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FIFTEEN MINERS ARE KILLED AND SEVERAL INJURED BY UNEXPLAINED EXPLOSION OF DYNAMITE IN BUTTE

WORST TRAGEDY IN MINE HISTORY OF THIS STATE

Several Hundred Pounds of the Giant Waiting to Be Lowered Into Granite Mountain Shaft of Speculator Explodes---Men Near It Blown to Pieces---No Warning, No Cause Apparent.

THE STATEMENT OF MANAGER POPE

ONE OF THREE DAYS IN THE WEEK WHEN POWDER IS REGULARLY SENT INTO THE MINE.

NO ONE NEAR THE CAR

"I cannot account for the dreadful accident, and there is little comfort in theorizing—It is the saddest and most regrettable tragedy that I have known in my mining experience"—Property damage is slight and there will be little interruption to mining.

"It was powder day at the mine and a ton and a half to two tons of dynamite was being lowered into the mine," said John D. Pope, general manager of the North Butte, last night.

"Three times a week powder is sent down into the mine. It is brought up the hill in a special car and hauled to the mine and lowered as quickly as possible, being distributed at the different stations as wanted. The chippy cage, upon which the powder is lowered, does not run to the 2,500 level and one car intended for that level, containing 500 to 600 pounds of dynamite, was held back to be lowered on the big cage coming up from the 2,800. That is why one car was left while the others had been sent down into the mine.

"The car was standing 25 feet north of the shaft and there was no one near it. At noon only about 25 or 30 men came to the surface, the remainder of the shift eating their lunch below. Among those on top were six shift bosses, four ropers, two electricians and the assistant foreman, who were going down on the next cage. W. D. Gibson, one of the shift bosses, and Joe Doren, a nipper, had gone down on the first trip and were not on top when the accident occurred.

"The chippy cage had just come to the top and Assistant Foreman Blow was getting on when the explosion occurred. So far as known there was no one near the car of dynamite, not within 10 feet of it. The car was standing near the 'dog house,' the place where the bosses keep their records and things and in which the men were waiting while the powder was being lowered.

"Just before the explosion Ed Bray left the 'dog house' and was walking away, in a direction away from the car of powder, and that accounts for the fact that he was not instantly killed as others were. Two of the top carmen, who were not injured, were 150 feet away engaged in loading lumber on a truck, and two electricians and the boss ropemen, who were killed, were getting ready to cut off a piece of trolley wire to send down the mine.

Cannot Imagine Cause.

"Without warning of any kind, and without any apparent cause, the explosion occurred. It is useless to speculate as to the cause of it for I cannot imagine a cause. Nothing fell on the powder and no skip of rock or waste was on top, both cages being in the shaft when the explosion occurred, one being at the 400 and the other at the 1,600. They were waiting for the latter cage to come up in order to load upon it the dynamite for the 2,800 level.

"The powder was packed in the original boxes and it does not appear possible that any one tampered with it. It was a cool day, so that the heat could not have set it off. Any ordinary jarring could not have exploded it, for a box of dynamite has often fallen off a wagon and was not exploded. I cannot account for the dreadful accident and there is little comfort in theorizing.

"It is the saddest and most regrettable tragedy I have ever known in my mining experience, and is the first big accident of the kind that the North Butte has ever had. I would rather that the mine had been blown up than that the men had been killed."

Mr. Pope said the property damage was slight, and that $1,000 would easily repair it and that there will be little interruption to mining, although the mine will be down today while the damage is being repaired.

The officers and directors of the company at Duluth were instantly notified of the accident and they asked to be kept informed, and directed Mr. Pope to do all in his power for the injured, for the dead and for their families.

DEATH RELIEVES BRAY AT EARLY MORNING HOUR

Ed Bray died at 12:40 this morning in the Murray hospital. He is survived by his wife. He sustained internal injuries. His ribs were fractured and his left lung was punctured by a splinter of wood or metal which had been thrown by the force of the explosion. He also had several bruises. His death brings the list to 15.

The body was removed to Richards' undertaking parlors.

