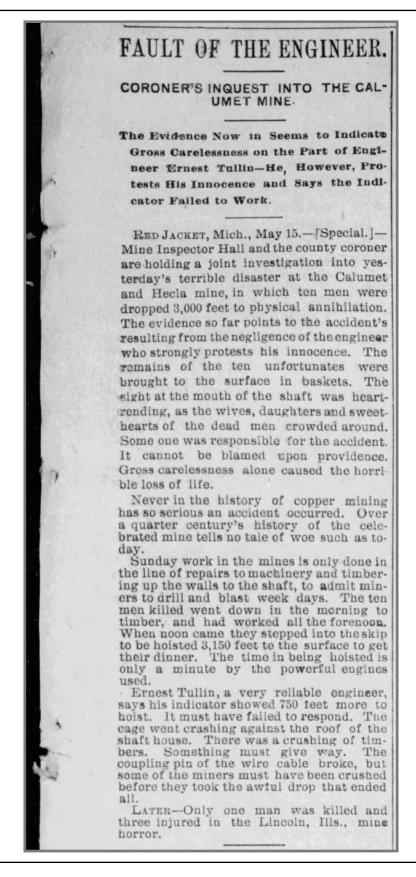
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TEN MEN DASHED TO PIECES.

Shaft Horror in the Calumet and Hecla Mine Yesterday.

HOUGHTON, May 14.—Ten timbermen were dashed to pieces in the Red Jacket perpendicular shaft of the Calumet and Hecla mine at noon today. The miners were coming up in the cage to dinner and the engineer hoisted the cage against the timbers of the shaft. The coupling pin broke and the men and cage were dashed downward over three thousand feet to the bottom. The names of the killed are: Allen Cameron, son of Captain Cameron, in charge; James Cocking, single, supporting widowed mother; Joseph Pope, leaves a wife and one child—the wife was at the mouth of the shaft with his dinner; John Odgers, leaves a wife and several children; John Hicks, single, aged 24; Andrew Edno, Robert married; Wuopia, aged 40, leaves a wife and three children; Michael Leavitto, widower: James Trevni, leaves a wife and three childred: Con S. Sullivan, single, aged 40. Thousands of people were around the shaft all day. The men were aboard a skip, used in hoisting rock, and when the load of human freight reached the surface, the engineer did not stop in time, but sent the skip to the top of the derrick, when it broke loose and dropped back with a crash to the bottom of the shaft. There was no way of reaching the bottom nor get-ting the dead men out except by going through another shaft, half a mile away, so that it was nearly three hours before the true state of affairs could be ascertained and it will be toward morning before the bodies can be brought to the surface. It is necessary to hoist them 550 feet by ropes to reach the level of the next shaft, then carry them nearly half a mile through the drifts and then hoist by the man car. Twelve men went down this morning, but one of them was attacked by sickness and was sen up, accompanied by one of his comrades. The coroner and a jury are now making a thorinvestigation. General Manager ough Whiting and Superintendent Duncan are almost prostrated by the awful responsibility thrust upon them. Did the indicator fail to work, and fail to inform the endineer when the cage reached the surface, as he says, or did he become careless and fail to stop the engine at the proper moment? These are the questions that are being asked and the investigation is expected to determine.

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