

FOUR KILLED IN OLYPHANT MINE BLAST

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Four men were killed and four others injured, on probably fatally in an explosion at Birdseye Slope of Olyphant mine of Hudson Coal Company, at Throop, near Scranton, yesterday afternoon.

Three of the victims were instantly killed, two of them having their heads blown off, while the fourth died en route to the hospital. The death of a fifth man was expected momentarily last night, hospital physicians stating that he was internally injured.

Company officials were unable to explain the cause of the accident. The eight men were employed in driving a rock tunnel from one vein to another, and were blowing out the solid face of the rock. Powder was placed in the five holes which had been drilled, and one of the men began to make the wire connection by which the blast is fired. A moment later came the explosion, the rock was blown out severing the heads from two of the victims and both legs from the third.

The dead are:

George Bingham, aged 45, of Scranton; William Murray, 40, of Throop; George Gumuwika, 48, of Olyphant, and John Crane of Dunmore. Anthony Ford, 25; John McLaughlin, 40; Anthony Moran, 34, and Andrew Cunningham, 38, all of Scranton were injured.

Within a few minutes after the explosion a half dozen ambulances and all available doctors were summoned. Rescuers found the bodies of the dead men badly mangled and Crane, while conscious when placed in an ambulance died before he reached the hospital.