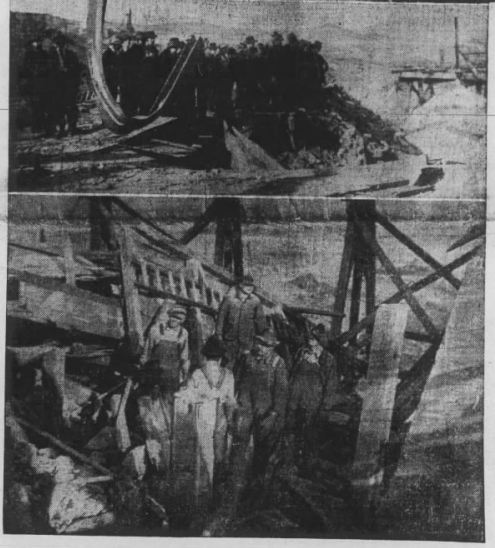
Felice Blanchette's condition was very serious at an early hour this morning. Hope was given up for his recovery and he was not expected to live until morning. He sustained serious bruises and his right foot was amputated at the ankle.

D. H. Brown and William Valentine were resting easily.

Top picture—Gathering up the fragments of bodies and endeavoring to identify them.

Middle picture shows great steel girder twisted like a ribbon. Several bodies were found here.

Bottom picture shows men at work searching the ruins of the ventilator shaft.



STREAM OF ANXIOUS ONES MOVES THROUGH MORGUES

THOUSANDS VISIT PLACES WHERE VICTIMS LIE, SOME OF WHOM ARE BUTTE PIONEERS.

Within an hour after the first bodies of the victims of the explosion at the Granite Mountain shaft of the Speculator mine had been received at the morgues in Butte, a long chain of people started through the morgues. While many were drawn by curiosity, the unusual looks of the many women in the throngs bespoke a deeper feeling. Many had not heard the names of the men who were killed nor the place, and they were there to determine whether any of their own people had been lost.

The long files of people continued all through the afternoon, and until about 9 o'clock the procession never stopped. For several hours the line never wavered, but man after man, irrespective of his dress or position, took his place in the line and followed the pathway which led beside the biers of the dead.

Nearly all of the victims have long been residents of Butte, many of them for a score of years and nearly every man who was killed is survived by a relative in Butte.

Edward Carlson.

Until word is received from a brother in Massachusetts of Edward Carlson the arrangements will not be completed for the latter's funeral. He is survived by his wife, a resident of the Pennsylvania block, and his brother Carlson was 35 years old and was a resident of Butte for 19 years. He was employed as a topman. The body was removed to Duggan's undertaking establishment.

Patrick J. Morrissey.

Patrick J. Morrissey was 47 years old and a native of Champion, Mich. He is survived by two brothers, Thomas and James of Butte, two sisters, Mrs. M. J. Lynch of Louisville, Col., and Mrs. John Sullivan of Centerville. He is also survived by eight nieces in Butte. They are Mrs. Nellie Joy, Mrs. John Murphy, Mrs. John Burns, Mrs. Winne Hazen, Mrs. Harry Elliott, Rose and Florence Sullivan, and three nephews, John, Thomas and James Sullivan, and a cousin, Mrs. P. F. Small, all of Butte. He had lived in Butte for 18 years and was employed as a shift boss. He is a member of Butte Aerie of Eagles. The body is at Walsh's undertaking parlors.

John Winston.

John Winston was 37 years old and resided at 1813 Florence avenue. He was born in Menominee, Wis., and is survived by a wife and six small children, all of Butte, and his parents, three brothers and five sisters in Menominee. He also has two brothers in Butte, Patrick and James Winston. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World.

John D. Leahy.

John D. Leahy was among the well-known young men of the city. He was 24 years old and was born in Louisville, Col. He lived in Butte since he was an infant and attended the grade schools of the city. He has been working for five years. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Leahy of 471 East Broadway; a brother, Edward of Butte; two brothers in Tacoma and a sister, Mrs. J. W. Fraser of Seattle. The funeral arrangements have not been completed, but it will be at Walsh's undertaking establishment.

Richard Gendle.

Richard Gendle, aged 36, and a resident of 2219 Harrison avenue, is survived by his wife, two sisters, Mrs. A. L. Pierce, 823 West Granite street, and Mrs. Frank Keppler, a brother William and a step-brother, Ed Chapman, all of Butte. He is also survived by a brother Barton of Livingston and a sister, Mrs. John Nicholls of Park City, Utah, and his mother, tep-father and a step-sister in Ishpeming, Mich. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias in Michigan and a member of the Butte local International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. The body

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THE DEAD.

