

MINER RESCUED; ANOTHER DIES

Men Trapped in Pit While
Removing Coal
Pillars

MINERSVILLE, Pa., July 7. (AP)—One miner was rescued today from beneath a rockfall in the Oak Hill Coal Company mine, but all hope was abandoned for a companion trapped at the same time.

Frank Grippe, 29, of nearby Forestville, was carried from the shaft at 1:30 a. m. suffering principally from shock. He was taken to a hospital.

A company official said, however, the rush of coal and rock at 2:30 p. m. yesterday buried Steve Hulock, 27, of Guncoth and that there was no possibility he could remain alive.

The men were legitimately employed as "pillar robbers"—the term applied by miners to those removing supporting pillars of coal when a level has been worked out and is to be abandoned.

Grippe was pinned by debris that covered all except his shoulder and head. Hulock was working in a "pillar hole" below.

Diggers proceeded slowly because of the danger of another fall, and did not expect to reach Hulock's body soon.

1939 Frank Grippe rescued from Oak Hill Coal mine



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