

SEVEN KILLED BY ROCK SLIDE IN WASHINGTON

Avalanche of Gravel
Buries Victims in Carbonado Mine of Pacific Coal Company.

ONLY THREE ESCAPE

Ten Working in Fatal
Cross-cut — Two Un-
harmed, One is Dug Out
—Survivor Tells Story.

(By United Press Leased Wire)

SEATTLE, Wash., April 9.—Fourteen children were fatherless today as the result of a cave-in in the Carbonado mine of the Pacific Coal company which took the lives of seven miners. Ten men were working in a cross chute when hundreds of tons of muck and gravel from the ceiling suddenly gave way and buried eight of the workers. Two men at the mouth of the chute escaped the debris. A third man was partially buried, but was dug out by his companions.

The other seven were completely covered and suffocated.

Two bodies had been recovered this morning, two others have been located and will be dug out before night, but mine officials declared it may be several days before the bodies of the other three are reported.

The dead are:

T. E. West, survived by a widow and seven children.

W. H. Bird, 37, survived by two children.

Dan Dick, 32, survived by widow and one child.

George Temby, 48, survived by widow.

Edwin Smith, 22, single.

A. P. Meshisnek, 32, single.

Frank Espamer, 45, survived by widow and four children.

Nick Oster was the man who was dug out.

E. A. Bailey and Pete Cheresko were at the edge of the cave-in but escaped.

"I felt the rush of air and the compression of the cave-in," Oster said today. "I tried to scramble out but the muck and dirt caught me. West was underneath me. He cried for me to get off of him but I could not move. Then the water and dirt poured over him. I guess he died immediately. It seemed like 20 years before they dug me out. Another man called for help, but I couldn't do a thing.

"I've been rescued in two former cave-ins and I figured my time had come but I was lucky again."

The bodies taken out of the mine are those of West and Temby.

The cave-in occurred in a side shaft of the mine.

One Is Dug Out

Nick Oster, who was working near the mouth of the shaft, was dug out by miners working in another tunnel. The other seven men were further in the tunnel and were caught under hundreds of tons of gravel and dirt.

The two men who have been recovered are George Temby, who is survived by his wife, and T. E. West, survived by his wife and seven children.