

FATALITY AT ANACONDA.

A CAGE DROPS EIGHT HUNDRED FEET IN THE MINE.

Cause, the Breaking of a Cable—Seven Miners Killed and a Number Wounded—Few Names Given—Casualties.

BUTTE, Mont., Nov. 4.—[Special to TRANSM.]—The streets were crowded with excited people interested in the election returns from the East which were being bulletined from the newspaper offices and principal clubs at 1 o'clock. When the excitement was at its greatest, a messenger came hurrying to town for physicians, saying one of the cages in the Big Anaconda mine had dropped to the bottom of the 1200-foot shaft, killing seven men and more or less injuring eleven others. It is over a mile to the mine, and up to this hour very meager details have been received regarding the cause and extent of the catastrophe. From what can be learned, it seems that the men usually come to the surface at 12 o'clock for supper, and one load of eighteen men was being raised when the cage became caught in the guides at the 400-foot level. The cable broke and the cage fell to the bottom 800 feet. The other cage was immediately lowered, and the work of taking out the dead and wounded was begun. It was found that seven men were dead, three fatally wounded and eight more dangerously, some critically hurt. It is impossible at this hour (8:30), to give the names of all the dead, but it is known that James McDonald, Michael and William Evans were amongst them.

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BUTTE, Mont., Nov. 3.—The worst mining accident of the year took place at the Anaconda mine this morning. Seven miners were killed on the cage coming up. No particulars are obtainable.

Editorial: Moved from Desert Island.