JAMES BLOW, assistant foreman, aged 43; married; lived at 1721 D street.

GEORGE LARKIN, nipper, aged 29; married; lived at 1952 Princeton street.

LACY GRISHAM, shift boss, aged 39; married; lived at 647 South Wyoming street.

RICHARD GENDEL, electrician, aged 36; married; lived at 12 West Fremont street.

JOHN LEAHY, nipper, aged 24; single; lived at 471 East Broadway.

JOHN M'CAULEY, boss ropeman, aged 52; married; lived at 899 East Broadway.

ED CARLSON, top carman, aged 34; lived in Pennsylvania block.

ERNEST E. WATSON (brother of Ernest Watson), shift boss, aged 39; single; lived at 627 South Idaho street.

ROBERT WATSON (brother of Ernest Watson), shift boss, aged 39; single; lived at 627 South Idaho street.

JOHN WINSTON, shift boss, aged 38; married; lived at 1813 Florence street.

WILLIAM DENTON, electrician, aged 38; married; lived at 1948 Utah avenue.

PATRICK J. MORRISSEY, shift boss, aged 46; married; lived at 312 South Idaho street.

WILLIAM BUTCHER, nipper, aged 32; married; lived at 131 West Boardman.

JAMES POWERS, nipper, aged 25; married; lived at 1639 Harrison avenue.

ED BRAY, shift boss, aged 31; married; resided at 19 Carolina avenue.

Fifteen men killed and six seriously injured tells the story of a mysterious dynamite explosion at the Granite Mountain shaft of the North Butte Mining company, Butte, at 1:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon and tells the result of the greatest accident in the history of mining in Montana.

Between 500 and 600 pounds of dynamite loaded on a mine car, waiting to be lowered to the 2,800-foot level of the mine, was standing about 25 feet north of the shaft. There was no one within 15 feet of the car of dynamite when the explosion occurred, and, according to all information that has been obtainable by General Manager John D. Pope, by county officials and by others, the dynamite could not have been exploded by accidental jarring or concussion.

There have been wild speculations as to the possibility of the dynamite having been exploded by a time bomb or infernal machine, which might have been placed among the boxes in the car with the object of blowing up the mine when the car was lowered into the shaft, and that the delay in getting the car down caused a miscarriage of a dynamiter's plans. But so far nothing has developed to substantiate that theory.

Another theory that was circulated had it that the car of dynamite was being loaded on one cage while the other, loaded with rock, was being hoisted to the skip chute above the collar of the shaft and that a rock fell off, striking a box of dynamite and exploding it, but this theory was abandoned when it became known that one of the cages was at the 400-foot level and the other at the 1,600 when the explosion occurred, and both were engaged in hoisting waste. The car of dynamite was to be lowered to the 2,800 level and was waiting for the big cage, or skip, upon which the car was to be loaded.

According to those who were in the vicinity and are aware of the work being done, a ton of the explosive, packed in boxes, was being lowered to the 2,800-foot level. Three loads had been safely taken below and stored. The remaining 500 pounds or 11 boxes, were in an ore car near the head of the shaft, waiting to be pushed onto the skip. Several shift bosses and other employes were waiting in the "dog house," a shelter near the shaft, for all the powder to be taken underground, when they intended to follow.

Twists Steel Girders.

The steel gallows frame was not seriously damaged. The corner of the big steel girders was bent and twisted like a ribbon. Another was bent in the shape of a rainbow, but not displaced at either end. The frame building at the head of the ventilating shaft was blown to pieces and the wreckage dumped in a depression at the side of the shaft. In this wreckage a part of a skull and a leg were found, but neither could be identified.

Four or five shift bosses were in the "dog house." It is apparent they were all blown through the sides or roof of the building. Their bodies are the worst torn and mangled of any that were found, with the exception of Robert Watson. Watson was standing at the head of the shaft. He was doubtless killed instantly, as the others were, but this will never be known. His body fell 2,200 feet down the shaft and lodged on a car partly filled with rock. The left arm was the largest part of the body found. Not a sign of his clothing has been recovered. Strips of skin and bone were gathered from the interior of the shaft at various points.

