

FIVE KILLED IN MULBERRY.

Falling Cage Fatal in Spencer-Newlands Mine Yesterday.

From Friday's Daily.

One of the worst mine accidents in the history of the district occurred yesterday when a falling cage in the Spencer-Newlands mine at Mulberry killed five men and seriously injured another.

The Pittsburg Headlight gave the following account of the accident:

The dead:

ARTHUR CONNERY,
FRITZ GINTHER,
ADDISON BUCHANAN,
TOM STRAYHORN,
JOHN MONTANELLI.

Of six men who entered the cage at Spencer-Newland mine No. 7, one mile southwest of Mulberry, only one, William Baird, is living. The others, Arthur Connery, Fritz Ginther, Addison Buchanan, Tom Strayhorn and John Montanelli, died of injuries received when the cable broke and the cage fell 80 feet to the bottom of the shaft.

Connery and Ginther were killed instantly; Buchanan died at 10:10 o'clock; Strayhorn died at 10 o'clock at Fuller, while being taken to Mt. Carmel hospital in an ambulance, and Montanelli died in an ambulance en route to Mt. Carmel, about an hour later. Baird is in Mt. Carmel with a broken leg and a gash in one hip and possibly internal injuries. It is thought that he will recover. Levi Marion, a brother of Mayor J. N. Marion of Mulberry, lives because, just as he was about to enter the cage as it started upon its fatal descent, he stepped back to roll a cigarette, and his place was taken by Montanelli.

The steel cable which holds the cage broke when the cage had descended 40 feet, and the safety catches failed to work until the cage was within fifteen feet of the bottom of the shaft. The heavy cage, with the added weight of its human cargo, had attained such velocity that when the hooks finally caught they tore through the car without stopping it.

Later in the morning State Mine Inspector Francis Keegan and a force of deputies, accompanied by a mine committee, went into the shaft to investigate the causes of the accident. They are making an examination of the mechanism of the shaft and also will take the statements of the engineer and others connected with operation of the mine, and of the miners who were above and below ground when the cage fell.

All the victims were residents of Mulberry and the little city, usually the picture of activity and cheery animation, is paralyzed under the stroke that has fallen upon it. When the specter of death laid its hand upon five families of the community it palsied the business of the city and turned the main street into the exterior of a morgue. This afternoon the people are only beginning to realize the tragedy that has gripped them. The disaster is the worst in the history of the city.

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