

Two Entombed Miners Rescued Alive From Shaft Colliery: Trapped Nearly 19 Hours

**Able To Walk From Rock
Hole Where They Had
Been Prisoners.**

**ARE AT HOSPITAL
FOR OBSERVATION**

**Had No Fear Of Their
Safety And Tapped
Out Signals.**

Joseph Payne, aged 34, of 329 East Fourth street, this city and Herman Trent, aged 32, of rear 249 West Green street, West Hazleton, miners trapped yesterday noon in rock hole No. 9 leading from the Warton Vein to the East Mammoth Vein—third level workings of the Hazleton Shaft colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal Co., were rescued at 6:45 o'clock this morning and are in good condition in the State Hospital.

Neither suffered any injury in their imprisonment of nearly 19 hours but they are being treated at the hospital for shock and exposure. They will probably be able to go home tomorrow. Both were able to walk out of the place where they had been imprisoned.

The force of fifty rescue workers made no effort to open the rock hole in which the men were entombed, realizing that the rush of coal from the break in the "rib" or wall would continue and fill up the base of the gangway as fast as the material could be removed. Instead, a new hole, about 4x4 was driven parallel to the rock hole, through the solid coal, to the point where the men were perched fifty feet up the blocked rock hole, and at this spot a cross over into the rock vein was quickly effected.

Payne and Trent were in contact with their rescuers through rappings on the rock and as the crews got close to them, they were able to converse with them. The two miners were ordered to go away from the face of the working hole the rescuers were driving and go up to the top of the rock hole until the break (Continued on Page 17)

Subpoenaed.



Wrapped in furs and wearing a perky hat, Hope Hampton, blonde actress—wife of multi-millionaire Jules Brulatour, is shown as she arrived at criminal court on a summons to appear before the grand jury in investigation of a bullet wound from which Brulatour is suffering. He says the wound was accidentally self-inflicted.

Miss Hampton, however, declined to waive her rights to immunity and did not testify before the grand jury.

**Men Tell Of
Experience**

While overjoyed relatives of Joseph Payne and Herman Trent, the miners rescued this morning after almost 19 hours entombment in the Hazleton Shaft colliery workings of the Lehigh Valley Coal Co., were happy over their safety, Payne and Trent were detailing their experiences at the State Hospital.

"We feel fine" they told the cheering group of officials and spectators when they reached the surface.

**Shelley Given
Look At Books**

Schaeffer Orders Democratic State Committee Officials to Show Them.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 26. (AP)—Judge Paul N. Schaeffer today ordered two officials of the Democratic state committee to deliver to him books and records of the committee, which District Attorney Carl B. Shelley sought for presentation to the campaign charges grand jury.

Judge Schaeffer made the order after the district attorney sought citations for contempt of court against Carl K. Deen, resident secretary of the Democratic state committee and Frank E. Taylor, cashier at state headquarters, for refusing to give him the records.

Judge Schaeffer, in charge of the grand jury inquiry into official acts of former Governor Earle and other high Democrats, withheld action on Shelley's request. He said he would "weed out of the papers" any that were immaterial or irrelevant before the grand jury saw them.

Judge Schaeffer required Deen and Taylor to appear personally in response to subpoenas served by Shelley.

Schaeffer dismissed a petition by J. Dress Pannell, attorney for the state committee, seeking to quash the subpoenas unless Shelley specified exactly the papers and records he wanted.

Earle V. Compton, one of Shelley's assistants, appeared for the district attorney in asking for the citations for contempt of court.

Compton said that Deen and Taylor have testified before the grand jury and added:

"We are prepared to show from their testimony that items specified in the subpoenas have a direct bearing on matters before the grand jury."

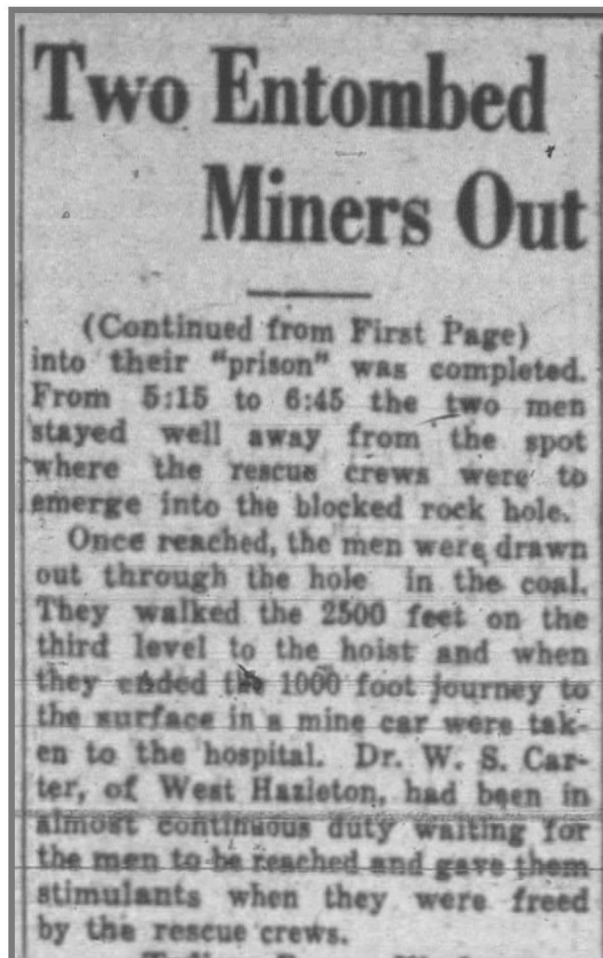
Compton said there was a plan of financing before the Democratic state committee and the plan was to be put into effect from 1936 to 1938. He said it was a plan of "re-

1939 Hazleton Shaft Colliery Rescue-1

Clipped By:



usmra_rob
Sun, Dec 13, 2020



1939 Hazleton Shaft Colliery Rescue-2

Clipped By:



usmra_rob
Sun, Dec 13, 2020