Newcastle have resolved to build a quay, one thousand feet long, at which there will be twelve feet of water at low water mark, for which they have granted the sum of £19,700.

Tyne Mercury.

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Derbyshire.

A correspondent who has visited the different mining districts in Derbyshire last week, reports that the trade in lead is as prosperous as it has been known to be for a number of years. The demand was steady, and the price remunerating, being about £19 per fother.

Doncaster Gazette.

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Quicksilver Mines of Almaden

The Minister of Finance, announced to the Spanish Cortes on the 3rd inst. that, agreeably to their decision, he had notified to M. de Rothschild that his contract with the Government for working these mines would expire on the 7th May next. The Hanau Gazette observes, "that the annulling of the Rothschild quicksilver contract by the Cortes, had created a profound sensation in Frankfort, where the measure was looked upon as a first step on the part of Spain, towards cancelling both her Active and Passive debts.