Rescue the Living.

The first at the scene found a sight they will never forget. From out the mass of wreckage not a sound came. A few of the injured had been able to help themselves, and had withdrawn some distance away. Willing hands removed the obstacles that held others down, and by the time they were released, ambulances from the hospitals arrived and they were soon taken away.

Not a woman was at the scene. Men, feeling all the sympathy and compassion a man may feel under such circumstances, controlled their emotions and worked. It was 7 o'clock before the possibility of finding other bodies in the ruins was given up, and the crowd began to disperse.

Many in the crowd of working miners expressed thankfulness that the explosion did not come at a time when the change of shifts would have brought many times the number of men about the shaft. Of those who were in the vicinity, few escaped death or serious injury, the number of casualties being limited, evidently, only by the number at the shaft.

Some Narrow Escapes.

John Davey and Ed Bray are at a loss to explain their escape. Bray was knocked down and had several ribs fractured, one of the ribs puncturing a lung.

Davey, who is a top carman, left Bray and started for a pile of timber 100 feet distant, to get a board. He was blown 50 feet out on a short railroad track, but was not injured.

Two electricians, C. Holland and Frank McTish, had been waiting for some time for the powder to be disposed of so that they could go underground. With the third load going down they concluded to wait no longer, but rode down to the 2,200-foot level, where their work called them. They would doubtless have been among the dead or injured if they had waited for the last load of powder to go down. When advised of the explosion they

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THE INJURED.

William Valentine, age 48, married, carpenter, of 222 East Second street; right arm badly bruised.

Charles Brown, age 59, married, carpenter, of 2219 Princeton avenue; both legs badly injured, left knee crushed and stones imbedded in flesh. Injuries declared very serious.

Felice Blanchette, age 39, married, surface man, of 419 East Galena street; right foot amputated, face bruised, stones imbedded in arm.

George E. Jones, painter of 7 West Mercury, married, age 59, married. He was the most seriously injured of all the men taken to the hospital. Both his legs were fractured, his left shoulder was dislocated and his nose crushed and face bruised.

A. K. Bruce, 116 West Granite street; sustained a minor scalp wound and was released from the hospital a few minutes after he arrived.)

TWO STUDENT BROTHERS ARE AMONG THE VICTIMS

One of the saddest features of yesterday's tragedy was the death of Ernest and Robert I. Watson, brothers. Ernest graduated from the University of Utah in 1911 and his brothers attended school there two years and graduated from the Montana School of Mines in Butte with last year's class. Ernest and Robert plagued to start at the beginning by mining and work their way to the top. Both had done assay work and engineering and their theoretical course had been completed. Ernest became a shift boss and his brother had mucked and been a miner. They had always been partners. They spent their leisure time in study. Yesterday both were killed, Ernest meeting a most terrible death, his mangled body being blown into the shaft and it fell to the sump, 2,800 feet below and only pieces of it were recovered.

FORTUNE TO BE PAID BECAUSE OF ACCIDENT

North Butte Company Must Pay $75,000 at Least in Damages to Beneficiaries and to Injured Men.

The North Butte Mining company, owner of the Speculator mine, will have to pay at least $75,000, and probably more, in damages as the result of yesterday's explosion at the Granite Mountain shaft. The accident involves far more men than any accident reported to the compensation commission since the Montana workmen's compensation act was written on the statute books.

The law provides that if any man, who has beneficiaries, is killed his beneficiaries shall receive 50 per cent of the wages received at the time of death for 400 weeks, which would bring the damages the North Butte must pay for each man killed to $4,000, as the maximum allowed is based on one-half of an earning capacity of $30 a week. The law makes a distinction between the beneficiaries and when beneficiaries reside outside the United States, but the earnings of all men killed yesterday are sufficient to bring the amount to be paid to the maximum, $4,000. In addition $75 is allowed for funeral expenses.

The injured men, who did not lose fingers or have any part of their body blown away, will get a maximum of $10 a week during the time of their temporary disability. No damages are allowed for the first two weeks, when hospital expenses are paid. If the men are unable to work after two weeks they begin to collect at the rate of $10 a week until able to work. The miner who lost a foot will receive a maximum payment of $1,250.

