Bodies Are Recovered After Mine Blast

SALYERSVILLE, Ky.—AP—Rescue crews who worked 28 hours without relief have recovered the last of four bodies from a coal mine hit by a flash fire.

The bodies of two miners who apparently tried to run through the flames were reached Saturday, a few hours after the fire broke out in the No. 3 Elkhorn Mine of the Pond Creek Pocahontas Coal Company.

Those recovered yesterday were believed to have decided their best chance of survival was to wait behind the wall of flames.

They were asphyxiated.

Two of the victims were brothers, Burgess and Monticello Nease. The other two were identified as Edgar Horn and Roland

Grisby.

The men were members of a repair crew moving equipment from a worked out section of the mine. A short circuit on a trolley wire was believed to have ignited the roof of the mine.

The mine is located about 80 miles south of Huntington, WVa.

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