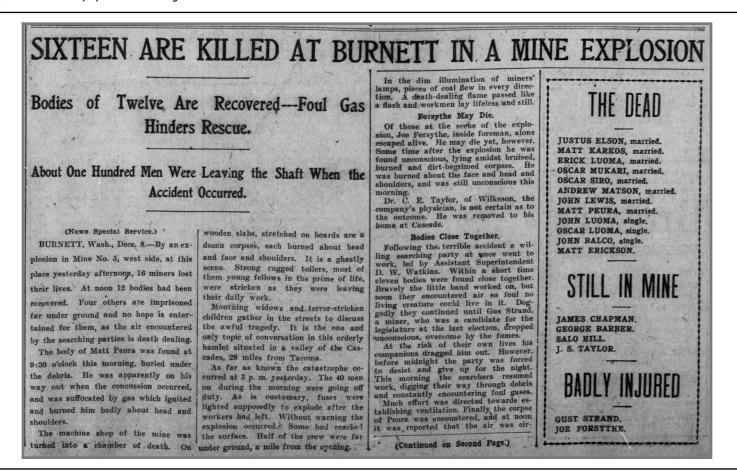
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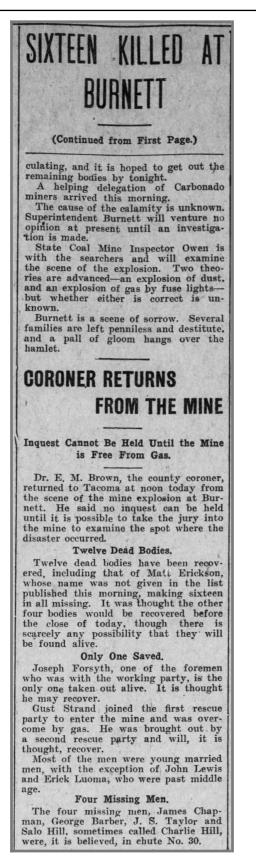
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Run For Their Lives.

Many men working nearer the mouth of the mine, particularly on the 1,200foot incline, though overpowered with gas, were saved by prompt work, as they had made a run for the exit.

Ventilators Working.

The ventilating apparatus was working at an early hour today and the work of removing the debris and exploring the mine was progressing favorably.

Coroner Brown will return to Burnett and hold the inquest as soon as he is notified the mine is in condition to take the jury in to examine it.

Profcund Gloom.

While the disaster has cast a profound gloom over the little industrial community the calamity seems to be accepted with the philosophy of the soldier who takes his life in his hand and expects death as one of the great chances he faces in war.

Of the sixteen men lost eleven were married and five single. It is thought some of the men left some provision for their families in the way of beneficial insurance.

Until the scene of the explosion can be reached the officers decline to express any opinion as to the cause of the catastrophe.

News Correspondent Killed.

James Chapman, one of the miners whose bodies had not yet been recovered this morning, was the Burnett correspondent of the Daily News.

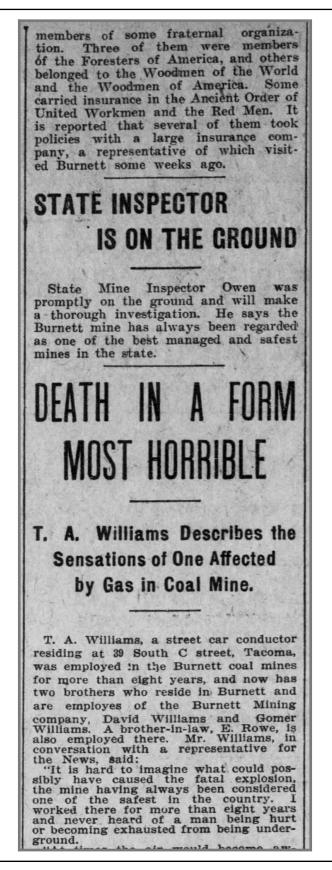
Superintendent C. H. Burnett made a hurried investigation yesterday afternoon, and realizing that it would be unsafe for any of his men to go into the tunnel immediately after the explosion, he sent a request to Carbonado to have seven miners, equipped with safety lamps, sent to Burnett. These men arrived this morning and went to work with a will. They reported that the fumes inside the tunnel were yet very strong, and none of them could remain therein for any length of time. The particular mine in which yesterday's frightful disaster occurred is known as the South 1/4 of No. 5.

