

HEADLESS GHOST HAUNTS MINE

**Fearsome Specter of Sandy
McGovern Revisits the
Scene of His Death.**

A headless ghost has been the cause of a great deal of trouble for the Pleasant Valley Coal company in its Winter Quarter mine in Utah. The miners, most of whom are Slavs and Hungarians, are so frightened by its presence and by certain supernatural noises and manifestations that several times they have been on the point of stopping work.

Last May there was a big explosion in the Winter Quarter mine, and 200 men lost their lives, many more being severely injured, some of them maimed for life. Among the killed was a Scotch miner, Sandy McGovern by name, and when his body was found the head was missing, having been blown off in the explosion.

When the mine was opened again after the explosion, there ensued a period when great masses fell from the roof, masses which had been loosened by the shaking up the mine had had in the explosion. For weeks there was scarcely a day when some miner was not injured by the falling debris and rock. This tended to shake the nerves of the miners, but they stood it, and after a time the loosened mass ceased to fall.

But a more nerve racking thing followed. The mine became haunted. Strange and weird noises were heard, the calling and groaning of the spirits of the dead miners who had perished in the great explosion made the place hideous, and to work in the bowels of the earth with ghostly voices and agonized



GHOST OF HEADLESS MINER.

groans from departed fellow workmen sounding around one is, as any one will admit, something to try the stoutest hearts.

But all these things might have been endured had not the ghost of the headless miner appeared. It has frequently been seen by the miners in the various drifts. It walks about the mine at all seasons, and no one knows when he will meet him or glance over his shoulder to see the headless one standing close behind him.

The mine is dug in the side of a hill and from its depths mules and horses draw the loaded cars to the mine's mouth, opening on the sunlit slopes. Sometimes the driver of a car will see the ghost beside him, and it rides until the light of day begins to show from the mouth of the mine.