

Republic Miners Die In Mine Shaft

Loose rock which poured down an open shaft at a Republic Steel Corp. mine at Mineville yesterday killed three men.

The reason for the accident was not determined, a company spokesman told the Associated Press.

Raymond Lavaraway, 30, of Mineville; Richard Hannett, 26, of New Russia, and Frank Petrowicz, 37, of Whitebee were killed.

The rock fell from the mine's 200-foot level. The three dead men were standing on a platform at the 1,035 foot level when they were struck, a spokesman at the mine said.

The accident took place in the corporation's Harmony iron mine, located in Essex County near Port Henry.

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Three Miners Killed In Mineville Accident

Three men lost their lives last Thursday when loose rock plunged nearly 800 feet down a shaft at a Republic Steel Corp. iron mine at Mineville.

Raymond Lavarney, 30, of Mineville, was killed. Richard Hannett, 26, of New Russia, and Frank Petrowicz, 37, of Witherbee, were injured fatally. Three other men suffered minor injuries.

A spokesman at the mine said Lavarney and Hannett were standing on a platform at the 1,035-foot level when they were struck by rock falling from the 200-foot level.

Petrowicz was riding up on an elevator the men were waiting for, and jumped off when he heard the rock fall. Mineville Hospital reported he suffered broken legs, a fractured pelvis and possible internal injuries.

The mine elevators, or cages, normally carry about 48 men. It is not known how many were in it at the time.

The accident occurred in the Don B shaft of the corporation's Harmony mine near this Essex county community.

The company spokesman said the cause of the falling rock had not been determined.