

NINE KILLED IN MINE

DISASTROUS MINE EXPLOSION IN
NEVADA CONSOLIDATED
COPPER PIT.

Powder Man and Eight Laborers
Blown to Bits by Terrific
Explosion.

Ely, Nev.—Al H. Cook of Roanoke, Va., here two years, a powder man of the Nevada Consolidated Copper company, Copper Flat pit, and seven Austrians and one Greek were instantly killed Sunday when a load in a drill hole with several hundred pounds of black powder and a large quantity of dynamite, exploded. One of the Austrians escaped death.

C. B. Phay, a drill operator, fifty feet away, was hurt by flying rocks, but not seriously.

The cause of the premature explosion is unknown. It was caused possibly by hot cinders from a passing engine on another pit level, or carelessness in handling the explosives.

The accident occurred next to the top level. There are seven levels, averaging sixty feet, one above the other.

Cook's body was partially dismembered and was identified by the clothes remaining and the card found therein. He was blown 1,000 feet from the middle of the pit. He was soon to quit and return home.

The remains of a few parts of the others were identified. The pit where the accident occurred is sixty feet deep below the entrance, while the west side rises more than 400 feet. Churn drills precede the steam shovels. The holes are drilled and shot to loosen the ore.

Sometimes a ton of dynamite and black powder is charged in one hole.

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