

BRAVE MINER SAVED LIVES.

Helped His Men Escape When Cage
Stuck Just Before Blast Went Off.

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SALT LAKE, Utah, Jan. 7.—A wholesale fatality in the Silver King Consolidated mine at Park City was prevented this morning through the heroism of Mine Foreman John C. Collins. Twelve men were in the bottom of a shaft. As the men were being lifted up to escape a blast the cage stuck.

When the cage stuck Collins jumped to the bottom of the shaft to cut the fuse. His light went out, and he could do nothing. He climbed back to the cage, where the miners were penned up like rats. In the top of the cage was a "bonnet" or cover of iron, three-eighths of an inch thick. With a desperate exertion of strength Collins bent back the lid, and despite the heavy spring tension held it open while the miners climbed out to safety.

Hogan was the last man to try to leave the cage, except Collins, who made no effort to escape. The blast went off, shattering the cage into junk. That both men were not instantly killed seems a marvel. Hogan dropped, and was caught by Collins, who succeeded in getting him through the aperture. The heroic foreman was then forced to strip off his clothing before he could himself get through. He then fell, bleeding from the mouth, and unconscious. He may live. Hogan lost a foot.

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