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NINE ENTOMBED MINERS WERE RESCUED ALIVE AFTER SIX DAYS UNDER GROUND

Nine men and boys, who had been entombed in the Foster tunnel of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company since last Monday, were rescued alive at 2:30 yesterday afternoon.

Fully 600 persons lined the ropes, 100 feet from the tunnel's mouth, when at 2:30 o'clock a mine came out and whispered to Sheriff Hart, nearby that the men had been reached and were all alive. The news spread quickly throughout the town, where many had been waiting for news. The crowd stood as though spellbound. The unexpected had occurred and the men had been reached alive after they had been given up as dead.

The rescue was made possible by the two great electric lamps, which had been working steadily for the last 24 hours to empty the roadway of water. Sunday morning the water had been lowered enough for the operation of the rail. Foreman George Langworthy then showed the stuff of which underground heroes are made.

"Climbing down Chute 26 from the monkey to descend the rail and with hardly enough space between it and the ceiling for him to navigate, he worked along in a crouching position until he reached Chute 27. He called up this chute and Elmer Herren, a miner, shouted back to the party.

"We are all alive and in good shape."

Other Rescuers Arrive

About the time Hartley reached the men through the gateway, other men, had climbed down Chute 26 from Chute 24 to 27 above the monkey and the overworked men were able to reach the entombed men about the same time. Five colliery ambulances with a corps of physicians, were immediately dispatched to the scene and the work of removing the men to safety was commenced. They were brought through the overhead roadway down Chute 22 to the mainway.

Here Dr. J. H. Young, the company physician, Dr. R. K. Rutherford, and several other physicians examined the entombed men. They found first nourishment in the shape of a little hot soup.

The men were then placed on stretchers, although a number wanted to walk, and then taken to the tunnel mouth. They were wrapped in blankets, their faces covered with gauze to protect them from the sun, and were lighted and whisked away in pairs to the Coalville Hospital, less than half mile away.

John McAndrew and Joseph Murphy were the first two to reach the surface at 4:15. Then followed Elmer Herren and John House. Herren was in good condition and wanted to walk, and also asked for a cigar, stating that he had not had a smoke for a week, but both requests were refused.

Then in order came Peter Leuninger, Charles Matzick, Benjamin Holschick, the men raised their heads from the stretchers as though to get some fresh air. The rescuers had worked so readily that at 4:20 all of the men were out of the mine and on their way to the hospital. An extraordinary light was presented when, following behind out of the mine came a line of 15 miners all with their lamps lit—a fitting climax to one of the greatest rescue acts ever performed.

Harren Leader of Party

At the hospital the men were given little chance to talk as the physicians were anxious to prevent any further setting in. They were again served hot soup, after which they all went to sleep. It is understood that Herren was the leader of the party on, contrasting his imprisoned comrades all through the trying ordeal. The entombed men spent most of their time in Chute 26, 27, near the monkey. They had plenty of good air, the black damp not coming within a breath of them. During the hours of hard imprisonment the only thing they had to eat was three cakes of condensed soup. This was dealt out to the men in small sections in order to make it last as long as possible. They were

**INTERVIEW WITH
RESCUED MINER**

(By United Press Latent Wire)

TAMMARA, Pa., Oct. 4.

After a night's rest under good conditions in the State Hospital at Coal Bank, the nine men who were rescued from the Foster tunnel of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company at that place after being imprisoned in a gateway behind a thick barrier of coal, rock and earth, have gained considerable strength, and they will soon be able to tell of their terrible experiences. Two of them, Leuninger and one of the youths, who were more ill than the others, and for whose lives fears were entertained, have shown signs of improvement and how it is proving that they too will soon be out of danger.

"We were all at work, we had not intended a lot of happenings, when it happened. The air snatched us unexpectedly for a second or two. When we came to our senses we were in the gateway to see what it was."

Elmer Herren, one of the nine men rescued yesterday from the Foster tunnel, today was able to make a statement as to what happened when they were entombed.

"We thought we could get out, so we climbed about for a day. But it came to the shaft where it happened. We climbed through four chutes till we saw there was no place to get out. There we got stuck up into the monkey where the rescuers found us."

