

Bootleg Miner, Trapped Fifteen Hours; Rescued

Shamokin, Pa., March 6. (U.P.)—A "bootleg" coal miner, trapped for 15 hours 50 feet below the earth's surface in an abandoned coal mine, was pulled unscathed from his prison today by mine rescuers.

William Tavolitis, 58, weighing about 300 pounds, was caught in a top slide while picking coal in the remote and abandoned Burnside mine of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company near Shamokin, late yesterday.

Fellow miners made futile attempts at rescuing him but lacking equipment called the Shamokin colliery of the Coal and Iron concern which sent a crew of 10 rescuers.

After working all night, Tavolitis was taken from the mine little the worse for his experience.

Tavolitis was caught in a similar slide about three months ago and escaped injury.

1937 William Tavolitis rescued from mine after 15 hrs



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