

EIGHT MEN KILLED.

**Terrible Accident at Red Jacket,
W. Va., Mines.**

Williamson, W. Va., Dec. 31. —
The torn and mangled bodies of eight men told the story of a terrible mistake made this morning 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, Hungarians and Slavs, whose names could not be learned, most of them being known to the foremen by check numbers. The catastrophe happened at seven o'clock this morning and a number of the men killed were riding on the incline car on their way to enter the mines.

Without warning the loaded cars which were being let out of the mines dashed over the incline crashed into the carrying car, completely demolishing it and landing in the tipple at the foot of the hill. Although the tipple 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 hopes of their recovery are entertained.

A Hungarian miner who was riding on the outside of the incline car jumped, and, while he was covered up in the wreckage, he practically escaped injury. The man is now a raving maniac and had to be bound.

The eight men will be buried at Lick Fork tomorrow and at the request of mine officials the County Coroner has gone to make an investigation.