

OVER 10 KILLED IN BUTTE MINE FIRE

STARTED IN AIR SHAFT ON THE 1200 FOOT LEVEL OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MINE.

RESCUERS KILLED BY GAS

Mine Belongs to Anaconda Copper Company—Cause of Fire Unknown
—List of Dead—Others Missing, But Thought They Escaped.

Butte, Mont.—At least 10 miners lost their lives in a fire which started at 9 o'clock Monday night in the air-shaft on the 1200-foot level of the Pennsylvania mine of the Anaconda Copper Mining company, and which was burning fiercely Tuesday morning. A dozen others are missing, but it is believed that all but three or four of these went home without reporting off shift. Two of the dead, William Mitchel, assistant foreman, and Neil Brennan were overcome by smoke and gas while engaged in rescue work on the 600-foot level.

The dead:

- Zebina Bardwell, 320 East Mercury.
- Pete Sodeman, 24 South Gaylord.
- George Tippet, 117 Wing avenue.
- Jack Brennan, 230 South Montana.
- William Doherty, Hazel block.
- William Brennan, 22 South Montana.
- William Mitchell, assistant foreman Pennsylvania mine.
- Neil Brennan.
- Unidentified man.

Three men overcome by smoke, Thomas Cooney, A. L. Coyle and Lester Buchanan, were taken to the hospital and in all probability will recover. A half dozen others who were "knocked out" down below were revived at the collar of the shaft and sent to their homes in taxicabs.

The cause of the fire is unknown.

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Five more bodies were recovered on Tuesday night from the depths of the Pennsylvania mine, making a total of 14 thus far taken out of the levels swept by gas Monday night, resulting from a fire in the airshaft on the 1200-foot level.

Bodies recovered Tuesday night are those of Fred Furnow, Walter Steege, Leo Whitmore, Brance L. White, David Carlson.

The bodies of Steege, Whitmore and Carlson were found huddled in a manway known as "839," just above the 800-foot level. They had just reached the manway when they were overcome by the wave of gas.

The bodies of Whitmore and Carlson were locked in each other's arms. Whitmore, an oldtime, experienced miner, was carrying Carlson, a younger man, who apparently had fallen, and after staggering with his burden had attempted to climb a ladder up the manway in a vain effort to escape. Whitmore finally had collapsed, and with Carlson in his arms had fallen to the bottom of the manway.