

Party Rescued at Silver King Western After 30-Hour Battle

PARK CITY—"Glad to get out," six Silver King Western miners reported to their rescuers, who had toiled 30 hours, spilling and mucking and mucking and spilling, to bring the men to safety after having furnished the imprisoned miners fresh air, food, candles and electric heating elements.

"And we're glad to get you out," an exhausted force of 30 men responded to the appreciation of the rescued.

The six miners, caught behind a cave-in in a drift Friday noon, were released, none the worse for their 30 hours' experience, at 5 p. m. Saturday afternoon.

Rescue efforts started immediately after the cave-in as three tram men, working behind the six-man crew, were beyond the obstruction and notified mine officials of the entrapment in the drift off the Spiro tunnel of the Silver King Coalition Mines company. Rescue crews were directed during the 30-hour grind by M. J. Dalley, general manager, and M. G. Heitzman, superintendent.

Water Drained

Water was drained from the drift by driving a four-inch pipe through the floor of the cave-in, which occupied a space of 12 feet. Next another four-inch pipe was forced through the upper part of the obstruction and the imprisoned men were supplied with fresh air, sausages, chocolate, candles and electric heating elements.

Then the rescuers concentrated their efforts on driving through the obstruction, their work made exceedingly difficult by water. The crew of rescuers divided into groups of four, working in relays. Every man stayed until the job of driving in spilling, mucking out and advancing more spilling and mucking out was completed and the obstruction cleared.

All in Good Condition

The six rescued men—Shift Boss William O'Neill, Gilbert Carter, Clair Smith, Clark Bennet, George Potter and Eulogie Ysargrill—declared themselves in good condition. They were sent to their homes. Greatest discomfort was suffered from the water until it was drained.

The water rose to a depth of four feet and the six men took turns in sitting on the one ore car in the drift which could accommodate only three men at a time, forcing three to stand in the water.

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