

DESPERATE BATTLE TO SAVE MINER FROM BLACK DAMP ENDS IN VICTORY

Men Work Hours in Effort to Reach Unconscious Man, in Brindle Mine

While rescuers sought vainly to penetrate the pocket of black damp, which had overcome him and virtually held him prisoner, N. Mack Morley, 38 years old, of Baggaley, lay for six hours in the Brindle mine, along the Lincoln Highway, before he was finally rescued about 8:30 o'clock last night.

Fastened together with a rope so that if one of their number was overcome by the treacherous black damp the others could drag him, three members of a rescue crew, succeeded in getting through the "pocket" of gas which for hours had baffled their efforts to rescue Morley. Working as quickly as possible, the first man in the chain, passed his arms under the prostrated man and he was dragged to safety. Morley was unconscious when rescued and it was 2:30 o'clock this morning before he came out of the state of coma at the Latrobe Hospital.

The successful rescue attempt had been preceded by a number of futile efforts to reach the miner. As the hours passed and it was realized that every minute that the rescue was deferred detracted just so much time from the chances of bringing Morley out alive, it was decided to try to get to his side by the use of gas masks.

Several men donning masks, shortly after 6 o'clock, started into the "room" where Morley lay, but the choking black damp seeped through the masks, and the rescuers were forced back.

The plight of Morley was discovered by Ralph Brindle, one of the owners of the mine.

About 2:30 o'clock a time by which Morley had usually gone to his home,

Brindle saw the miner's automobile parked near the mine mouth. He decided to go inside and see what was keeping him in the mine.

He made his way directly to the "room" where Morley worked but found it empty. Brindle was about to continue his search, when he felt the choking sensation, by which the miners are warned that the dreaded "black damp" is present in the workings. Brindle hurried to the surface for fear that he would be overcome.

Once outside, he gave the alarm, declaring that he believed Morley had been overcome by black damp, but he didn't know whether he was living or not.

Then at once, the series of attempts to reach Morley was begun.

He was located lying face down, in a "room" located next to the one in which he generally worked, but the would-be rescuers couldn't get close enough to determine whether he was still breathing or not. They worked as quickly as possible in the hopes that he was still alive.

Knowing how much depended on their efforts, the nerves of the men began "getting on edge," when all their efforts to penetrate the black damp pocket were turned back in failure.

The chain of men which finally succeeded in making the rescue was composed of: Kermil Tepper, Andy Heffelfinger and Floyd Heffelfinger, with the latter in the lead.

Morley was placed in Gosnell's ambulance and rushed to the Latrobe hospital.

The fact that Morley fell face down

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Derry Boy's Back Broken In Fall From Ladder

High School Boy Sustains Injuries of Most Serious Nature. Taken to Mercy Hospital

Derry, Sept. 6 — In a distressing Labor Day accident, Leonard, the 16-year-old son of Mrs. Helen Fryer, fell from a ladder, and according to surgeons who have examined him, sustained a broken back, and very slight hope is held out for his recovery.

Repairs were needed to the roof at the Fryer home and Leonard placed a ladder and started to ascend to the roof. Just as he was about to climb from the top of the ladder onto the edge of the roof, the ladder slipped and fell, carrying Leonard with it.

Neighbors who saw the accident, rushed to his assistance. He was found to be unconscious but in about half an hour he regained his senses, and the first question he asked was: "Where are my legs?" This confirmed the fear which had been felt, that

his back was probably fractured.

Arrangements were made to take him to the Mercy hospital, Pittsburgh, and Nicholson's ambulance was called. Due to the tremendous Labor Day traffic, the trip to Pittsburgh was slow and tedious, with the ambulance having to run in low and second gear frequently.

After the hospital was reached, a thorough examination was made by Dr. Buchanan and other surgeons on the hospital staff. Their opinion is that the vertebrae in the back is fractured and the spinal cord likely is severed. Leonard is understood not to have any feeling in, or use of, his lower extremities. He was a Freshman in High school last year and started as a member of the Sophomore class of Derry High at the half-day session yesterday. He is quite popular among his many young friends of the community.

Holiday Traffic Surpasses All Previous Records

Intense Congestion on the William Penn

Heavy traffic on all the principal highways in this section, was the

Pink Tea A Subject Of Debate

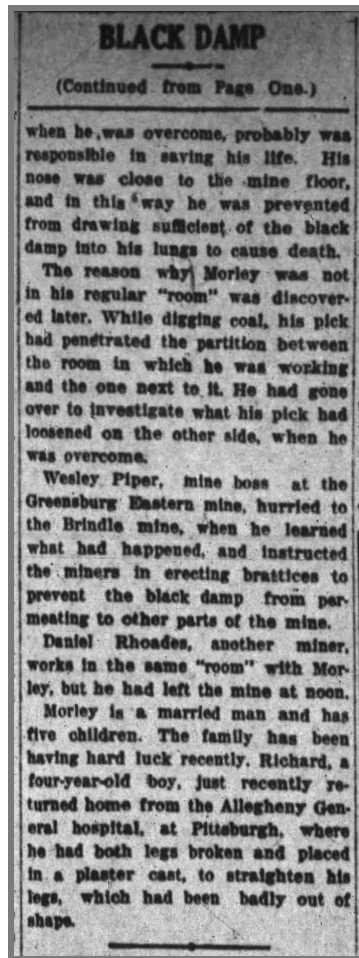
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