

CASTLE GATE MINE DISASTER

Another frightful mine explosion has been added to the long list of disasters in American mining enterprise. This latest tragedy is at Castle Gate, Utah, where upward to 200 miners were entombed Saturday. All efforts to rescue the men is baffled by fire in the mine and the hope of rescuing any of the men alive has been abandoned. Everything known to modern science, serviceable in the prevention of mine explosions, has been utilized by mining companies in the prevention of just such disasters as this one. There is one element, however, that neither science nor industrial foresight can control, and that is the human element. It is this element that is responsible very often not only for mine explosions, but railroad wrecks, ship disasters and many other frightful accidents which result in the destruction of life and property. In all probability the explosion in the Castle Gate mine was occasioned by a careless act on the part of some employe. There seems to be no way of eliminating the "fool-killer" from modern industry.

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