

FOUR ELECTROCUTED BY ARCING OF HIGH TENSION FEED WIRE

CHARLESTON W. Va., Nov. 7.—Four men were electrocuted and three were badly burned in an accident at Robinette, Logan county, according to the report received today by Chief Inspector Earl E. Henry, and which is the first news of the accident to be given out. Those killed were: Harold Hamilton, Isaac Walker, J. M. Bear and Winfield Enochs.

The accident occurred at the mines of the Prockter Coal company, and Chief Henry has asked complete details of the accident. The circumstances of the tragedy as reported today are most peculiar and in the opinion of experts much less extenuating, as it happened outside of the mine and in the day time. Seven men, while making a change at the power plant, changing the connecting lines over and in stretching the necessary connecting wires, and pulling on a connecting feed line. In so pulling it, they jerked it, swinging the wire to such an extent that it went close to the high voltage wire of the Logan County Light and Power company, which carries 44,000 volts. Arcing occurred on this line the men were pulling and they were killed.

According to the report, one of the men was said to have been a deserter from the United States navy and was working at Robinette under an assumed name.