

## TWO MINERS KILLED IN 100-FOOT FALL DOWN MINE SHAFT

**Fatal Accident Occurs at Cortez  
Mine at Picher When Can  
Bumps Side; Two  
Injured.**

Picher, Okla., March 10.—Two miners were killed and two were injured Thursday afternoon when a can bumped while descending the shaft at the Cortez mine in northeast Picher.

Charles Ross, 37, and Frank Smalley, 36, both machine men, were hurled from the can and fell a distance of about 100 feet to the bottom of the shaft, being instantly killed.

Jake Blenzor, a machine man, was rescued from death by Roy Harris, track man, who was the only one of the four men to remain in the can. Harris caught Blenzor's foot and prevented him from falling to the bottom. Blenzor suffered serious injuries to his head, but is expected to recover. Harris was slightly injured. They were taken to the Picher hospital.

Smalley leaves a wife, who lives in Carterville, Mo.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Smalley of Duenweg, Mo.; a brother, and two sisters. His body was taken to Webb City, Mo., to await funeral arrangements.

The body of Charles Ross awaits funeral arrangements at the morgue. He is survived by two children, Etta Ross, 15, and Marvin Ross, 12, who reside in North Picher.

The accident was one of the worst that has occurred in the mining district for several months.

## 1922 Two injured in fall down mine shaft

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