

Four Men Trapped In Christmas Mine

ST. MEINRAD, Ind., Dec. 16 (AP).—Four men were trapped when a portion of the roof fell on them in the Christmas coal mine Thursday, and rescue workers were hampered by further caveins.

John Harpenau, who with two brothers, Jacob and Sylvester, operated the mine of lease, said there seemed "no possibility" the trapped men would be found

alive. It may be Friday 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. All lived in small communities near the mine.

Eight other men working in the slop mine, dug into the side of a hill, fled to safety after the fall Thursday morning. Among them were the Harpenau brothers, John and Sylvester.

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

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