

## FIVE LIVES LOST IN MINNIE HEALEY MINE

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When a Second Fall of Earth  
Buried Him.**

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 25.—Five lives were lost in a cave-in of earth and rock in the famous Minnie Healey mine this afternoon.

The dead:

THOMAS HAGGERTY, shift boss.

THOMAS FURLONG, miner.

WILLIAM DWYER, miner.

IKE ABRAHAM, miner.

ANTON TRINETTI, miner.

The accident occurred on the sixth floor of the 1,000-foot level. Early in the day Foreman James Kane was informed that the ground in that place was very soft and in danger of falling. He withdrew all the miners who were working there. This afternoon Shift Boss Haggerty took Furlong, Dwyer, Abraham and Trinetti into the bulkhead for the purpose of strengthening the weak spot. Just how the fall came will never be known, as not one of the five men was left to tell the tale.

### Went to Rescue.

Work was at once suspended and every one went to the rescue. Shift Boss Haggerty was found on the edge of the mass of earth and rock, buried to the waist. He was able to tell the rescuers that he and Furlong had nearly got clear of the place when they were caught by the cave-in. Furlong was only a few feet behind Haggerty. Haggerty had scarcely time to tell Foreman Kane this much when there came a second cave, burying him.

Despite the danger attached to the work of rescue, the miners of the Minnie Healey kept right on with it. But it was not until 6 o'clock that the body of Haggerty was found and taken to the surface. That of Furlong will probably not be reached for hours.

As for the bodies of Dwyer and Abraham, it is believed they were too far in when the warning of the fall came to make any considerable run for safety, and it is likely to be days before they are reached.

### Ran Into a Chute.

Trinetti was not killed directly by the fall, but as a consequence of it. Like the others, he heard the cave coming and made a dash for safety. In doing so he ran into a chute, down which he fell. His dead body was found in the man-way at the bottom of the chute. The work of recovering the remaining bodies will proceed slowly, as the management of the mine will not let the rescue party endanger any more lives.

The Minnie Healey mine is being worked by the Montana Ore Purchasing company. It is the property that became celebrated because of the great legal battles for the ownership, which just at present rests with the Montana Ore Purchasing company.