

AN ACCIDENT SAYS JURY

Coroner's Panel at Virginia Makes
Public Its Findings On the
Norman Mine Disaster.

WITNESSES TESTIFY AS
TO SAFETY OF THE PIT

Another Body Recovered From
Debris—Timekeeper Says Four
More Are Beneath It.

(Range Bureau of the News Tribune.)

VIRGINIA, March 17.—The coroner's jury impaneled today to conduct an inquest relative to the death of several miners killed in the Norman mine avalanche Saturday brought in this verdict after deliberating from 11 to 4 o'clock.

"An inquisition taken at Virginia, St. Louis county, on the 17th day of March, 1911, before John H. Crowe, deputy coroner of said county, upon view of the bodies of Nick Skaundig, Paul Paulson, Sam Guchan (or Davis), and August Schmidt, lying there dead, by the oaths of the jurors, whose names are hereunto subscribed, who being sworn to inquire on behalf of the state of Minnesota when, how and by what means said persons came to their deaths, upon oaths do say:

"That on the afternoon of the 11th day of March, 1911, each and all of the said persons were employed as miners by the Oliver Iron Mining company, a corporation operating the Norman open pit mine situated near Virginia in St. Louis county, Minnesota.

"That on the afternoon of the 11th day of March, 1911, that said persons were engaged in repairing tracks at the entrance of said Norman mine, when they were there and then buried beneath a quantity of ore which, without warning, slipped from the north bank of the entrance to said mine, thereby causing the accidental death of each and all of the above named persons. In testimony whereof said coroner and jurors of this inquest have hereunto set their hands, day and year aforesaid.

"JOHN H. CROWE, M. D.

"M. E. FAMMING.

"ROBERT METCALFE,

"D. S. BRITTS.

"EDWARD C. A. JOHNSON.

"ANDREW HAWKINSON.

"THOMAS GILL."

About a dozen witnesses were examined, all of them miners. They said they thought the mine was safe and believed that any mine worker of the range territory would have held a similar opinion of it had he ever seen the Norman.

The body of Mike Greditch was found today. It was taken to the Mesberg morgue.

The timekeeper of the Norman announced that according to his records there are four bodies yet in the debris, those of Charles Matilla, Tom Karl, Grego Breogich and Oscar Fenoland.

The work of recovering the bodies will go on until the entire area has been gone over.