

**TERRIFIC EXPLOSION!****EIGHTY MEN BELIEVED TO HAVE  
BEEN KILLED.****Japanese Fleet Approaches the Island  
From the East--Complete List Of the  
Killed--Coroner's Jury Empaneled and  
Identifying the Bodies.**

Red Canyon, Wyo., March 21.—A terrific explosion at Rocky Mountain mine No. 5, near here, is believed to have killed eighty men who are imprisoned in the mine in addition to ten who are in the power house above the ground or near the shaft openings. Slopes and entries to the lower mine workings are all blockaded by the wreckage and it is thought at least three days will be required for rescue parties to reach the bodies in the mine.

The horror occurred at 5:45 yesterday evening at No. 5 Central Pacific mine, at Red Canyon, five miles north of Evanston. The explosion in the mine shook the whole country around, wrecked the power house, fan house and several buildings, entailing a heavy loss, but the death roll far overshadows other considerations.

Edwin Cox, outside carpenter; James Bruce, outside boss; James W. Clark, William Sellers, Jr., and James Gernally, an Australian, were killed in the power house, while O. Maltby, foreman, Jerry Crawford and Andrew Mason were injured and died soon afterwards, the last three being around the power house at the time of the explosion.

A few hours later the dead bodies of James Limb and Fred Morgan were brought out from the slope only a short distance down, but as this is written, there is around the mine a great throng of people anxiously inquiring regarding friends known to be in the mine, and all hope of any of them being alive is gone.

No one after seeing the ghastly spectacle presented by the two bodies after being brought out of the slope could have hopes of any one in the mine being alive. These bodies were burned and blackened with garments torn to shreds, making it almost impossible to identify them. How many were in the mine at the time of the explosion will take some time to tell, but the best information obtainable now places the number at over eighty. Nearly all known to be killed leave large families. Immediately after the explosion Superintendent Bradbury telegraphed to Evanston for all the physicians with an extra train. Many families are bereft of fathers and sons. A more sorrowful community could not be found; women, children, men, mourning the loss of husband, father or brother.

The explosion is described by many as the most terrific, shaking the whole town and causing women and children to run into the streets crying, "Oh, my husband!" and "Oh, my papa!" with raised hands imploring for the safety of beloved ones. The explosion is supposed to have come from a blast setting fire to the dust, making a dust explosion, since the mine was supposed to be free from gas.

This is the third disastrous explosion in this vicinity. In 1881, Rocky Mountain mine No. 2 exploded, killing thirty-six Chinese and four white men. In 1886 Union Pacific mine No. 4 killed thirty-six men.

It is now inferred from the company's lists and pay rolls that sixty men perished in the mine disaster at Red Canyon. The greater part of the men who have perished are covered with debris at the seventy foot level where they were gathered awaiting the car. Work is being pushed with all vigor to uncover the dead. There is no fire in the mine.

**COMPLETE LIST OF DEAD.**

**Coroner's Jury Impaneled and Identifying the Bodies.**

Salt Lake, March 21.—A special to the Tribune from Evanston, Wyoming, says: Ever since the explosion at Red Canon mine work has progressed steadily, gaining access to the mine, bringing out the dead and caring for the bereaved families. Not one in the mine at the time of the explosion escaped, all being instantly killed. There may be more than sixty killed but that is the number shown after carefully checking the roll. Of those who were injured around the mine, Dr. Gamble, the resident mine physician, has about twenty-five under treatment. This morning David G. Thomas, state inspector, arrived and will remain until all the bodies are recovered and will thoroughly inspect the mine. He says he considered this the best ventilated and safest mine in the state, being free from gas and having plenty of safety appliances.

All agree that the cause of the explosion was a miner putting in a charge of powder to throw down a big amount of coal for the next morning.