Under the compensation act the state board can award the widows or other beneficiaries of the men killed yesterday the $4,000 in a lump award if the board considers it advisable. The question of responsibility or liability is not involved under the compensation act.

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BUTTE CURRENT NOTES.

Mrs. Lydon of Basin is here.

Stein-Bloch clothes. Tonkin's.

Rent pianos from Orton Bros.

Everett Brannon has gone to Reno.

Eva Donnell of Helena is in the city.

Less Taylor of Boulder is in the city.

James S. Dawes of Bozeman is here.

E. J. Leese of Great Falls is in the city.

A. Menard of Deer Lodge is in the city.

C. M. Cole left yesterday for Tonopah.

Ed Miller of Wisdom is at the Butte hotel.

T. B. Connor is among the Helena visitors.

J. C. O'Neil of Divide is at the Adams.

A. W. Rawles is among the Helena arrivals.

F. J. A. Monahan is here from Virginia City.

Miss H. Evans has gone to San Francisco.

Mrs. George F. Leopold is here from Livingston.

James A. Flint of Pony is a guest at the Thornton.

Mr. and Mrs. Loomis are among the Anaconda visitors.

Fay D. Young came in yesterday from Boise, Idaho.

G. H. Howendobler of Rudyard is visiting in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Young of Lewistown are in the city.

Miss Jennie Wilson is in Butte, registered from Delphine.

Mrs. F. Clark came over yesterday from the smelter city.

John Robinson and John McGowan are in the city from Poplar.

John Brady has returned from a trip East and to California.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bevan of Centerville have gone to Great Falls.

A. Benson has gone to Rochester, Minn., leaving over the Milwaukee.

Mrs. M. Wade left over the Short Line yesterday for San Antonio, Texas.

Medicinal and table olive oil, groceries, wines, beer. Free delivery. Liss.

A. G. Scholes, state dairy commissioner, came over from Helena yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lacier left over the Milwaukee yesterday for Los Angeles.

Mrs. Oscar Leavitt and sister of White Sulphur Springs came over yesterday.

G. H. Feyder, traveling passenger agent of the Northwestern line, came over from Helena yesterday.

J. G. Allard, special agent for the internal revenue office, is in the city attending the sessions of the federal grand jury.

Montana Plumbing company now open at the corner of Harrison and Grand avenues. If we don't do your work we both lose money.

Geraldine Farrar's life story begins in the November Ladies' Home Journal. It's on sale at all news stands today and Journal boys deliver to all parts of town.

Walter J. Hill and T. M. George were at the Finlen yesterday, returning from a duck-hunting trip to Red Rock. Mr. Hill is the son of James J. Hill, the railroad magnate.

STREET RAILWAY CAMPAIGN IN BEHALF OF SAFETY FIRST

The Butte Electric Railway company has adopted a novel way in which to further its campaign for safety first. One hundred and twenty thousand blotters each carrying the picture of an accident by street car on the face were distributed yesterday among the school children of Butte, through the teachers who made a short talk on the subject.

The pictures are in 12 series and teachers in all the schools will make talks on each of the series.

In his instructions to the teachers, Charles A. Blackburn, who is in personal charge of the campaign, makes the following points:

"Children should be warned against making the street their playground, especially the paved streets, where vehicles are likely to run at high speed.

"They should be warned against playing ball in the street, playing tag, crossing the streets at any other place than at crossings, playing on streets where there is heavy traffic, or upon which there are street cars, jumping on or off moving cars, 'hitching' on cars, wagons or automobiles, touching wires which may be hanging in the streets, climbing poles where wires are fastened, crossing streets while holding hands, or rushing across the street in front of approaching cars.

"The children should be impressed with the fact that no matter how careful the operator of a street car may be, the child's safety depends largely upon himself and that persons operating vehicles cannot guard against surprises, and cannot stop instantly and especially in the case of street cars, cannot dodge."

FIFTEEN KILLED IN AN EXPLOSION

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made their way to the surface through the High Ore mine.

Watson Old Employe.

Ernest Watson was one of the oldest employes of the company. While engaged for some time as shift boss, he was formerly in the engineering department, and was assistant surveyor for several years. He made his home with his brother, Robert Watson.

