

Man and Boy Killed in Mine Explosion, One Other Trapped

RIFLE, Colo., Jan. 23 (AP).—A man and a 6-year-old boy are known to have been killed and another man is entombed as the result of an explosion in the Harvey Gap mine, six miles northeast of here, early today. Another man is perhaps fatally injured.

The mine is a small coal working. The dead boy is William Cook, son of Frank Cook, the miner who was injured. An Bracken, the leaseholder and operator of the mine, is the other dead person. Earnest Otten, a miner, is trapped in the workings.

The explosion, of undetermined cause, occurred as Bracken was pushing a loaded coal car toward the mine entrance. He was about 100 feet back from the entrance at the time and the blast hurled pieces of the car several hundred feet out-

side the opening. Bracken's body was badly mangled.

The Cook boy was in the mine office, 300 feet from the mouth of the shaft, and was killed when fragments of the coal car were hurled through the walls of the building.

The elder Cook was 400 feet back in the mine and was knocked down by the explosion. He suffered a broken nose, other broken bones and internal injuries.

Otten's position in the mine is believed to be still farther back, but it is not believed that the shaft is blocked between him and rescuers.

Fifty men from Silt, Colo., and other surrounding towns, are en route to rescue Otten.

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