

COAL MINE IS WRECKED

FOUR SHOT FIRERS IMPRISON- ED AT BENTON—LEITER'S ZEIGLER MINE AFIRE

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Benton, Ill., Nov. 6.—The mine of the W. P. Rend Coal company, four miles northwest of Benton, was blown up, presumably by gas, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Four shot firers are below, and the main shaft is blocked with debris. An attempt is being made to reach them through the air shaft, but at a late hour the search had been unsuccessful. There is little hope of finding any of the unfortunate men alive.

The names of the missing are: Geo. Reed, married; John Holmes, married; Pat Dally, single, and Perry Stevens, single. The men all live in Rend City, Ill.

LEITER'S MINE ON FIRE.

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Zeigler, Ill., Nov. 6.—Joseph Leiter's mine is on fire and so far efforts to check the blaze have been futile. All the men escaped, but were compelled to abandon the mules to their fate. This is the most complete mining property in the state, and its destruction would mean a loss of more than a million dollars. It has for two years been operated by nonunion labor, being the only one in the district so run.