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"Train" Derails

Triadelphia Mine Accident Kills 4

TRIADDELPHIA, W. Va. (UPI)—State and federal mine officials were expected here today to investigate an underground derailment that killed four men Friday in the Valley Camp Coal Co. No. 3 Mine.

The mine, located just off U. S. 40, was closed pending the investigation. The mine employs about 200 men.

Killed in the Friday afternoon mishap were Edward Schultz, George Thompson, Howard Sims and Paul Orth, all of the Triadelphia-Wheeling area.

The "train" that derailed was the man trip bringing the men to the outside at the end of the day shift. The accident occurred about 3:45 p.m.

Rules Violated

Three of the victims were among seven miners lying on a flatcar for the ride to the mine entrance—in violation of regulations, officials said.

A Valley Camp spokesman said the "train" consisted of a lead motor, followed by the flatcar normally used to haul sup-

plies, an enclosed man trip car carrying several other miners, and a rear motor. The fourth victim was the motorman on the rear motor.

The spokesman speculated that no one, except perhaps the motorman, would have been killed if all men had been riding the enclosed car, as required by mine regulations.

The probe was scheduled by representatives of the U.S. Bureau of Mines and the State Department of Mines.

4 Others Hurt

Officials said the other four men on the flatcar suffered minor injuries.

The mine had resumed operations Thursday after a one-day shutdown because of a wildcat strike.

Brooke Couple Hurt In Weirton Traffic Mishap

Two persons were treated at Weirton General Hospital for in-