

John Baldes, aged 25 years, married, occupation, stableman, was killed at the mine of the Wilmington & Springfield Coal Company, Ridgely, Sangamon county, at 6 a. m., January 26, 1895. Edward Pamplin, Wm. Sack and John Baldes got on the cage at the lower landing to go down the shaft. The man in charge of the engine hoisted the cage instead of lowering it; as the cage passed the upper landing Pamplin and Baldes jumped off. Pamplin alighted safely, Baldes fell to the bottom of the shaft a distance of about 270 feet, and was instantly killed. Sack remained on the cage and was unhurt. The engineer had been in the employ of the company about six weeks; he stated that he had worked as an engineer since he was 16 years of age but mostly with stationary engines. Baldes leaves a widow and one child.

Thomas W. Smith, aged 56 years, married, a miner, was injured at the mine of the Clear Lake Co-operative Coal Company, Riverton, Sangamon county, on February 15, 1895, so that he died the following day. The miners working near him missed him at dinner time and found him about 60 feet from the face; his cap was near a standing shot that had been fired shortly before. His tamping tools were found put back so that it was evident that the blast by which he was injured was not fired while he was tamping the hole. He was so injured that he was not able to make any statement of how the accident happened. He left a widow and five children.

Joseph Mickey, aged 40 years, married, miner, was injured at the mine of the Springside Coal Company, Pana, Christian county, at 9:30 a. m., February 18, 1895 and died at 3 p. m. the same day. Mr. Mickey and several other miners were taking off coal from the side of the main entry to make room for a double track. Two days previously they had undermined a piece of coal; on examining it on the day of the accident they found it loose and resting on the sprags. Mr. Mickey was cutting through a piece of top coal that was connected with it when the top coal parted from the roof and fell on him. He left a widow and eight children.

Christopher Josavitt, aged 35 years, single, occupation, machine helper, was injured at the mine of the Taylorville Coal Company, Taylorville, Christian county, March 30, 1895, and died on the following day. He was shoveling from the machine when a piece of the roof fell on him. In one corner of the room where he was working there was a downthrown of two feet; four slips were in the roof near the downthrow. A few minutes before the accident he had sounded the roof and pronounced it safe.

George McKenna, aged 18 years, single, occupation, gripper, was injured at 10:45 a. m., April 17, 1895 at the mine of the Springside Coal Mining Company, Pana, Christian county, and died at 3:30 p. m. the same day. He stopped the trip at the top of a hill on signal from a boy who attended the parting at the mouth of the entry towards which he was coming. He was signaled to come ahead, as he did not come, the fireboss went to see what was the matter with him. He was found lying at the side of the entry, unconscious and remained so until he died. As the grip was disconnected from the cable and his seat was found under the first car of the trip, it is probable that on receiving the signal to stop, he had disconnected the grip and the cars not stopping on the hill as readily as he desired, that he tried to stop them by placing his