Ed Carlson was another who had been employed for several years at the mine. He was one of the largest and strongest men about the works. A few months ago he was injured and had been in the hospital until recently. He had worked but a few shifts since reporting for duty.

Force Is Terrific.

Larger amounts of giant powder have been exploded, many miners observed yesterday, with fewer evidences of the enormous power concentrated in the harmless-looking material. Yesterday the shock of the explosion was felt all over town. On Broadway many heard the sound and felt the trembling of the earth. A concrete house at the top of the hill, a quarter of a mile from the Granite Mountain, rocked and swayed as if shaken by an earthquake. Every window in the dry house was broken out by the concussion, in the sides farthest from the mine as well as looking toward it. Following the valley around the hill, where nothing interrupted the force, a miner's house six blocks from the Granite Mountain was shaken so roughly that the dinner dishes were thrown from the table. Windows were broken as many as 10 blocks away, while others within a block were not damaged.

Raised Cloud of Smoke.

Far out on the flat, from many points in the west side, and in fact from all over the city, the smoke following the explosion was seen. The sounds of the explosion carried through the clear air and thousands of people turned their faces in the direction of the hill. Those who looked quickly enough saw a mass of boards and pieces of wreckage of every description thrown perhaps 100 feet high. Then a cloud of white smoke that turned to black ascended and hung over the gallows frame for several seconds.

The news spread quickly through the city, and, as is often the case, the rumor appeared in many forms. Large numbers visited the Granite Mountain in automobiles and on foot, but among the sight-seers were very few women.

The last bodies were not removed from the wreckage until nearly 7 o'clock last night. Some of them were dismembered and in several cases parts of bodies were found yesterday which could not be identified.

Only Boss to Escape.

Billy Gibson was the only shift boss who was not killed when the explosion wrecked the "dog house," where the bosses were waiting while the powder was being taken underground. By a lucky chance Gibson, who had been talking with the other bosses, had gone underground on the cage that made the second trip before the powder was loaded, to inspect some timbering.

Ed Bray showed remarkable fortitude when he was picked up a short distance from where the dynamite car had been. Bray, according to a witness, was walking away from the car when the blast occurred. When he recovered his senses he looked over the mangled bodies and began to cry.

"Are you hurt badly?" several friends asked.

"No, but those poor fellows," said Bray as he pointed to a body of which the head and spine alone remained.

Bray wore an undershirt and there was a large splotch of blood under his heart. He tried to walk to the ambulance that was provided, but was unable to do so.

A Tense Hour.

As the news of the accident was flashed about the city the wives, sisters and mothers of the injured men flocked to the Murray hospital, where the men were all taken. The relatives sat in the ante-room and awaited word from the doctors as to the condition of the injured men and of their chances to live.

The fortitude of Felice Blanchette was remarked upon by all of the doctors and nurses in the hospital. Several stones had been imbedded in his body by the force of the blast; his right foot was crushed, and he had several painful bruises about the face. In order to save his life it was necessary to amputate the foot immediately. He was placed on the operating table and submitted to the operation without an anesthetic and joked with the doctors while they freeted him. He did not lose consciousness at any time and 15 minutes after the operation he was lying on a cot in the hospital talking to his nurse and denying that he suffered from his injuries.

Work of First Aid.

George E. Jones, who was the most seriously injured, was the last man to be taken to the hospital. The first-aid team at the mine had given him temporary treatment. The first-aid men had taken boards and used them for splints to hold his legs in place. Both of his legs were fractured. He had been strapped to the stretcher to ease his sufferings from the dislocation of his right shoulder, and his face was badly cut and bruised. His face had been cut from his forehead to his chin and his nose was crushed. He was suffering intense pain and could not refrain from an outcry when he was moved.

Ed Bray, 31 years old, sustained a fracture of the left ribs from a splinter of wood or steel which had been hurled by the force of the explosion. The splinter had not only fractured his ribs, but one end had also pierced his left lung. He is a shift boss. He bore his sufferings without an outcry. He also received several bruises about the body. He is married and a resident of 19 Carolina street.

William Valentine may lose his right arm, which was badly crushed and bruised, and amputation may be necessary. He also was weakened by the loss of blood. He is a carpenter at the Speculator, 48 years of age, married and a resident of 222 East Second street.

