

Black Damp Kills Boy Exploring Abandoned Mine

DES MOINES, June 16, (AP)—Julian Troskis, 16, of Valley Junction was killed and Joe Muniz, 13, was overcome when they fell victims of black damp in the abandoned coal mine near this city today.

The boys with two companions were returning home from playing when they entered the mine.

One of their companions, Charles Doolittle, 11, warned the boys not to go into the shaft. The fourth youth, Manuel Muniz 14, attempted to go in after his brother, and was almost overcome when Doolittle grabbed him by the hand and pulled him out.

The boys then received aid from nearby residents, and the two victims were taken out.

The Muniz boy who was overcome is said to have a chance for recovery.

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