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Albany, N. Y., May 12. — At least 20 men were killed, the bodies of many of the victims being torn to shreds, when the accidental discharge of a percussion cap caused the premature explosion of a charge of 1,000 pounds of dynamite today in a stone quarry operated by the Callahan Road Improvement company near South Bethlehem, eleven miles southwest of Albany.

The dead:

John H. Callahan, vice president and general manager of the company.

Charles D. Callahan, a brother of the manager.

Leroy McMillan, ass't superintendent.

John Hendrickson, steam driller

Fred Snyder, master mechanic.

James Maloney, blacksmith.

Wm. Dauim, fireman.

Fred Seppart, agent of the National Power company, New York.

Twelve Italian workmen.

One thousand pounds of dynamite exploded and the bodies of the victims were hurled hundreds of feet by the concussion and so badly mutilated as to be unrecognizable.

As darkness was falling over the region the engine house was loaded with bodies that had been picked up back of the quarry hill.

A crowd of grief-stricken relatives gathered around to identify the dead.

Italians with shovels found here and there portions of bodies and brought their gruesome loads in boxes to the engine house which served as a temporary morgue,

The Callaham Road Improvement company furnished crushed stone for road building. The preparations for today's blast had been going on for six weeks. Thirteen holes, 75 feet deep, had been drilled at points about 20 feet back of the face of the big quarry and the explosion of the dynamite with which they were to be loaded was expected to displace 40,000 tons of rock. Over 8,000 pounds of dynamite were to have been used.

The workmen had placed 500 pound charges in six of the holes and were working on the seventh when a percussion cap was prematurely discharged. A terrific explosion followed, which hurled tons of rock into the air, and scattering the bodies of the victims in all directions.

Houses in the vicinity were shaken and windows shattered by the concussion, and consternation reigned in the little village half a mile away.