

MEN TRAPPED IN MCNEIL COAL MINE IN MOFFAT COUNTY WERE RESCUED LAST NIGHT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo., Nov. 12.—Three miners who were trapped by a cave-in in a tunnel of the mine of the McNeil Coal company near here last night, were rescued at 3:30 o'clock this morning. All are reported unharmed and in good spirits. They were immediately served food and coffee.

Since yesterday afternoon, when a cave-in occurred in a manway of the mine and cut off the men from the tunnel leading to the main shaft, a force of 50 miners worked frantically in the effort to liberate their trapped comrades.

Shortly after the cave-in it was established that the men were still alive, when taps were heard on a pipe leading from the tunnel where they were held prisoners. This pipe which led

into the main tunnel of the rock works, supplied the men with air. The manway where the cave-in occurred had been timbered only recently to allow the miners to penetrate into a nearby rock formation. The avalanche of earth and rock which crashed into the opening completely bottled up the opening and prevented the men from making their way to the main shaft.

Within a short time after the plight of the men had been discovered, 50 men led by John Neish, superintendent of the mine, set to work to clear away the huge amount of coal and rock in the tunnel. Through the late afternoon and the night they worked, spurred on by the belief that the men were still alive.

The men who were entombed are: Jack Condon, Earl LeBranch and Jack Garber.

1929 Three miners rescued from McNeil mine in Colorado

Clipped By:



usmra_rob

Tue, Feb 23, 2021