

MINER KILLED, HIS "BUTTY" IS RESCUED

Caught under a fall at the Hickory Swamp colliery yesterday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock, Frank Ringcavich, aged 41 years, of Springfield, was instantly killed, while his "butty" Michael Droblefski, aged 29, of Springfield, was imprisoned, behind a second fall and was rescued this morning after 20 hours work on the part of rescue gangs.

The men were working as miners in No. 4 vein. Mr. Ringcavich was completely buried under the first fall, and his "butty," who was dressing off a shot, when the fall occurred, went to his assistance to try and rescue him. As he was trying to free Ringcavich, a second fall occurred, making him a prisoner.

Shortly after the falls the officials were on the scene and started the work of rescue. Last evening at 6:30 o'clock the men came upon the body of the dead miner. The rescue work continued and this morning at seven o'clock, Droblefskie was rescued alive.

He was only slightly bruised and walked out of his tomb. He was placed in the care of a physician and conveyed to his home where he collapsed from shock. The man had been imprisoned about 20 hours, during which time he was under the strain of not knowing what his fate would be. He was overjoyed at being rescued and was grateful to the officials and members of the rescue forces.

1916 Michael Droblefski rescued from mine after 20 hours

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