

## Bootleg Miner Rescued Alive

Just 24 hours after he was pinned under a coal and rock fall in an abandoned tunnel of anthracite mine near Pottsville, Joseph Petorick was tugged free and brought to the surface last night.

He was still conscious and apparently not badly hurt. A first aid squad immediately rushed him to a Pottsville hospital for examination and treatment for exposure.

The feverish efforts of eight skilled miners through Tuesday night and yesterday to remove the debris which covered the trapped miner ended with the rescuers tying a rope around the upper part of his body and tugging him from under the rocks which still covered his legs.

Earlier in the day the same method of freeing the man was attempted, but halted because of the intense pain to Petorick, and a fresh slide which recovered his entire body.

Petorick was said to have gone into the mine by a little used tunnel with three companions Tuesday night to bootleg coal for their families. The others escaped the cave-in.

When the colliery officials heard Petorick was trapped, they assembled eight of the most skilled miners at the plant to dig through the tunnel, little more than a crevice through the rocky hillside, toward the entombed man.

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