

GET SIGNALS FROM MEN IN PABST MINE

Rescue Crews Encouraged
By Sounds Coming from
Entombed Miners

PASSAGE IS BLOCKED

Attempt to Communicate in
Morse Code Fails—Fear
Sounds May Be Echo

IRONWOOD, Mich., Sept. 28.—
(Associated Press)—The fifth day
of underground imprisonment
started today for 43 miners entombed in the Pabst mine Friday, with four succor expeditions working desperately, encouraged by two signs of life last night.

The first indication came when a distinct signal on a water pipe was heard by a crew of workers in reply to stacatto hammering. Later Alfred Maki, dauntless rescue worker, descended at the end of a safety line through wreckage and debris to the nearest point to the miners yet penetrated.

"I heard men working," he reported. "It was distant but definite. I am sure of it. They are alive."

Find Passage Blocked

But Maki made another discovery which was more disconcerting, when his passage was blocked 50 feet beyond the point where a rescue party is working in G shaft to clear away the wreckage which blocks the entry to eighth level where the prisoners are.

This finding determined that the way will be long before rescue is effected by this route. In the meanwhile, however, every available bit of energy is being concentrated on this and three other avenues, one of which is the piercing of a hole by a diamond drill to facilitate the passage of food, clothing and messages to the men.

Another is a horizontal tunnel from an adjoining mine, while the fourth and most hazardous is from the base of G shaft. From the lower levels workers seek to dislodge the load blocking the tunnel and to drop it to the shaft's bottom, clearing an opening to the trapped level.

An attempt to signal the prisoners by Morse code from the top of the shaft was made this morning by Joseph Severin, local night operator of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad. Accompanied by a shift boss, an official of Oliver Iron Mining Co., owners of the property, and an Associated Press

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correspondent, Severin was lowered in the cage to the actual place in G shaft, where the cave-in occurred.

There for an hour the Morse code for "OK" was sent the imprisoned miners, who rescue work-

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ers said, had resumed the tapping heard yesterday afternoon. Tapping was heard at 1 a. m. and again at 4 a. m. But though all work on the shaft was halted, none of the men during the hour the test was made could be certain that the sound heard in the silence periods was tapping, the sound of operations the prisoners were making to free themselves or some echo in the huge cavern.

Occasionally a sharp, ringing sound could be heard faintly by some men as if the trapped men were hitting hand drills with sledges. The sound might have come from the air pump exhaust except for the fact that the air is not connected in the shaft and at times for hours this sound ceases, only to resume mysteriously. The air pumps never cease operating.

Prepare For Rescue

Elaborate preparations have been made for the care of the miners if they are brought out alive. The first to enter the shaft after access is gained to the prisoners will be trained first aid men.

They will carry down blankets to wrap about the miners, light soups to start their diets, and blindfold for their eyes. Every man who comes up from the long spell of darkness will be blindfolded regardless of his physical condition to prevent the severe shock of daylight.

The men brought out will be taken to the railway car of the bureau of mines which is on a siding less than 100 feet from the mine head which will be used as a receiving ward. It has six Pullman berths and seven cots will be placed in it. Those requiring

further hospital care will be taken in ambulances and heated trucks to hospitals.

At the mouth of the shaft, in silence but tense with the emotion of the tragedy, are groups of the miners' families. As workers emerge, dirty and spent after their "tricks," they smile confidently. Every one is certain that the rescue will be made.

Just how long it may take cannot be determined, with the speed of progress varying. Expectations at first were that possibly one expedition would shove late tonight. The Oliver Iron Mining Co., which owns the mine, however, issued a statement through its press bureau declaring that four or five days may still be necessary.

A total of 470 men are engaged in the rescue work, with physicians and nurses in reserve to receive the men, should the rescue effort be successful.

Over 1,200,000 Cans of Corn Packed at Factory In Monticello This Year

MONTICELLO, Ia., Sept. 28.—(Special)—The J. LeRoy Farmer Canning Co., of Monticello finished canning the season's pack of sweet corn Saturday. The canning factory was in operation just five weeks, running the major portion of the time both night and day, furnishing employment to many people the weekly payroll amounting to over \$3,000, besides the \$18,000 paid to the farmers growing the corn.

During the season just closed 1,200,000 cans of corn were packed, which will be shipped to points in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, and