

# M/NM FATAL

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A REPORT OF A FIRE AT BELMONT MINE (COPPER)  
BELMONT, MONTANA  
FEBRUARY 16, 1881  
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(From The Engineering and Mining Journal--March 5, 1881 p. 152)

At Belmont, Montana, on the 16th ult., a fire occurred in the Belmont mine and six men burned to death. The blacksmith shop caught fire and communicated to a magazine of powder which exploded. The shaft caught fire and although two men escaped, the other five in the mine were burned.

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Six men died, five of which were underground, when a fire which started in the blacksmith shop spread to the powder magazine with explosive results. The others escaped. The flames continued on down the shaft. Further details regarding the cause of the conflagration and its aftermath were not available.