Young Free Lance Miner, Rescued From Hole, Dies of His Injuries

Shamokin, Pa., June 6 (AP).—A young free lance miner, freed from a makeshift coal hole after having been trapped for eleven hours, died today in a hospital of shock and injuries.

Leonard Reidinger, twenty-one, was in serious condition from the exposure when he was rescued from his underground prison last night.

Local authorities said his was the twenty-fourth death in coal holes of the Schuylkill-Northumberland area this year.

Reidinger was trapped early yesterday by a fall of earth and timbers in the "slope mine" at nearby Klondike mountain. Rescuers were able to free his head almost at once, but they worked gingerly through-out yesterday to extricate the remainder of his body.

The youth was working at the slope mine when the fall occurred. His father, Joseph, and two brothers, Albert and Victor, were busy at the coal hole with him and directed the rescue work.

Reidinger was pinned about fifty feet from the opening of the hole. As rescue work progressed he was given hypodermic injections and retained consciousness, directing in a large part the activities of his rescuers.

The bootleg mine is located two miles from the nearest highway. As Reidinger was brought from the hole, neighbors and workers at nearby mines formed a human chain along which he was passed to a waiting ambulance.

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