This charge set fire to what is known as explosion dust. This dust is of minute particles of coal mixed with air and made the dangerous compound which caused the destruction of property and carried so many men to instant death. The work of bringing out the dead is necessarily slow since after getting the few men in the manway near the exit others were far down in the mine and, besides those killed in the manway the balance met death on the seventh and eighth levels, one-third of a mile down the slope, so steep as to make it difficult and laborious. Some of the bodies were partly covered with debris, hence requiring searching parties to find them, but most of them were lying fully exposed.

W. J. Cassin, the coroner of Uintah county, impaneled a jury which reviewed the remains brought out, identified them and permitted relatives to take possession of the bodies for burial.

Salt Lake and Omaha were telegraphed for coffins and the burial of the victims will occur as soon as possible.

The distress of the bereaved calls loudly for aid. Of the fifty-one women who have been bereft of protection and support of husbands, they, with their families, probably make a total of 300 persons, fully worthy of the deepest sympathy. There remain yet in the mine, about forty bodies.

The known dead are:

- JAMES BRUCE.
- WILLARD BROWN.
- SAMUEL BATE.
- HENRY BURTON.
- THOMAS BOOTH.
- AARON BUTTE.
- W. LANGDON.
- M. LANGDON.
- D. LLOYD.
- J. LESTER.
- J. LEHTI.
- J. LAPAR.
- CHARLES KASSATO.
- O. MALTBY.
- F. MORGAN.
- W. MORRIS.
- JOHN MORRIS.
- J. J. MARTIN.
- W. MILLER.
- W. MASON.
- H. A. NYBORN.
- J. PHEBEY.
- WILLIAM POPE.
- HENRY SCATHERN, JR.
- WILLIAM SELLERS, JR.
- WILLIAM SELLERS, SR.
- MATT SILTA.
- HUGH SLOAN.
- WILLIAM WAGSTAFF.
- WILLIAM WEEDOP.
- W. E. COX.
- HENRY CRAWFORD.
- SAMUEL CLAY.
- J. T. CLARK.
- JAMES P. CLARK.
- CHARLES CLARK.
- JAMES W. CLARK.
- ALBERT CLARK.
- GEORGE CRITCHLEY.
- JOHN DEXTER.
- AUGEL DEREMEDI.
- J. R. FEARN.
- W. H. GRIEVES.
- W. GFAHAM.
- GEORGE HIDES.
- J. PYDEN.
- SAMUEL HUTCHINSON.
- THOMAS HUTCHINSON.
- JAMES HUTCHINSON.
- GEORGE HARDY.
- ISAAC JOHNSON.
- B. JULIEN.
- M. JOHNSON.
- JAMES LIMB.
- JOHN G. YOCK.
- D. W. LAURIE.

### **NEARLY A CLEAN SWEEP.**

#### **Out of Sixty-One Affected, Fifty-Eight were Instantly Killed.**

Denver, Colo., March 21.—A special to the News from Evanston, Wyo., says: It is now known that at least sixty men are beyond the reach of human help; that fifty-one women are widows at Red Canon today, who were happy wives yesterday and that from 200 to 250 little children are fatherless. Nine of the sixty victims of this terrible disaster were boys or young unmarried men, seven men were killed outside at the mouth of the slope, fifteen scarred and mutilated bodies have been recovered from the gruesome depths of the mine and thirty-eight others have thus far defied all efforts to reach them. With the bodies of the seven men killed at the surface, the total recovered is twenty-two.

The work of recovery goes slowly on because of the insecurity of the men engaged in it. The first party to go down had to be rescued, having been overcome by the noxious gases and fumes of burnt human flesh and the stench of the singed and charred mules that were caught with the unfortunate men in this cave of death.

The violence and consequent fatality of the explosion surpasses belief. Out of sixty-one persons affected fifty-eight were killed instantly, so doctors and old miners say. One, a boy, Jerry Crawford, died in his father's arms while being carried home and within a few minutes another, Mr. Maltby, while having no external bruises, and being 100 feet from the mouth of the mine at the time, lingered two hours, and Andrew Mason, the only person who survived longer, is now at the point of death, his skull having been fractured by flying pieces of timber.