

CARLOAD OF HUMAN FREIGHT RUNS AWAY

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BLUEFIELD, W. Va., Dec. 31.—In a peculiar accident today at the Lick Fork colliery of the Red Jacket Coal company near Thacker, W. Va., seven men were killed outright and three were badly injured. The men were all in an empty car ascending the slope from the bottom of the mine to the surface, counter balanced by four cars which were descending at the other end of the cable.

As soon as the four cars left the top they got beyond control and drew the single car containing the men up the slope at a frightful rate of speed. As the car approached the top, one of the men, realizing what was about to happen, jumped out and escaped with slight injuries.

The car with its load of human freight was dashed against the headhouse with such force that the bodies of seven of the men were terribly crushed.