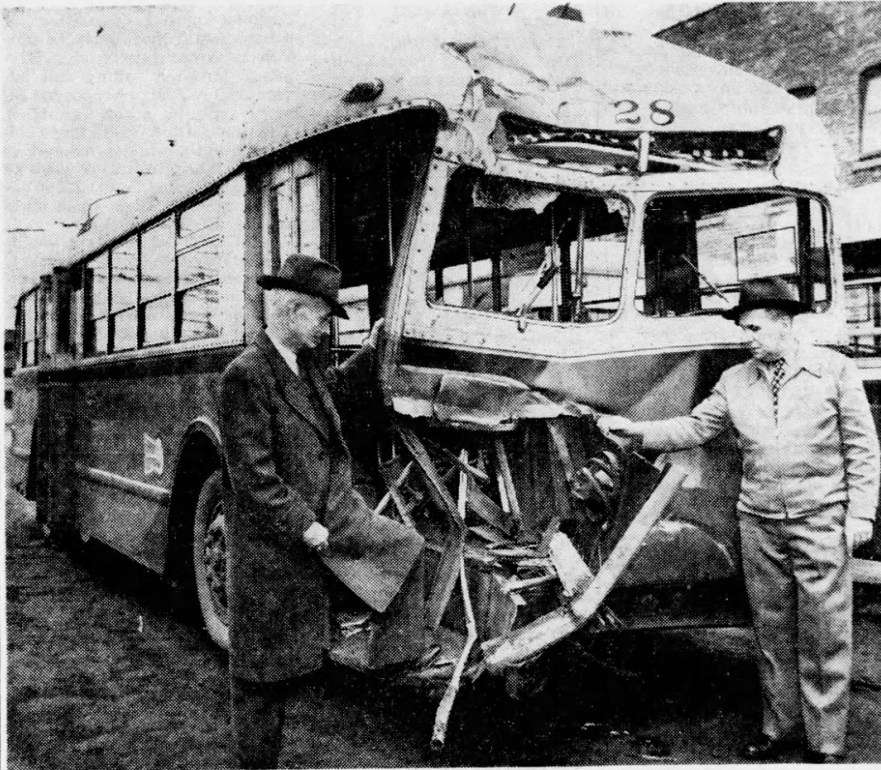


Five Dead Found After Mine Blast

DAMAGED TRANSIT BUS INSPECTED



Rescue Units Probe Shaft For 3 More

TERRE HAUTE—(AP)—Five bodies were found last night in an explosion-racked shaft of the Spring Hill mine, and rescue squads expected to find the three other trapped miners momentarily.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—(AP)—Eight coal miners were believed trapped by an explosion in the Spring Hill mine late yesterday, and three others who escaped joined rescue squads last night in penetrating 400 feet into the blast-torn lateral shaft.

Harry Kerns, owner of the small truck mine four miles south of here, said three men who escaped unhurt from the bottom of the mine reported the explosion occurred during blasting for a new air shaft at a depth of 80 feet.

He said the trapped men were about 1,000 to 2,000 feet away from the shaft.

Evan Evans, superintendent of the state mine rescue station in West Terre Haute, said rescue work three hours after the blast, was being hampered by smoke as a fire apparently continued in the shaft.

Evans said other delays have occurred because of lack of sufficient brattices and curtains for protection of the rescue route.

Hundreds of miners from nearby shafts and wives of the trapped men crowded around the tippie last night.

Kerns said the three who escaped from the 2,000-foot depth of the mine immediately after the blast, said they heard a blast and saw smoke rolling down the shaft.

Kerns said his mine regularly employs about 25 workers.

Lt. Cmdr. C. E. Poe, Indiana administrator for the coal mines administration, said the mine was not being operated for production. He said a special agree-

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—(News-Tribune staff photo.)

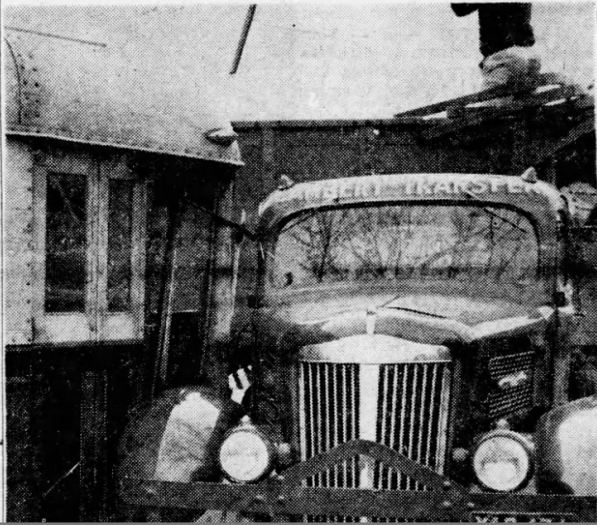
8 Duluthians Hurt as Bus, Truck Collide

At least eight Duluthians, including four women and two children, were injured in a collision between a Duluth-Superior Transit Co. trolley bus on which they were passengers and a semi-trailer truck at Forty-seventh avenue west and Grand avenue at 1:50 p. m. yesterday.

Treated at the West Duluth clinic were:

Mrs. Raymond Peterson, 35, of 731 North Twenty-fourth avenue west, fractured ribs.

Leslie Allen Peterson, 7



Eight Miners Feared Trapped In Explosion

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ment between the federal inspector and district II, United Mine Workers, permitted work by a "limited number" of men to drive the air shaft and for "general cleanup work" in anticipation of a mine inspection.

Poe said the special work necessitated removal of coal on alternate days.

One of the men who escaped said six blasts were to have been fired in the shaft work just before the workers left for the day. He said a second blast knocked him and his two companions off their feet in the bottom of the main shift.