

TRIO ENGAGED REPAIRING SHAFT AT LOUISE MINE

CABLE CAR SENT DOWN RECOVERERS MANGLED BODIES AT CUYUNA RANGE MINE

CAUSE OF ACCIDENT BLAMED BY INSPECTOR ON FAULTY CABLE

Plunged 200 feet to the bottom of a mine shaft they were repairing, three men today were killed instantly in the Louise mine of the Manganiferous Ore Co., near Ironton.

They were Frank Mesner, Oscar Backstrom and Henry Fageroos, all of Crosby.

The men were on a skip making repairs to the sides of the shaft when the cable to which the skip was attached suddenly parted and the men dropped to their deaths.

The shaft was not damaged by the accident and a cable car was sent down immediately and recovered the bodies.

Mesner and Fageroos are each survived by wives and families of three children. Backstrom leaves a widow.

Reginald Nowell, county mining inspector, conducted an investigation immediately after the accident which occurred at 8 A. M. He said that he would report to the Minnesota Industrial Commission that the accident was caused by a cable in bad condition. He said that another investigation may be conducted.

The last fatality occurred at the Cuyuna Range mines last June when the body of John O. Jonavich was found lying underground in a drift at Armour No. 1. The cause of death in his case was reported unknown since there were no marks of accident or violence on his body.

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