

Lawrence Brady, 60, Dickson City, Found Wandering in Abandoned Mine

THOUGHT HE WOULD DIE

Light Went Out and Worker Was Forced to Spend Hours Roaming in Mines

Tired and worn after wandering aimlessly for many hours in the darkness of an underground prison which seemed to offer no means of escape, Lawrence Brady, sixty years of age, was found late yesterday afternoon in an abandoned working of the Johnson mine at Dickson City, near Scranton. The man had been missing since Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. Yesterday afternoon a searching party headed by J. F. O'Hara, the mine foreman, and John Brady, a son of the missing man, toured the worked out chambers and galleries for hours before they came across the man, almost exhausted.

Brady was employed for a number of years at the Johnson colliery. About three months ago he quit his job, but instead of removing all of his tools, he hid some of them in an abandoned part of the workings. Last Friday he was re-employed. Sunday morning he decided to enter the mines and secure the hidden tools. Knowing that he would be gone for some hours he carried a lunch with him in a dinner pail, and it was this dinner pail which finally resulted in his rescue. The man left the dinner pail at the top of the heading in the worked out section and then started in search of the tools. According to his story he had only proceeded a short distance through an old chamber when the light of his lamp played out and he was left in total darkness, not having any matches with him.

In vain, the man tried to find his way back to the opening through the gloomy darkness. His efforts to reach the place where he had left his dinner pail also failed and finally, fearing that his wanderings would carry him farther from the mine opening and possible rescue, he sat down. Brady said that he had just about given up all hope and had resigned himself to a death by slow starving when in the far distance there was a "Hello, in there." "I knew I was saved then," he said.

The rescuers found the dinner pail at the top of the heading and following the course indicated by its position, found the missing man.

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