Members of Fraternal Orders.

The company's employes are reputed to be thrifty, and nearly all of them, including the unfortunate victims, were

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"At times the air would become awfully vile, and then orders were generally given to the men to come out. All the protection possible was afforded by the company. An accident like this one of yesterday was possible from the gas fumes becoming strong suddenly and coal powder exploding. coal mine is the most 'Death in a horrible imaginable," said Mr. Williams, "and that is why most all miners have a horror of working in coal properties. The explosion comes without the least warning. Everything in the mine may be perfectly correct one moment, and the next you are completely exhausted from One does not lose the deadly fumes. consciousness, but all the limbs become stiff and it is impossible for a person to walk more than three or four steps when exhaustion overtakes one. The victim is also too weak to crawl, so that being caught in an explosion in a coal mine practically means certain death. BURNETT LIVED NEAR MINES. Recently Declined Casualty Insurance Because of Careful Inspection. Ed L. Davies, formerly manager of the commercial department of Carbon Hill Coal company at Carbonado, and who has been identified with the mining business in this state since 1884, is in Tacoma today, and to a News reporter said: "Since 1884 I have known Charlie Burnett, the manager of the mine at Burnett, and I have for years been personally acquainted with some of the miners who were killed. "Manager Burnett has the reputation of being one of the most careful mining men in the state, and is of a kindly nature, and fatherly disposition toward all who are under him.

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Anniversary of Carbonado Explosion.

"Just five years ago tomorrow we had the terrible explosion in the mines at Carbonado. On that occasion, when 31 men were killed, Mr. Burnett was one of

the first to arrive and offer his services to my father and I. I have telegraphed an offer of my services to him now. "No one, not even the members of the bereaved families will feel this thing as Mr. Burnett will. He was an exception to the ordinary superintendent. The day was an exception when he did not per-Mr. Burnett will, He was an exception to the ordinary superintendent. The day was an exception when he did not per-sonally inspect the mines. Why, only a few days ago Mr. Hansard, represent-ing a casualty company tried to insure the Burnett mines against accidents of this kind. Mr. Burnett told the mon that this kind. Mr. Burnett told the man that he thought his mine was an exception to the general run, and that it was inspect-ed so carefully and regularly that there

could be no chance of any great accident. "Among miners and mine operators it is a common saying that there is never a vacancy in the Burnett mines except a vacancy in the Burnett mines except in cases where new veins are opened or when a miner dies. The saying is prac-tically true. Many of the men who were killed yesterday had been employed there for 15 and 20 years. Joe Forsythe, who was seriously injured, is past master in the Massen before the other the Masonic lodge. Gus Stran, the other the Masonic lodge. Gus Stran, the other man seriously injured, was a candidate on the democratic ticket for the legisla-ture. James Chapman I had known for 20 years, and among the others I was personally acquainted with Lewis, Peura and John Luoma. S. S. Taylor, too, was a friend of mine.

Terrible Scenes of Suffering.

"I know through what terrible scenes of suffering those men at Burnett are working today. The memory of the work that followed the explosion in our mine five years ago, will always be most painful to me. I believe the mental agony following that explosion caused my father's death, and I know some-thing of the suffering Mr. Burnett must be enduring. be enduring. "Thing of

"Thing of working through the long night bringing out the remains of man-gled friends. Think of the heartrending cries of mothers, wives and children. I can see them huddled together about the opening—only restrained by force from taking part in the work themselves. I can hear them moan and I can see wo-men fainting when a blackened, mangled corpse is borne out by friends and fellow workmen. workmen. "Mr. Burnett lived in the little canyon

where the rows of spotlessly white-washed cottages were the homes of so many miners who worked for him. He was one of them all the time. Once a week he visited Tacoma and once a week visited with his son, a councilman, of Scattle at Seattle. "What a mournful Christmas this will

be. Every year Mr. Burnett gives the children of his miners a Christmas tree and himself sees that all are remembered. It will be heartrending there this sea-

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