

DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 1.—Five men fell thirty feet down a coal shaft at Newton yesterday afternoon and some of them cannot recover. The men were being elevated to the surface of French Brothers' mine at the close of work. The cable broke just as they reached the top, and they dropped to the bottom of the shaft with lightning rapidity. The men were found piled in a heap at the bottom, all unconscious. But one, Andrew Fleming, has regained consciousness. Hugo Smith cannot recover, and the fate of the others, John Snook, Eugene Welsh and John Walsh, is uncertain. Each of the men has a family.

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