Charles Brown, 2219 Princeton avenue, married, a mine carpenter, was seriously injured. Both of his legs were badly lacerated and his left knee was crushed by the impact of a stone which lodged in the knee cap. He also suffered from shock. A piece of bone was removed from his knee. He is 59 years old.

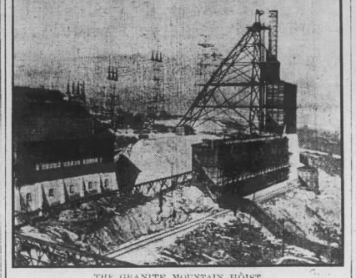
A. K. Bruce was more fortunate than the others who were in the vicinity when the explosion occurred. Except for a scalp wound, he was not seriously injured. The wound was a long cut over the forehead. Bruce is a resident of 110 West Granite street.

A Profound Surprise.

Ernest J. Watson, who formerly resided at 312 North Alaska street, one of those who lost their lives, had left his wife some time ago and she thought he had left the city. She did not know of his death until interviewed an hour after the accident by a reporter. She was surprised at the news of his sudden death and when she realized it her grief was profound.

Mrs. Lucy Graham, 847 South Wyoming street, widow of one of the victims, did not learn of the accident until several hours afterward, and then had only been told that her husband was badly injured. Several neighbors and friends were with her and aided her in every way possible when the death of her husband was made known. She did not know where he had been taken and was shocked at the news.

John Winston, who formerly lived at a rooming house at 60 East Front street, is well known among the mining men of the city.



THE GRANITE MOUNTAIN HOIST.
Scene of the explosion yesterday.

MONTANA MINE ACCIDENTS WITH BIG CASUALTY LISTS

Yesterday's accident at the Speculator mine claimed the greatest human toll in the history of mining accidents in Montana.

Among the big mining accidents in recent years was the fire in the Tonopah mine at Belmont, when seven men lost their lives. This was on April 8, 1906. Three days later there was an explosion of powder at the St. Lawrence mine in Butte and six men were killed. The disaster at the Hope tunnel was a harrowing one for the miners who were caught in the old workings of the 200-foot level after the cage had been taken to the surface. The stopes filled with smoke and the miners, who were unable to crawl up the ladders, were suffocated. Albert Boulware was the hero of the accident. He assisted several men up the ladders and then was forced into a stope, where he lived for 48 hours after bulkheading to keep the gas out.

In more recent years was the cage accident at the Black Rock mine of the Butte & Superior company. One Sunday morning, Sept. 3, 1911, nine men rode up with the cage which was loaded with steel in a box. When near the 1,000-foot level a bar worked loose and jammed into a wall plate and the steel was set in motion. Legs and arms were cut off and some of the men literally cut to pieces. Six men lost their lives in that accident.

When the cage at the Leonard mine dropped to the sump on April 24, 1912, five men were killed and nine injured. The men were being lowered on an engine in a secondary engine house when something went wrong and the cage plunged to the sump. An accident which it was feared had claimed many lives but which resulted in the loss of only two lives was the cave-in at the Gagnon shaft of the Original mine.

Another powder explosion occurred at Radersburg on Jan. 18, 1911, when six men were killed.

The Big Powder Explosion.

Yesterday's accident claimed less lives than the accident known to Butte people as the "big explosion." At 9:55 p. m. Jan. 15, 1895, an alarm of fire took the volunteer fire department to a small building near the old Montana Central depot. Several hundred people were attracted by the blaze. At 10:05 o'clock there was a terrific explosion that demolished near-by buildings, broke glass all over Butte and was even heard at Anaconda. There were heroes to rush in and save the firemen who were injured by the blast. Dynamite stored in the Kenyon-Connell warehouse had exploded. While men were taking out the dead and the dying another explosion, almost as violent as the first, caused more deaths than the initial blast. Still more men and some women rushed forward to pull out the dying and a third explosion killed others. The force of the explosion can be imagined by the distance parts of bodies were propelled. One man near the Northern Pacific water tank was struck by the hip of a human being and people within two blocks of the explosion related instances of where heads and other parts of the bodies were seen going by. When the third blast had scattered the human wreckage about 15 bodies were found in one pile and eight in another. Many died en route to the hospital. Women established relief quarters on the grounds. This explosion was the most terrible in the history of Montana and Jan. 15 for many years was known as Butte's day of sorrow.

