

**FOUR MINERS DIE  
NEAR TERRE HAUTE**

**Overcome By Carbon  
Monoxide Gas On In-  
spection Tour**

Four miners were dead and a fifth was in a Terre Haute hospital Friday night after being overcome by carbon monoxide gas in an abandoned mine six miles southeast of Terre Haute.

William Lark of Terre Haute, member of a rescue squad, said he had seen the bodies of Haskell Brown of Hymers, Raymond Tryon of Terre Haute, Cyril Vermilion of West Terre Haute and Hewitt W. Stout of Terre Haute in an inspection of the shaft shortly after the tragedy, but had been unable to bring them to the surface. Charles Lawson, 68 years old, of Pimento, a fifth member of the party, was in Union hospital but his condition was described as not serious.

The men, all employees of the Mount Pleasant Mining Company, had gone down into the shaft of the abandoned Fleischner mine to inspect it for possible reopening, Thomas Gregory, mine engineer, said, but had been overcome before reaching the bottom of the shaft. Gregory said he had hoisted the mine cage when he heard nothing of the men and had found Lawson lying on it. The others apparently had fallen from the cage.

Lark said he had descended part way down the shaft and had lifted his oxygen mask to shout to other rescuers at the top. He was almost overcome by monoxide gas.

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## FOUR MEN PERISH IN INDIANA MINE

Terre Haute, Ind.—(INS)—Authorities said today that carbon monoxide gas was responsible for the deaths of four miners in an abandoned mine six miles southeast of Terre Haute.

Victims were Raymond Tryon and Hewitt W. Stout, both of Terre Haute; Cyril Vermillion of West Terre Haute and Haskell Brown of Hymera.

Charles Lawson of Hymera, who also was in the mine, was taken to Union Hospital in Terre Haute, but was not in a serious condition.

Thomas Gregory, mine engineer, said the men, all employed by the Mount Pleasant Mining Company, had entered the abandoned mine to determine whether to reopen it.

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