COAL FATAL

REPORT OF A HOISTING ACCIDENT AT LICK FORK MINE THACKER, WEST VIRGINIA DECEMBER 31, 1910 - 10 KILLED

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These men were all in an empty car ascending the slope from the bottom and were drawn to the surface counter balanced by four cars going down. The operator lost control of the trip. On reaching the surface, one man realized what was happening, leaped from the car and escaped with minor injury. The other 10 men stayed in the car and the men and the car was dashed against the drum and headhouse, instantly killing the men.

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