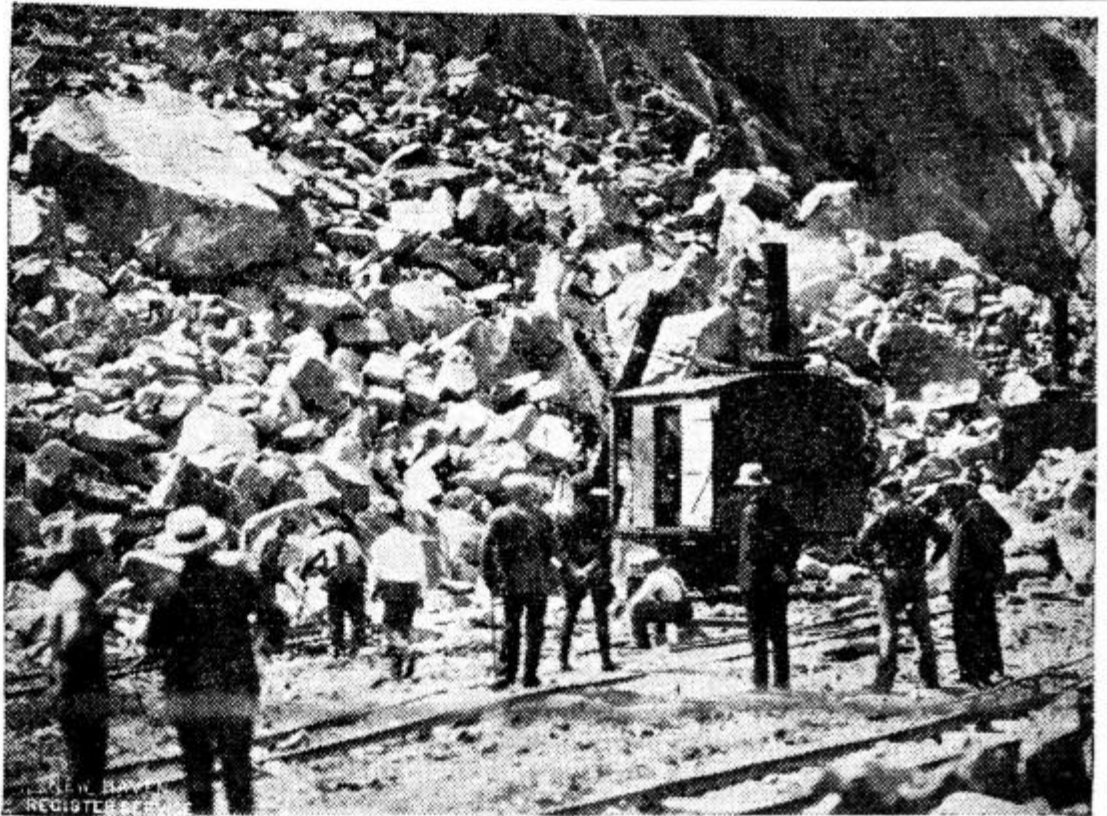


Two Perish in Quarry Accident

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Tons of rock slid from a cliff at the foot of Sleeping Giant, killing two men. The above picture shows a steam shovel hard at work removing the huge fragments of the cliff in an effort to find the body of one of the victims. A steam shovel, at extreme right, was half buried in the shifting rock. The operator jumped to safety.

Mt. Carmel Slide Kills 2 Workmen

Stone and Sand Avalanche at Sleeping Giant Quarry
Buries Pair—One Body Still Unrecovered—Victims
Confused When Warning Is Shouted and
Run Into Path of Falling Rock

The wrath of the Sleeping Giant, seemingly aroused by the gnawing of mere men at its vitals, yesterday afternoon let loose thousands of tons of rock and entombed alive two workers of the C. W. Blakeslee and Sons Quarries unable to escape the avalanche when the guards shouted a warning.

The body of Cesidio Riccuito, 30, of Middletown, has been recovered. The body of Domenick Rumella, 35, of School Street, Centerville, still lies crushed of its life beneath a cone of fallen rock 25 feet in depth.

Six and a half tons of dynamite set off a month ago blow a big slice from the base of the quarry, leaving an overhang that has threatened to tear loose since its creation. Warned by Medical Examiner George H. Joslin of Hamden, quarry officials ordered the overhang pried off. A large portion of this was removed but during the recent week of rains it is believed water seeping through the crevice further loosened the overhang.

Yesterday, while Superintendent Robert S. Rose and a guard watched for indications of danger, the big slice of the Giant's side began to move. A warning shout enabled other workmen working 250 feet below the crest to run to safety. Joseph Tossito, 25, of North Haven, steam shovel operator, working underneath the stone face jumped from his cab and rushed to safety in a shower of stone as the mass of rock buried the shovel from sight.

It is believed Rumella and Riccuito became confused. Riccuito started to run, too late, and was buried alive before he could clear the outer edge of the avalanche. Rumella is said to have dashed almost straight into its path.

So unnerved were the workmen who escaped, Superintendent Rose had to send for other men to attempt rescue of their fellow employes. With a reserve steam shovel a force of men began to dig into the pile. Riccuito's

body was found near the surface. This afternoon no trace of Rumella's body had been discovered, though diggers believed they were nearing his rock tomb.

Residents living in the vicinity of the accident stated last night that ever since the tremendous blast which was set off about a month ago the heavy mass of overhanging rock which fell yesterday was noticeable from the highway and the danger which it carried was remarked upon many times.

It is thought by these residents that the excessive heavy blasting which has been taking place at the quarries recently, also may have helped to loosen the mass which fell yesterday. So heavy has the blasting been, that it was said last night that just a short time ago, a heavy rock fell through the roof of the home of Eldridge Ives, and that another heavy stone recently fell in a yard where a number of children were playing. According to reports from the Mt. Carmel section near the quarries, houses are being shaken so badly, that there is talk of a movement among Mt. Carmel property owners to see if something cannot be done to eliminate the heavy blasting.