

**Four Mine Workers Trapped  
Behind Fall of Roof Reached  
Surface Yesterday Afternoon**

**WERE IN GOOD CONDITION**

**Suffered from Hunger and  
Thirst—Number of Rescu-  
ers Were Overcome.**

Twenty-seven hours of imprisonment behind hundreds of tons of rock—twenty-seven hours of darkness, hunger and despair and fear of death, ended at 5:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon for four miners in the Archbald Coal company's colliery, back of Archbald, who had been trapped by an extensive fall of roof shortly after 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

The joy of living and a ravenous hunger were the only signs the four gave of their experience in the narrow clearance back of the cave, that night at any minute have been turned into their tomb.

**HE THANKED GOD.**

"Thank God," the oldest man in the party said when the rescuers had burrowed through the cave and taken him out.

"I am hungry," said another, and he grabbed an apple from the hand of a rescuer and devoured it in two bites.

"Telephone my missus I am all right," a third said.

The fourth man had little to say, but he made a wry face as he was dragged to safety. In his hunger he had gnawed his coat and the threads clogged his throat.

One-half slice of bread was all the food the four men had in more than thirty hours. They divided that before their matches gave out. A little cold coffee in their dinner buckets was all they had to drink, and that, too, they divided. But they are hardy men and strong and used to exposure. And when they were hauled to the surface over a 3,000 foot slope that taps the vein they were penned in, they leaped from the mine cars and half ran to the company's office. Scores of their friends surrounded them and shook their hands and congratulated them on their lives being spared. But the four most of all wanted to get to their homes, and chief in that wish was Nicholas Taperick, whose wife and three children were awaiting news in their house at Mayfield. The wife was too ill to go to the mine mouth, and among the children was a babe four days old.

## 1915 Four miners rescued from Archbald colliery after 27 hours

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