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**SEVEN OF FIFTY-TWO
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FROM MINE**

**WORST DISASTER IN
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**Large Section of Mine Drops
Six Hundred Feet and
Traps Men**

By the Associated Press.
ISHPEMING, Mich., Nov. 4.—
Hope that any of the forty-five men
unaccounted for in the cave-in of
the Barnes-Hecker mine yesterday
were still alive has been abandoned.
Seven bodies were recovered last
night to bring the total of victims
of the disaster to fifty-two. All ef-
forts are now being directed toward
the recovery of the bodies.

By United Press.
Remove Seven Bodies
ISHPEMING, Mich., Nov. 4.—
Seven bodies have been removed
from the Barnes-Hecker iron mine
in which 53 miners are believed to
have lost their lives in the worst
disaster in the history of Michigan
iron industries. The men were
drowned in mud and quitband
when the bottom fell out of the
mine they were working in.

Drop 600 Feet
ISHPEMING, Mich., Nov. 4.—
Between 40 and 60 miners are be-
lieved to have lost their lives in a
cave-in at the Barnes-Hecker iron
mine at North Lake, eight miles
west of here, today. A section
of the mine surface 300 feet long
and 200 feet wide fell to the first
level of the shaft, a drop of 600
feet, and is believed to have trap-
ped the entire shift working in that
section of the mine at the time.

The section which caved in con-
sisted of swamp ground and fell
with a sucking thud which was
heard for miles. The mud and
water soon flooded the entire level,
cutting off any chance for the men
to escape, it is believed.

The rescue party was forced to
turn back owing to the speed with
which the tunnel filled with mud
and water.

Officials of the mining company
said there was one possible outlet
for the men. The outlet leads to a
"snag" shaft from the third level
of the Barnes-Hecker mine. If the
men could have reached this outlet
and blocked a level in the adjoining
shaft there was a bare possibility
of their escape. This hope was
admitted to be exceedingly slight,
however, and was practically aban-
doned early tonight as the shaft
also began filling with water which
had worked itself through the out-
let.

The Barnes-Hecker mine is oper-
ated by the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron
Mining Company and is known as
a "wet" mine. The iron ore re-
moved from it is referred to as
"snag" ore because of the mixture
of water and seepage.

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