

11 KILLED OUTRIGHT; 4 INJURED

**Terrific Crash Comes Just as
Men Are Changing Shifts;
180 in Shaft at That
Time.**

CAUSE NOT YET KNOWN

**One of Injured Brought to Ta-
coma on Special Train
Succumbs.**

One of the four miners brought to St. Joseph's hospital, George Marich, died late last night. This brings the death list of the Burnett mine disaster to 12.

Eleven men were killed and four probably fatally injured by an explosion in the mine of the Pacific Coast Coal company at Burnett, 30 miles southeast of Tacoma, yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

The dead:

William Johnson, fire boss.
Mike Slavage.
Gus Fleischer.
Eric Tart.
Charles Makala.
Otto Makala.
Reese Jenkins.
Tom Fleming.
Dan Reese.
Jacob Sippola.
C. Tomaczah.

The four men injured were Martin McDonough, John Serpich, George Marich and Steve Vurny.

The explosion occurred 2,300 feet below the surface. One hundred and eighty men were in the mine at the time. All the bodies were recovered.

Those severely hurt were brought by special train on the Northern Pacific to St. Joseph's hospital in Tacoma. They were so badly burned and injured that little hope for their recovery was held by physicians.

The cause of the disaster is not known, but it was due to an explosion, mine officials believe.

Explosion Is Terrific.

The explosion occurred shortly after change of shifts in the mine. It came with terrific force that shook the town. Calls for help were sent to the nearby towns of Carbonado, Spiketon, Wilkeson and Black Diamond, all of which sent their mine rescue teams and first aid workers. Dr. C. E. Taylor of Carbonado, Dr. W. Wilbur of Morristown among the first to arrive on the scene. As soon as the four men were taken out alive they were placed on board a special train chartered by Superintendent Clark of the mine and brought to Tacoma in the care of Dr. Martin.

Scenes Are Heartrending.

"Undoubtedly there was an explosion of some kind," he said, "but what caused it cannot be guessed at now and can only be determined by an investigation. The explosion was terrific and in a few minutes a large crowd gathered. There was a quick response from all the neighboring towns. The scenes among the women and children with relatives in the mines were pitiful."

J. E. Torrence, Tacoma agent for the Pacific Coast Coal company, left for Burnett as soon as word reached him. Dr. F. J. Stewart, coroner, and W. B. Buckley, deputy coroner, also left as soon as they were notified.

The inquest will be held at 2 o'clock today at Burnett.