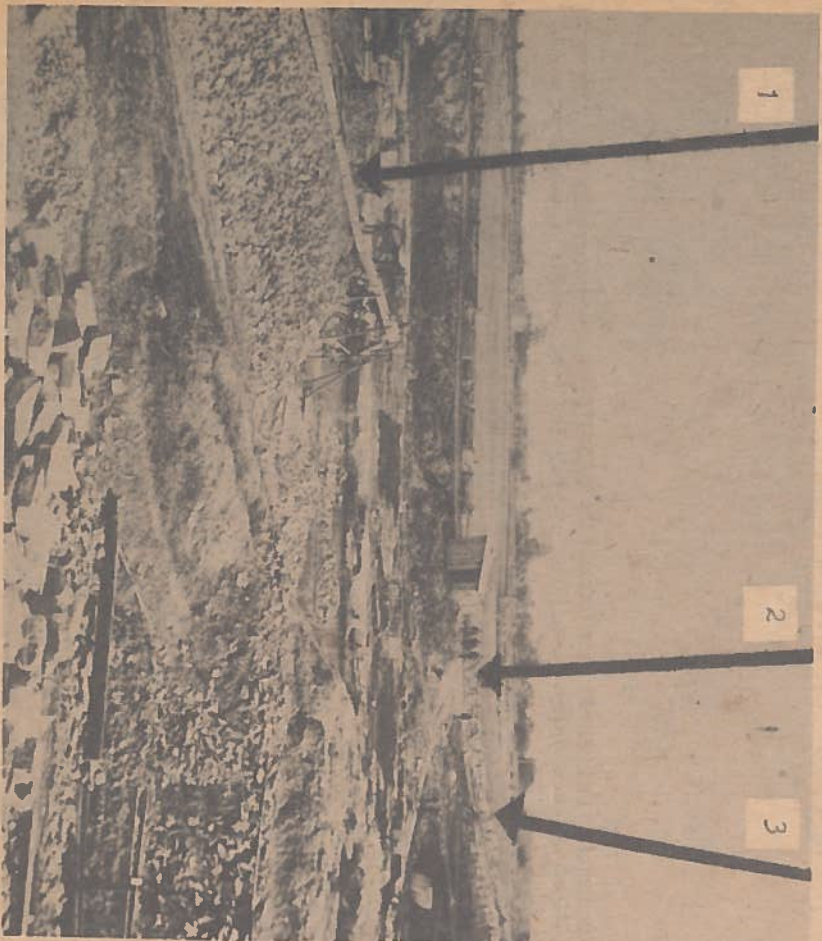

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AN EXPLOSION

These two pictures were taken in 1895, but its your guess as to which one of the many quarries they were taken at. It may have been the DeGraff Quarry where the stone for the Pullman Memorial Church was quarried, or it could have been one of the quarries at Hulberton where the stone for St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo was quarried, or it might have been the Eagle Harbor quarry where the grey Medina sandstone was quarried for the Mt. Albion Lilly and Spring House or by chance it's the quarry that produced the stone to create the "million dollar star case" at the Capitol in Albany, or it may have been any one of the close to 40 operative quarries at the time which was producing the stone used for the rows and rows of houses in New York City known as "Brown Stones". At any rate, these two photographs depict an explosion which occurred in 1895.

From the first picture the following information is written:

1. "Place where the boiler stood before the explosion!"
2. "Place where it landed 500 feet distant or more."
3. "Where steam chest, part of iron frame landed."

On the other picture it is written: "The boiler where it landed in the field 500 feet or more from where explosion occurred."

With accidents involving steam equipment such as this, it is needless to say that quarries were not the safest places in which to work.