

# A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT

## Fourteen Men Had Powder Can Exploded In Their Hands at Stone City.

A remarkable and unusual accident happened in the Fidelity mine at Stone City at 8 a. m. Thursday morning, killing four men and two others are not expected to live and eight others are more or less injured.

The mine is operated by electricity and instead of mules to draw the cars through the mine tunnels an electric trolley does this work. Fourteen men had gone down at 8 o'clock and they had filled the train of little cars which were to carry them through the tunnels to the "rooms" in which they worked. Each man carried his can of powder containing 12 pounds of the explosive. The cars started and carried them a short distance when for some reason the power stopped. The power is transmitted from a wire overhead. In attempting to adjust the trolley the current was in some manner brought in contact with the cars and seven of the powder cans carried by the men were exploded, creating a terrible havoc in the narrow confines of the mine. Four men were killed outright and two are not expected to live. One of the survivors says that in some inexplicable manner the force of the explosion blew him over the tops of the cars toward the shaft, where he regained consciousness practically unhurt.

The accident will sadden the holidays for that community, as all the men are highly spoken of. We were unable to get their names owing to poor telephone service.

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