

GAS IN COAL MINE KILLS 4 BROTHERS

**Father-in-law of One Is
in Critical Condition
Following Rescue**

ONE BODY BROUGHT UP

**Carbon Monoxide Fumes of
Gasoline Engine Are
Blamed in Tragedy**

FULTON, MO., Aug. 31.
—(AP)—Four men were
killed in the Metz coal mine
near here late today when
they were overcome by gas.
A fifth man was in a critical
condition tonight.

The dead were Louis Metz, 32,
owner of the mine, and his three
brothers, Freddie, 21, Ernest, 23, and
Harry Metz, 19.

T. J. Wolfe, 53, father-in-law of
Louis Metz, was in a critical condition.

Engine Blamed

Carbon monoxide gas from fumes
of a gasoline engine in the mine
shaft was believed to have caused
the deaths.

Louis Metz and Wolfe had taken
a gasoline engine to the mine just
before sundown to pump water from
the floor of the mine so they could
work tomorrow. They went down
the narrow 30-foot shaft in a hand-
operated cage.

Maynard Chirnside, who had fol-
lowed the men to the mine to talk
business, found them and sum-
moned aid.

The mine is 3½ miles northwest
of here.

The three brothers, one by one,
descended the shallow shaft, each
failing to return.

Rescues One

Wolfe and Louis Metz were
brought to the surface when Roy
Anthony, a war veteran, using a gas
mask, was lowered. Anthony suc-
ceeded in placing the two on the
cage and having them pulled up be-
fore he was partially overcome him-
self and had to be brought up. Metz
was dead.

Bodies of the three brothers were
not recovered.

A fire truck was called to pump
air down the shaft so rescuers might
safely go to the floor of the mine
which has no air shaft.

Louis Metz opened the mine last
summer to supply coal to the local
market.

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