

## ACCIDENT IN A MINE.

SEVENTEEN WORKMEN WERE KILLED.

**The Rope Broke and a Cage Full of Miners Was Precipitated to the Bottom of the Pit—Men Mangled Almost Beyond Recognition.**

BUTTE CITY, Mont., Nov. 4.—The worst mining accident of the year took place at the Anaconda mine this morning, when 17 miners were killed. The time to shift the gangs of men had come, and a cage full of miners returning from work came out into the air. Their places were taken by 19 men who were to take up the work, and the cage was started to the depths below. The rope unwound but a couple of times from the slowly revolving windlax, when a sudden snap and a cry of horror arose from the shaft in which the cage but a moment before had disappeared. The rope had broken and the cage with its 19 inmates was precipitated to the bottom of the mine. It was sometime before any assistance could be sent them.

The shaft down which they had plunged to death was rendered useless, and other ways of getting at the place where they had fallen were roundabout. Fortunately there was some help for the dead and dying men in the mine itself. A number of miners who were through work and waiting to be called were at the bottom of the shaft waiting for the cage to take them out. Amidst them, narrowly missing some, the cage dashed. It broke and before their eyes were the mangled bodies of the companions whom they were awaiting. There was little, however, that could be done. Of the 19 men who made the fearful ride 17 were dead; their bodies crushed out of all semblance to those of human beings. The Anaconda mine is the largest in this territory. It employs 400 men and was reopened October 23 after a long suspension.

## Anaconda cage accident Nov 4 1891

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