

## 2 FACE FIRE DEATH 15 HOURS IN SHAFT BEFORE HELP COMES

'We Just Sat and Prayed,'  
Says Miner After  
Rescue

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CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., Feb. 2.—  
The rescue of Ernest Kuri and Jack  
Silver from the bottom of a 65-foot  
mine shaft in which they had been  
trapped by fire was effected today  
after a group of men directed by Sher-  
iff Ed Vinyard spent 15 hours con-  
quering the blaze.

Although shaken by the harrow-  
ing experience of facing death as the  
flames slowly ate their way down  
the mine shaft, the two miners were  
uninjured.

The fire broke out in the hoist  
house above the shaft, spread to other  
buildings and had started on its way  
down the shaft before it was noticed  
and an alarm spread. Sheriff Vin-  
yard headed a group of 25 volunteers.  
Efforts to conquer the flames with  
chemicals failed and several truck-  
loads of sand and water were hauled  
to the mine.

When the flames were checked the  
trapped miners were brought to the  
surface by a rope lowered into the  
shaft, the windlass having been de-  
stroyed.

"We just sat and prayed when the  
fire broke out," Kuri said. "We had  
just about given up hope of getting  
out alive when someone dropped some  
rocks into the shaft to let us know  
they were trying to get us out."

## 1935 Two men trapped 15 hrs in mine shaft by fire rescued

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