

Girl Taken From Coal Hole After 3 Nights as Prisoner

Taken to Hospital, Victim Is Unable to Tell How She
Came to Be in Pit.

After being a prisoner for three nights and two days at the bottom of a 20-foot coal hole in an unused part of the Wickwire Spencer Steel company plant, River road, town of Tonawanda, Miss Ruth Cornere, 20, of 116 Bidwell parkway, is in Millard Fillmore hospital today while police are investigating her story.

Slightly hysterical, hungry and suffering from a bruised ankle and arm, Miss Cornere was taken out of her dark prison this morning by two employes of the company who heard her weak cries. She wore only beach pajamas.

Police Chief Elmer C. Mang, Patrolmen Raymond Kibler and Paul Brose of the town police sent her to the hospital in an ambulance.

Police said Miss Cornere told them she went for a walk near her home Friday evening and can remember little after that except that she was in a Niagara street restaurant.

From another source police learned she had been seen Friday night in Niagara street with several men.

Miss Maude E. Bacon, the girl's aunt, with whom she lived, told Lieut. Lewis E. Blackley of the town

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Quins Don't Mind Hail or Lightning

Babies Go Through Freak
Weather As Though
Nothing Unusual.

NORTH B. Y. Ont., July 8 (U.P.). —The five baby Dionne quintuplets have undergone a new experience —they've been out in the hail. Dr. Allan Roy Dafeo disclosed today.

The cloudbursts which flooded the Ontario north country Saturday and Sunday brought hail stones, several of which fell on the babies before they could be taken indoors.

The five babies didn't seem frightened by the freakish weather, the doctor said.

Two homes were struck by lightning in this village eight miles from the hospital, and one small girl was injured. The railroad sta-

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police, that her niece went for a walk, saying she would return in half an hour.

Miss Bacon had not notified police although she was worried over the girl's long absence.

Miss Cornere had endeavored to summon help by throwing her purse out of the hole but she was not strong enough. She had written on it "I need help. Am in coal hole 2, and can't last much longer." Police explained that the hole is numbered.

They said she might have been brought into the plant by boat from the river and watchmen would not have seen her. The hole is one of several in the floor of a trestle attainable by a stairway. The girl may have fallen or may have been pushed into it, police said.

Lieut. Martin J. Feinen, who patrols the River road district, was summoned from his home on his day off to aid in the investigation. He went to Niagara Falls on a tip obtained from a confidential source.

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