

HORRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Seven Men Were Killed and a Score or
More Injured in a Mine Ex-
plosion

AT THE BROADWATER MINE.

The Cause of the Explosion is Unknown, as
the Man Handling the Powder is
Dead.

CAPS SET OFF SOME DYNAMITE.

The Accident Took Place About 1 O' clock
This Morning—Two Men Died
Since Then.

SEVERAL ARE FATALLY INJURED.

Accounts of the Distressing Affair Differ—
Too Much Excitement to get
Details.

NEIHART IS IN DEEP MOUERNING.

It the Worst Accident that has Ever
Happened Within the History of
That Town.

CARE FOR THE WOUNDED MINERS.

They Will be Taken to Great Falls
on a Special Train To-
night.

Meager details of another horrible
mining accident come from Nelhart
over the telephone and telegraph wires
today, which is in fit keeping with the
terrible tragedy at Basin and the mur-
derous explosion in the St. Lawrence
mine at Butte; but more horrible than
either of these other accidents because
more men are the victims.

Some time last night, probable at six
o'clock when the men from the Broad-
water mine came off shift, the group of
miners were descending from the mine
to the town below, when, just as they
passed the powder house of the Broad-
water company, there was a terrific ex-
plosion which killed six of the men
and injured the others, six in number,
all very seriously.

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It seems that the powder man was in the store house putting the caps on fuses and sinking the caps into the powder, which was to be in readiness to go into the mine with the next shift. The powder man, as well as the six men outside, was also killed.

The names of the dead as received over the telephone line are:

FRANK DORN,
WILLIAM MORRISON,
E. H. ROSS,
JOHN GALLAGHER,
GEORGE DORN,
E. O'LEARY.
JOHN AIRNS,

On account of the indifferent working of the wires which on account of the deep snows in the mountains are grounded, further particulars cannot be learned.

Mr. W. J. Clarke, one of the owners of the Broadwater group, was seen by a Herald reporter and asked if he had any particulars other than that recited above, concerning the terrible affair.

"I am in receipt of several telegrams from the superintendent of the mines," he said, "but they are short and very unsatisfactory. At first I was telegraphed that several men had been killed by an explosion and asked to come up at once. That was the first intelligence I had that anything was wrong.

"I immediately wired for details, but they were a long time coming because the wires between here and there were working badly owing to recent heavy snows."

"From the several messages received by me, it seems that the powder man was at work in the magazine fixing some fuses and caps. It was some time during the night, at just what hour I do not know.

"While he was at work on the inside, twelve miners passed the building en route either to or from the mines. When abreast of the same, it blew up, killing seven men, the man on the inside and six of the twelve on the outside. The other six were badly injured.

"Of course no one knows what caused the accident, and it will always remain a mystery. The injured men were hurt by flying timbers, etc. There was

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but 50 pounds of powder in the building when it went up."

NEIHART, Mont., April 17.—2:30 p. m. (Special to the Herald.)—There was a magazine explosion in the middle tunnel of the Broadwater mine at 1:05 this morning.

The men were just going on after supper. Twenty-two are more or less injured. Six are dead. Two more are expected to die at any time.

Five men are now in the hospital badly hurt. Some of the less seriously injured are at their homes.

DAN ROSS,
FRANK DORAN,
JOHN CAIRNS and
HUGH MCKENZIE were instantly killed.

W. J. MORRISON,
DAN O'LEARY, died at daylight.
JIM GALLAGHER is not expected to live.

JOE DEROIN,
MIKE TOBIN and
GEO. DORAN are also at the hospital badly shattered.

It is the worst accident ever in Neihart.

GREAT FALLS, April 18.—2:45 p. m. —(Special to the Herald.)—The Broadwater mine, at Neihart, was the scene of a terrible explosion early this morning, which resulted in the death of seven men, and the wounding of six others, part of whom are expected to die.

From all that can be learned at this writing it appears that about one o'clock this morning as the men were passing the middle tunnel from lunch the powder magazine, the name given an apparatus used for thawing powder, which contained about thirty sticks, exploded and set off a box of dynamite.

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The dead are:

FRANK DORAN,
JIM MORRISON,
HUGH McKENZIE,
DAN O'LEARY,
DAN ROSS,
JOHN KERNS,
JOE DEARON,

The wounded are:

MIKE WARD,
JAMES COMITY,
MIKE COBURN,
CHAS. SCHMIDT,
JAS. GALLAGHER.
JOE DORAN.

Of the men killed all were single except Frank Doran. At last accounts James Gallagher was dying. It is feared that three others will also die.

At this writing it is impossible to ascertain the details of the horrible occurrence.

A special train from Nelhart bearing the wounded is expected here tonight.

NEIHART, Mont., April 18.—(By Associated Press.)—Four men were killed and sixteen injured in a mine explosion here today.

The death list is placed at seven, as follows, killed:

FRANK DORAN.
W. J. MORRISON.
HUGH McKENZIE.
DAN O'LEARY.
D. H. ROSE.
JOHN CAIRNS.
JAMES T. GALLIGER.

The seriously wounded are:

JOSEPH DOREAN.
JAMES CONNELLY.
GEORGE DORAN, a brother of Frank.
CYRUS SMITH.
MIKE LOBAN.
MATT BROWN.
Many others are cut and bruised.

The accident occurred in the magazine used for thawing powder. Frank Doran was looking after the powder and just commenced loading the magazine when the explosion occurred.

It is supposed his candle ignited the powder. He was found twenty feet from the magazine in another drift.

He must have seen the danger and tried to escape.

The men had just finished their midnight lunch and were on their way back to work.

Thirty had to pass the magazine and it exploded as half were passed. Those in the center are dead and seriously wounded. The mine is badly caved in. Supt. Cooney says there could not have been over 30 pounds of powder in the magazine.

Doran leaves a wife and two children but the others were single men. Most of them had resided here but a short time.