

Necessary Precautions

The Utah mine disaster is the worst of its kind for many years. The death list is simply appalling... Like similar disasters of this state it may be assumed that lack of proper precautions is at the bottom of it, and probably insufficient safeguards... There remains for all the lesson that mining laws should go beyond the perfunctory examinations of workings to secure the safety of human life. The requirements regarding ventilation and safety appliances should be of the strictest. In addition, the qualifications of miners should be fixed by law. Irresponsible persons ought not to be permitted to jeopardize the lives of their fellows.

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