

#### LIVED 5 DAYS BURIED ALIVE

**Tale of Horror Repeated by a Minnesota Miner.**

Ely, Minn., Nov. 15.—Entombed for five days and nights in a black hole ninety feet below the surface in the Sibley mine, Joseph Skusik, gasped out a tale of horror from his hospital cot last night.

For 112 hours Skusik fought hunger, thirst and fear that he was going mad. A few yards away, in the blackness of the mine drift, he heard another miner, imprisoned by the cave-in, shouting to him in despair while the dirt seeped slowly down for hours and hours.

"Then the dirt came with a rush," said Skusik. "I heard him yell once—then it was all quiet and I know he was gone."

The body of the smothered miner, as yet unidentified, was brought to the surface yesterday when Skusik was hoisted to the top of the shaft. It lay a short distance from the spot where rescuers found Skusik. An arch of timbers overhead protected Skusik from the falling earth.

"I dared not sleep," said Skusik. "For fear the dirt would smother me while I dozed. Little handfuls sifted through, I brushed them away with the hand that was free. I counted off the hours until my mind became a blank. If they say they heard me shouting at night, I must have been out of my head."

Efforts to find four other miners entombed in the cave-in were redoubled last night while their wives and little children waited about the hospital where Skusik lay. Mine officials, however, held out little hope for finding the men alive.

## 1914 Joseph Skusik rescued from Sibley mine after 5 days



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