"We had a running stream of clean water to drink and a few little crates of bread in our case, and some meat and chicken bones. We had no other food."

"We had light from 11:30 A. M. Sunday till 11:30 A. M. Monday when black-damp put out the lamps. We struck all the matches we had trying to keep the lamps burning, but after that we could not keep a light. We heard the rescuers working but they seemed so far away we did not believe they were after us."

Herren said they prayed continually that they would get out.

GENERAL ELECTRIC STRIKE ON TODAY

(By United Press Latent Wire)

STURGEON CITY, N. Y., Oct. 4.

Two thousand employees of the General Electric Company's plant here walked out on strike today after failing to obtain an eight-hour working day.

The strike came after the grievance committee of the Metal Trades Alliance had accepted the company's offer of a 2 1/2 hour week. The men refused to accept this compromise, and the committee's action, and struck.

NEW CHAIR AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

Principal Director and Purchasing Agent, William H. Irwin, took a street, this morning placed a complement of new chairs in the High School building at Third and Market streets. A number of new chairs were placed in the commercial department and the others were placed in the director's room.

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compelled to drink the mine water, which they did in very sparing quantities. By economizing with their lamps they were able to have light until noon Saturday.

Rescue Considered Marvelous

The rescue is considered one of the most marvelous in the history of mining. It was the general opinion that while some of the men might have reached the breast, others of the employees working in the gangway would be swept away by the flood. Leading mine workers were optimistic until Saturday, when the announcement came that black damp had been discovered. Then they relinquished all hope, feeling that if the men had escaped the flood they would have been overcome by gas.

Several of the men, apparently of strong constitution and vitality, talked cheerfully to their stretcher bearers, while being taken from the mine, and from this source it was learned that fish oil and a few crushed chicken bones had made up the principal diet of the men until Thursday on which day the latter delicacy had been devoured, and the fish oil composition was the only item on the bill of fare.

Miner Saves Dinner Pail

Each of the men entombed had in his pockets several cakes of a fish oil substance known as "sawdust cakes", a form of paraffin that is used by mine workers in lamps, and which gives a smokeless flame.

One of the entombed men, John Bononus, has for many years held a reputation for his enormous appetite and the size of the dinner pail that is required to contain his midday meal. Having just taken his pail in his hand shortly before noon Monday, when the rush of water forced in the roof, Bononus, according to the story of his companions, ran with others to chute No. 27, but still kept a firm grip on the dinner pail.

Hours later, when the first pangs of hunger assailed the entombed men, Bononus extracted from the pail many pieces of bread other articles of food found in most miners' cans and, above all, the greater portion of a roast chicken. All of the food was shared among the men, but the chicken was saved until the last. Not knowing how long they would be held pri-

soners, the men partook of their food in small quantities, and after carefully taking off all the meat from the bones, placed the latter back in the dinner pail for a reserve supply.

Cakes or the oil were also carefully hoarded and the men chewed on them for hours extracting what little nourishment they contained. The paraffin cakes, however served to moisten the men's throats. More than 48 hours before their rescue as nearly as the men could determine the time, the reserve supply of chicken bones was passed around, and these, according to the men who could talk, were ground between their teeth and partaken of in small quantities. For the last two days, however, the men declared they had been without food and care was exercised at the hospital in giving nourishment.

Joseph Murphy, the youngest of the nine men entombed, had finished his work as driver boy when the fall came on Monday and was waiting at the mouth of the tunnel for his chum. He reached the mine on a coal car "just for the ride", as he said, and was caught behind the fall of rock.

Since getting to the gangway it has been found that the soil had worked forward into the gangway instead of backward. Back of breast 26 it is practically clear except the body of water. The four mules which stood with the cars were found dead. Word from the hospital at a late hour yesterday was that all the men were resting easy and that no serious results are anticipated.

General Inside Foreman Whilden, who had been on the ground almost constantly since Monday, taking his meals at the tunnel, left for his home at Lansford as soon as the men had been recovered. So immense were the crowds at the mouth of the tunnel when news of the recovery of the men had been reported that trolley traffic was dropped and hundreds of automobiles were pressed into service. At the morning services in the Catholic churches throughout the valley Masses were said and prayers offered for the safety of the men.

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