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REPORT OF AN INUNDATION AT BALKAN MINE  
VERONA MINING CO., PALATKA, MICHIGAN  
JULY 14, 1914 - 7 KILLED

The system of mining was to remove all overburden down to the ore, sink a shaft outside the stripped area, and extend drifts and crosscuts under the ore body. Raises were then put up through the ore. The surface had been removed to a depth of 20 feet, and No. 3 raise in No. 3 crosscut was up 23 feet within 2 feet of the end of the ore. Approximately 3 hours after two 10-inch holes had been blasted in No. 3 raise, a rush of sand and water occurred, flooding the mine and drowning seven men. Five escaped unharmed.

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