

MINERS KILLED

Accident at a West Virginia Colliery Claims Eight Victims.

Williamson, W. Va., Jan. 2.—The torn and mangled bodies of eight men told the story of a terrible mistake made by men in charge of the head house at the incline of the Lick Fork operation of the Red Jacket Consolidated Coal company near Thacker. For some reason not yet explained four loaded mine cars were allowed to dash over the incline, carrying death and destruction in their wake.

The dead are: P. W. Tramel, mine foreman; Charles Skeens, mine foreman; six foreigners, most of them being known to the foremen by check numbers. Without warning the loaded cars, which were being let out of the mine, dashed over the incline and crashed into the carrying car, completely demolishing it and landing the tippie at the foot of the hill. Although the tippie men saw the terrible fate of the men who were on the car, they did not have time to save themselves and two of them were crushed to death and two so badly injured that little hope of their recovery is entertained.