

2 INDEPENDENT MINERS RESCUED FROM COAL HOLE

Andrew and Joseph Lashendock, Marion Heights, Caught by Rush 225 Feet Under Ground and Completely Buried

NEARLY FREED SEVERAL TIMES
WHEN CAUGHT BY MORE RUSHES

Joseph Lashendock, 28, and his brother, Andrew, 23, of Marion Heights, covered by a rush of coal at 11:30 o'clock this morning in a hole north of the power plant at Green Ridge, were rescued at 1:10 o'clock this afternoon.

Joseph, who lives at 133 North street, has a probable fracture of the leg and minor bruises, while Andrew, who lives at 200 Melrose street, escaped with a few scratches.

The speed with which the rescue crew worked saved the men from death by suffocation.

The rescue crew included Michael and George Lashendock, brothers of the trapped men, and Ray Jiminez, a close friend. They, too, reside in Marion Heights.

Joseph and Andrew were at the face of the workings, 40 feet in

from the bottom and 225 feet below the surface when, frightened by the rush, they turned around and sped for the bottom of the perpendicular hole, but the rush buried them, Joe 20 feet from the bottom, and Andy 10 feet.

Rescuers went down immediately and several times had the men almost free, only to see them covered again as the soft coal continued to rush in from the soft, two-foot coal vein from above.

A discharge of dynamite, fired at quitting time last night, is believed to have loosened the coal above, but the top did not break through until today.

Following the heroic rescue, Joe was taken to the office of a local physician, while Andrew, suffering only from slight shock, was taken to his home.

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