

Entombed 26 Hours 3 Taylor Miners Crawl To Safety

Glen Alden Workers Suffer No Ill Effects From Long Imprisonment at Archbald Colliery

Trapped in underground workings when a massive fall of roof occurred, three mine workers crawled to safety at 9 o'clock last night, after being held prisoners in the Archbald mine of the Glen Alden Coal Company at Taylor since Saturday night at 7 o'clock.

The men seemed to show no ill effects for their experience. After being examined by physicians at the mines they were taken to their homes and today seemed to have recovered completely from their nerve-racking incarceration. The men are:

Michael Kleback, aged 27, a miner, of 531 Thomas Court, Taylor.

Peter Szymuk, aged 22, a laborer, of 1480 West Locust street, Scranton.

Stanley Gilko, aged 19, of 818 Keyser avenue, West Scranton, a doortender.

The first communication with the entombed men was established at 1:15 o'clock yesterday after the rescue squad had removed forty-five feet of the debris. The voices of the entombed men were not discernible at that time and it was not until 5:15 that the words coming from the trapped victims were understandable.

The voices of the trapped men gave added impetus to the rescue workers and the drilling and timbering continued unabated. The voices of the victims came closer and closer and shortly before 9 o'clock the massive wall was pierced and an opening large enough for the men to crawl through was made.

Kleback, the older of the three men, said they heard the rescue squad at work Saturday night, and that he tried to let them know, but his voice would not penetrate the massive wall. He said neither he nor the two others lost hope.

Kleback, an experienced miner, was the leader of the entombed men and it was under his direction that the other two worked. Kleback had plenty of timber, the air was good in the area in which the men were trapped, and the only thing necessary was to keep a level head and to continue at work in removing the debris and in timbering and their efforts greatly assisted their rescuers.

STATE ASSAULTS RUDNER'S ALIBI IN DEATH TRIAL

Commonwealth Near End of Case Against Alleged Murder Conspirator

Canton, Ohio, Feb. 21.—(U. P.)—The crisis in the trial of Don Rudner, millionaire bootlegger, charged with the murder of Don R. Mellett, editor, was reached today.

The State opened the third week of the murder hearing with a vigorous attack on the alibi and other testimony given by the defendant when testifying in his own behalf Friday.

In his testimony Rudner denied the charges of the State and declared that prosecuting witnesses had lied in giving evidence that he was the "payoff" man in the underworld conspiracy against the militant editor.

The defense declared it would rest late today unless a last decision was made to call to the stand Louis Mazer, who is awaiting trial for the murder, and Pat McDermott, convicted murderer.

150 SWOYERVILLE MEN HONOR JUDGE AT TESTIMONIAL

One hundred and fifty members and friends of the American-Italian Society of Swoyerville were present at a testimonial dinner given Saturday night at Hotel Redington to Judge John S. Pine, recently appointed member of the Luzerne County bench. Attorney Frank Pinola substituted for Burgess Patrick J. Hayden of Edwardsville who was to be toastmaster but was unable to be present because of illness.

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