

# PREMATURE BLAST KILLS 8

**Powder Man's Body Is Blown One  
Thousand Feet From Middle  
of Copper Pit.**

ELY, NEV., July 7.—Al H. Cook, Roanoke, Va., for two years powder man of the Nevada Consolidated Copper Company's copper flat pit, and seven Austrians, and one Greek, were instantly killed this afternoon when a load in a drill hole consisting of 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 slightly hurt by flying rocks.

The cause of the premature explosion is unknown. The accident occurred next to the top level. There are seven levels averaging sixty feet, one above another.

Cook's body was partially dismembered and was identified by the clothing and a card. He was blown 1,000 feet from the middle of the pit.

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