

Trip Cars Crash 800 Feet Into Mine And Many Persons Killed

WORK TRAIN HITS BOTTOM OF 'PIT'

Coupling Breaks When
On Downward Trip
Maiming Miners

ALL AVAILABLE DOCTORS CALLED

Bessemer Ambulances
Hurry To The Scene
Early Thursday

(By Associated Press.)

BIRMINGHAM, July 12.—Five men were killed and 35 injured, seven seriously today when a train of trip cars, carrying the morning shift to work, parted in slope mine No. 1 of the Sloss-Seffield and Steel company near Bessemer, according to reports compiled from hospital lists and morgues, where the dead and injured were removed.

The dead and injured were all negroes.

The men were going into the mine to work and were 1,400 feet from the surface when a coupling broke, turning loose 12-cars which made up the trip and sending them hurling downward, unchecked, for the remaining 800 feet.

The cars struck the heading with a roar that was heard at the surface, splintering timbers and buckresses. One man's neck was broken and another's head was split open. Others were maimed.

Ambulances from Birmingham and Bessemer were called and no time was lost in removing the dead and injured. All available doctors were called out to administer first aid.

When officials reached the scene of the crash they found four men dead and 7 so badly hurt they were expected to die. Many others however, were only slightly hurt and were able to walk home.

No. 1 slope is an ore mine about two miles from Bessemer on Red Mountain.