Sixty-eight Killed.

According to the records gathered by the fire department there were 62 people killed in the big explosion, scores were injured. It was supposed at the time that the list might have been greater than 62 as some of the bodies were so badly mutilated that it was impossible to tell whether or not others reported missing were not killed.

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At last night's meeting of the school trustees of the Butte district, a statement setting forth conditions as she understood them to exist was introduced by Trustee Rozsa, requesting the immediate resignation of the present city superintendent to take effect at the end of the present semester. Trustee Maury moved that the request be passed upon favorably by the board. Trustee Wallace seconded the motion. On the vote, which was taken without any discussion, the motion was voted down by three "nayes" and four "ayes." The ayes were Maury, Rozsa and Wallace. The nays were Canty, Furman, Potter and Maginn. The statement was to the effect that widespread discussion existed in the administration of school affairs in the district and it would be impossible to get the educational benefits intended until a superintendent should be had who could harmonize the different discordant factors; that the present superintendent is not in accord with the majority of the teaching staff, nor the teachers with him; that he neglects essential duties; that there is lack of uniformity in the studies, and that he permits personal likes and dislikes as to teachers to influence his official action. It recommended that the resignation be asked in the interest of harmony and the welfare and efficiency of the schools.

Superintendent Downer was present during the proceedings but was not called upon to say anything.

Miss Ada Madden, principal of the Webster school, asked the board to carry out what she understood was its present intention to raise the pay of principals and eighth-grade teachers who attended summer school. After some discussion of the matter the board decided to grant her and two others who came in the same class an increase of $100, and an increase of $50 to the eighth-grade teachers who had done the summer school work, whether they were in the eighth grade now or had been placed in others since last semester. It was also decided to extend to the teachers who had been advanced from the grades to the junior high the same salary as the teachers engaged from other places.

At the request of the Parent-Teacher association of the Webster school it was decided to establish a kindergarten there. The application of O. G. Wood for the position of instructor in printing was referred to committee.

Asked to Retract.

A committee from the carpenters union asked the board to retract a resolution made about their position in regard to the work done by manual training pupils at the Jackson school. Trustee Formsby said the board had nothing to retract, for if there had been any misunderstanding it was due to the dictatorial way in which the request from the union had been made. One of the delegates said no such peremptory request had been made by any authority of the union. Superintendent Downer said he had reported the matter to the board just as it had been put up to him by the representative of the union. It was stated also on behalf of the union that it did not oppose manual training, but favored it. No matter was dropped without any formal action.

Mrs. Meade was chosen temporarily as janitress at the high school, to fill a vacancy.

Bills amounting to $9,511 were allowed.

The board engaged Wellington Smith as architect to see to the completion of the work at the high school now under way.

NO INQUEST FOR A WEEK CORONER LANE DECIDES

Coroner Lane spent most of the afternoon at the shaft of the Granite Mountain. He talked with a large number of the employes of the company and found little information that is not given the public in this morning's Standard.

"So far as I could learn," said the coroner last night, "there is no living person who knows what caused the accident. Yet the inquest may throw some light on the subject. It is plain that nothing could have dropped on the powder in such a way as to have caused it to explode. The powder is the kind used in all the mines and will stand a great deal of rough handling without exploding. I have decided it will be better to wait for several days, before holding the inquest, and in the meantime I will make as thorough an investigation as possible and get the names of all who might have any knowledge that will help to solve the mystery."

MIGHT BE ELECTRICITY.

One of the reports current last night was that the explosion might have been due to electricity. The Granite Mountain hoist is the largest electric hoist in the world and a great amount of wiring was necessary to furnish the power. An electrician who is familiar with the wiring at the Granite Mountain hoist said the theory that electricity might have set off the powder is reasonable.

BODY ON A RAFTER.

The body of one of the victims was not found for several minutes after the explosion and the work of rescue had well organized. A search disclosed a hole through the corrugated iron wall of the building which houses the chippy hoist and the body was found hanging over a rafter. The head had been crushed until all resemblance was lost and the body was badly mangled. This body had been thrown about 80 feet.

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