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Explosion Near Milford.

A Portable Sawmill Boiler Lets Go With Terrible Results— Two Killed.

The boiler of a portable sawmill exploded, with death-dealing effect yesterday morning at Eleanor, four miles east of Milford. Two men were almost blown to atoms, another fatally, and two seriously injured, and the entire plant totally demolished. Just exactly what caused the boiler to let go is a mystery.

The owner of the mill is Fred Groves, of Miamiville. He had removed it to the farm of W. R. Fitzwater, on the Woodville pike, to saw barn timber for the latter. The mill had been in operation for about a month, and yesterday morning work was started as usual. There were about the building at the time W. R. Fitzwater, who was acting as engineer, his two sons Aquilla and Hiram, Ernest Martin, fireman, and Fred Groves.

The mill had been running but a short time yesterday morning when the boiler burst, blowing the fireman and engineer almost to bits, scattering the various members of the body and the flesh thereof over a distance of 1,000 feet. W. R. Fitzwater's head, from the nose up, is still missing. Fred Groves was fatally injured by the smoke stack falling on him. Hiram and Aquilla Fitzwater were seriously injured by flying pieces of the boiler, but it is thought that they will recover.

The place where the accident occurred presented a gruesome sight, as pieces of flesh were found hanging on trees and shrubs, and blood was spattered all over the ground in the immediate vicinity. Dr. Gatch, of Milford, hastily responded to the summons for assistance, as did also Coroner W. E. Applegate, of Branch Hill. A pocketbook containing \$21 40 was found about 200 yards away from the mill imbedded in a fence rail.