

No Hope Held for 4 Trapped by Cave-In at Christmas Mine

ST. MEINRAD, Ind., Dec. 16 (AP) —Rescue workers, hampered by continuing falls, dug through debris in the Christmas coal mine today, seeking four men trapped when a portion of the roof fell on them.

John Harpenau, who with two brothers, Jacob and Sylvester, operated the mine on lease, said there seemed "no possibility" the trapped men would be found alive. It may be tomorrow before they are reached, he said.

The brother, Jacob, 40, was one of the four trapped. The others are William Huff, Thomas McAllister and Robert Kellems.

The Christmas mine is six miles west of the town of Santa Claus, Ind., whose postoffice is busy with its Yuletide rush.