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COLLIERY DISASTER.

TRAGIC EXPLOSION AT LEIGH.  
FIVE MINERS LOSE THEIR LIVES.

-Lancashire-

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Picture.:-

The little Lancashire town of Leigh provides the world--

--with tragic news. An explosion in Plank Lane Colliery occurred while--

--three-hundred men were working below ground. Most escaped,--

--but at least five miners are known to have lost--

--their lives. Anxious crowds gather near the pit-head.

An atmosphere of grief hangs like a pall over the town. A pit disaster often re-writes the history--

--of a mining community. Re-writes it with tears which well--

--up from ravaged hearts. Survivors bring hopeful messages to those--

--who wait. "There's more following me up" one exhausted man--

--called out bravely. The doffing of caps to this ambulance gives his words a tragic significance. It's some consolation to know that such accidents are rare. Let us strive to make them impossible.