

FIRE RESULTS IN DEATHS OF THREE MINERS

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DIAMOND MINE PUTTING IN
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FUMES WHEN OVERCOME

ORIGIN AND EXTENT OF FIRE,
WHICH IS IN BADGER-STATE
MINE, UNKNOWN BUT MAY BE
SHUT DOWN FOR MONTH

BUTTE, Mont., March 1.—(P)—
Fire which broke out in the Badger-
State copper mine of the Anaconda
Copper Mining Co. this morning cost
the lives of three men, according to
an announcement here tonight. The
workers in the Elm Orlu, a nearby
copper mine, were called off because
of gas.

The dead are:

James White, shift boss, married.

Edward Barnes, married.

William Hasty, married.

These men were working in the
Diamond mine, adjoining the Badger-
State, putting in brattices on the 3,000
foot level to shut out the fumes from
the Diamond when they were over-
come by smoke and gas.

The fire broke out at about 7:30
this morning, between shifts, and its
origin is unknown, or its extent, ac-
cording to mine officials. Large crews
are at work fighting the fire.

While no official would venture an
opinion tonight as to the extent of
the fire, one stated his belief that the
Badger-State mine would be shut
down at least a month. Four hundred
men are employed at the property.

Crews of miners called from the
Diamond mine finished bratticing the
connection with the Badger-State mine
and stopped all gas from entering the
Diamond workings.

It was unofficially said that the fire
in the Badger-State started after the

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