

SLAIN IN THE SHAFT.

Terrible Death in the Mines—A Fatal Explosion in Connecticut.

VIRGINIA, Nev., Sept. 17.—An accident at the Consolidated Imperial Mine last night resulted in the death of nine men, one being dangerously hurt. The three o'clock shift were coming off, and the cage with ten men upon it had started for the surface when the cable broke, precipitating them down the shaft some 300 feet. Fourteen hundred feet of rope piled upon them. Three men have been taken out, two of whom are dead, the others not expected to live. It will be some hours before the others can be got out.

Who Were Killed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—Gold Hill dispatch: The following are the names of those killed in the Consolidated Imperial last night: John Roach, Patrick Murphy, Dick Ryder, Thomas Meagher, Mat Winnie, Joseph Hannahan, William Corbett, George Farnham and Jerry Sullivan. Most of the bodies are terribly mangled; the men were taken out at 4 a. m. Roach talked rationally when found, but died when coming up the shaft. Frank Smith, the only man saved, is resting easily; has no external injuries. The cable broke at the reel, and for some inexplicable cause the safeties did not catch. The cable was of the best English make, four and one-half by one-half inch, and in use only three months. The shaft was in charge of Ryder, pumpman, and the pump shift was changing at the same time with the other shift. Ryder was on under the cage, on which was found an ax with the helve broken eight inches from the poll. The only explanation of the accident is that this ax handle caught the timber, causing the strain which broke the cable. The engineer on duty says, however, everything appeared to be running smoothly when the cable broke.