

Coal Mine Accident In Kentucky Kills 4

HARLAN, Ky. (UPI) — An accident at a coal mine near here Friday afternoon has claimed the lives of four men and injured three others, state police here reported.

The men, all miners, were killed as they rode from the mine on a trolley car when several huge rock fell from the ceiling on them.

Those killed were identified as Columbus Mamasco, Stanley Fee Jr., Denver Fee, Stanley Fee's uncle; and Tom Dean. They were all from the Yancy Community of Harlan County.

Injured were Elbert Cox, Kenneth Dean and Eddy Fee, also of the Yancy community. Although all three were hospitalized none were reported seriously hurt.

The men were employed at the Harlan Fuel Company mine about seven miles south of here on Kentucky Highway 72. The cave-in, according to a company official, occurred about 2:30 p.m. EST.

Joe Sims, spokesman for the company, said cause of the rock fall had not been determined, but that an investigation would be made. He said it was only a short time before the miners were rescued after the fall.

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