

33 ALASKAN MINERS ARE BLOWN TO PIECES

MINE IS BIG GOLD PRODUCER

**Lack of Physicians—Injured Men
Suffer Terribly While Waiting
for Medical Attendance.**

Juneau, Alaska.—It was discovered that 33 miners were killed by a powder magazine explosion in the Mexican shaft of the Treadwell gold mines. Twenty-three bodies were taken out as the total dead soon after the explosion, but eight others were found in a later search and two men died in a hospital. Five other men are severely injured.

The bodies of the dead were blown into unrecognizable masses of human flesh. The scene when a rescuing party descended to the level was indescribable. The dead were lying around piled one on top of the other and the groans and screams of the injured were heart-rending. There is a deplorable lack of medical men and in the company hospitals, which are crowded to the limit, the mangled miners are suffering for want of medical attention.

Physicians Rushed to Scene.

Ten physicians and a dozen nurses have left here for the scene of the disaster, but many more physicians and nurses will be required to prevent death from lack of medical attention.

The cause of the accident is not known at this time. It is believed, however, that the explosion is the result of a miner's lamp explosion coming in contact with the powder magazine. Not a man in the portion of the mine where the explosion occurred escaped injury.

Bodies Terribly Mangled.

So badly are the bodies torn and mangled that the only possible means of identification in most cases has been by the clothing or property found in the pockets.

The nearest settlement is Douglass City, a mile away. Many of the miners have homes at that place and efforts are being made to care for the wounded, who could not be treated at company hospitals.

The mine, which is operated by the Treadwell Mining Company, is associated with the Alaska Mining Company, and principally owned by the D. O. Mills estate. The Treadwell mines have been operated since 1882, since which time they have added to the world's wealth over \$35,000,000 in gold. Five stamp mills, aggregating 880 stamps are kept in operation night and day the year around. The average value of the ore milled is \$2.20 per ton. The mines give employment to 1,400 men.