

# 4 Brothers Die Seeking to Open Abandoned Mine

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**Killed One by One by Gas  
Fumes on Descending  
Coal Shaft**  
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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Sept. 1—(AP)—The deaths of four brothers in a gas-filled coal mine near Fulton, Missouri's second mining disaster in two weeks, brought a move tonight to prohibit the re-opening without state inspection of abandoned collieries.

Arnold Griffith, state mining inspector, who directed recovery of the bodies of three of the brothers, said he would recommend the enactment of more stringent regulations by the next session of the state legislature.

Louis Metz, 32 years old, the owner, and his father-in-law, T. J. Wolfe, 53, went down into the mine last night with a gasoline engine to pump out water so operations could be resumed. The mine has no air shaft and both were prostrated almost instantly  
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by carbon monoxide gas from the engine.

Metz' three brothers, Freddie, 21, Ernest, 24, and Harry, 19, descended the 30-foot shaft, one by one, in a rescue attempt. Each was at the bottom of the ladder only a few minutes before he was overcome by the fumes to fall into seven feet of water on the mine floor.

Wolfe, in critical condition, was rescued by a miner, Jesse Pierson. Metz was dead when he was brought to the surface. Efforts to recover the bodies of the three brothers were delayed until today when Columbia, Mo., firemen, equipped with oxygen masks, went down into the mine.

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