NINE MEN DEAD IN POWDER BLOWUP

When Four Tons Let Go in Quarry.

Avalon, Catalina Island, Cal.—(INS)
—Debris of an explosion which
burned four tons of black powder,
took the lives of nine men and
probably fatally injured two others
in the rock quarry of the RohlConnolly rock quarry, was scattered
over a mile-wide area Tuesday.

The blast was so terrific the clothes were blown from the bodies of the men.

In a preliminary investigation Constable Lucas Moricich said he found that one of the men had absentmindedly used a pickax with which to open one of the cans of powder and a spark had resulted, causing the tragedy.

1934 Rohl-Connolly Quarry explosion NEWS4

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