

HUSBAND IS BURIED; WIFE SAYS HE LIVES

Workmen Renew Search for
Mike Babsanki and Re-
store Him to Family.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Franklin, Wash., Feb. 24.—When Mike Babsanki, weak from hunger and thirst, after spending eight days in a living grave in caved-in chute No. 11, in the Cannon mine, was rescued last night, an old miner who has seen many disasters and miraculous escapes scratched his head and said:
"A tip straight from heaven, by crickey!"

The "tip from heaven" came to Mrs. Babsanki Saturday. Believing herself a widow, she left her six small children at home and went to Black Diamond to buy mourning clothes. She was entering a store to make the purchase when a strange presentiment halted her in the doorway.

Though doubting the reliability of the "tip," she returned to Franklin and early yesterday morning sought Mine Boss Edwards.

"My husband is not dead," she said. "What makes you think so?" asked the mine boss.

Mrs. Babsanki could not tell, but insisted that if the men would resume digging at the point where the rescue work was abandoned after the finding of Babsanki's companion, Andrew Churneck, crushed, mangled and almost unrecognizable, they would find her husband alive.

The digging was recommenced, and late in the afternoon Babsanki was found.

When Stanley Smith drove the pick into the wall, the point sank deep and then broke through into what seemed a cavity beyond. Smith put his mouth to the tiny aperture and called:

"Mike, are you there?"
And the answer, faint and as from a great distance, came, "Yes."

Five minutes later Babsanki was being borne to the outer air and to the arms of his wife and family.

The prison that held him eight days was 18 inches high, 4 feet wide and 6 feet long.

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COAL MINER RESCUED FROM MINE IN SEATTLE

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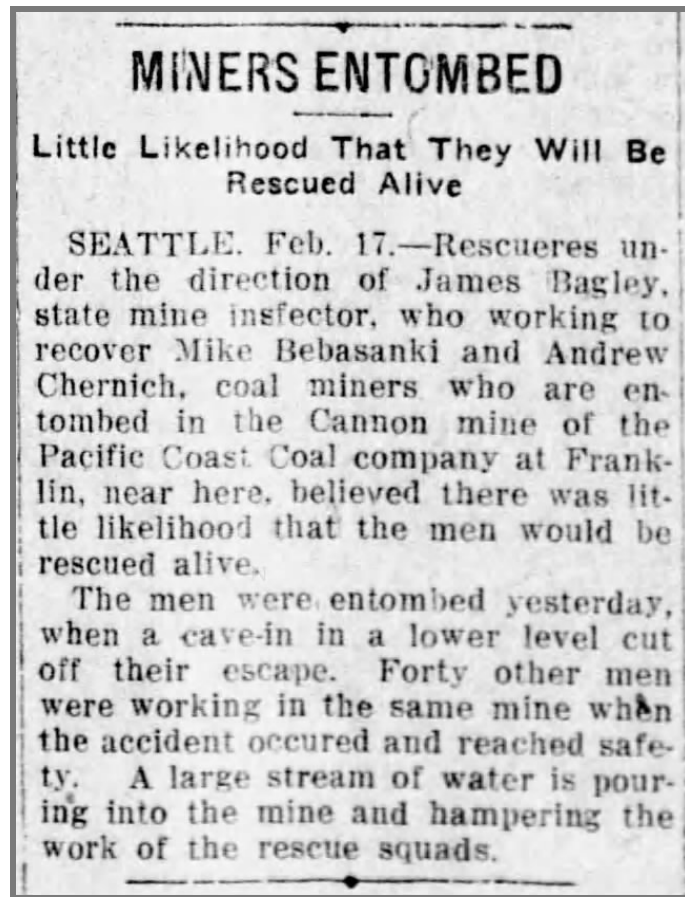
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When Davasconick was carried to the surface his friends, who had gathered about the mouth of the mine in the expectation of seeing his crushed body brought out, were overcome with joy at what they considered a resurrection from the grave.

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