

MINE EXPLOSION KILLS 14 MEN

Lightning Blows Up Dynamite.
Mine Is Wrecked—Many
Hurt and Missing.

Virginia, Minn., June 27.—Steam shovel crews tonight began digging into the debris of what once was the Silver Open Pit Iron mine near here in hope of finding the bodies of more than a score of miners, killed today by the premature explosion of nine tons of dynamite.

The M. A. Hanna company, owners of the property, said tonight that no accurate estimate could be made of the number of dead. Fourteen are known to have been killed and many are missing and severely injured.

According to the owners, a bolt of lightning caused the blast.

Late tonight three miners had been taken from the pit alive but unconscious, and five others, who said they were injured, but probably not fatally, had been located. An air pipe was driven into the cave where the five are entombed and it was hoped to get them out before morning.

Thousands of tons of ores fell in as a result of the explosion, burying 20 men. It is believed others were caught. Several others were injured seriously.

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