

Mt. Carmel Man Dies; Trapped in Mine 100 Hours

John Cheslock, Aged 27, Dies in Hospital 12 Hours After Rescuers Bring Him to Surface.

MT. CARMEL, Pa., March 30.—UP.—John Cheslock, Jr., 27, Mt. Carmel, entombed in an abandoned mine near here for more than 100 hours when he was trapped by a slide of earth and rock, died in Ashland State Hospital early today—12 hours after he was rescued.

Cheslock was trapped in the abandoned working last Saturday while picking up coal with Stanley Oriskany. Oriskany escaped when he grabbed hold of a ladder as an avalanche of dirt rained down on them. Cheslock was swept down the unfinished mine hole.

Rescue workers had worked continuously for four days in an effort to reach the man. Two separate shafts were sunk by the rescue crews, which numbered more than 25 men. They worked in shifts of eight hours each carrying bucketful of dirt from the hole they were digging. The shaft was timbered as they went down. The work was slow and there was always danger of further slides. They gave up hope of finding him alive.

Then yesterday, after sinking a shaft 55 feet, they heard a faint sound from below.

It was the voice of the entombed miner. Cheslock assured the men he was alive but said he was 'cold and hungry.' He told the rescuers his left leg was caught beneath a large rock.

Assured Cheslock was still alive, rescue workers speeded their operation. Additional work crews were called. Hundreds of persons gathered around the abandoned workings to watch the rescue work. The mine is located on the outskirts of Mt. Carmel.

After sinking a shaft 775 feet last night, they finally reached the miner. He was removed to Ashland State hospital. First examination of the youth revealed that his injuries were not serious. Physicians at the hospital believed his death was due to shock.

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