

# Man Entombed for 49 Hours 90 Feet Underground; 2nd Miner Is Rescued Earlier

MT. CARMEL, Feb. 12.—After being entombed for forty-nine and one-half hours, ninety feet underground in a coal hole, Frank Ostrowski, 37, of 435 North Chestnut street, Mt. Carmel, was rescued alive Saturday night at 9:30 o'clock.

Suffering from shock and exposure, the last victim of two independent mine mishaps of the latter part of last week, he was rescued alive, was taken to the Ashland State Hospital. Frank did not suffer any injuries. At the same hospital is Frank's brother, Boley, 26, who was released from under debris in which he was trapped in the same mishap. Boley was rescued Saturday morning at 7 o'clock and suffered a broken left leg and a fracture of the left arm and also suffered from shock. Leo Shuster, 21, South Chestnut street, above Seventh, who was pinned fast in another accident in a coal hole, and was rescued, is also in the Ashland State Hospital.

The independent mine where the brothers were trapped, located on Lehigh Valley Coal Company ground, is in the old Morris Bridge section of the abandoned Sayre Colliery workings, east of here. The entrance is a narrow opening. It goes down like a shaft for thirty-eight feet, opening into a slope seventy feet long with a sixty-five degree pitch.

The Ostrowski boys and Thomas Reiner, 21, Mt. Carmel, were in a heading about thirty-five feet from the slope when the accident occurred. The men were engaged in shifting coal with scoop shovels in relay, when the sides of the heading caved in.

The falling material knocked the shovel from Reiner's hands, completely covered Boley and entombed Frank Ostrowski. Reiner, who barely escaped being caught by the falling material and unable to rescue his buddies single-handed, raced back to town for aid.

Boley Ostrowski was found imprisoned, but rescuers managed to remove the debris from around his head, thus preventing suffocation. They also heard Frank shouting, evidence that he was alive. Caution had to be used not only to guarantee success in rescuing the trapped men, but also for the safety of the workers. They timed as they proceeded. Frank Ostrowski was pinned fast by the original squeeze, but a second fall about 10 o'clock Friday night had the effect of releasing him so that he was more free to move about.

The rescuers met with their first success Saturday morning at 7 o'clock when Boley Ostrowski was released.

By 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, rescuers working in three-hour shifts of eight men each had removed thirty feet of the barrier that separated Frank from freedom. An eight-foot-long scraper was then pushed through the remaining cave-ground to learn the distance of the remaining part of the barrier to be opened so that the entombed man could be rescued. This showed six feet of cave ground remained. A small hole was spanned out through which it was planned to pass stumps to Frank, but it closed before they could do this. While the hole was open it was learned that Frank was not injured and not pinned fast. He was told not to touch anything and was given encouragement. By 6 o'clock Saturday night another small hole was reamed out through the remaining barrier of cave ground and stumps were gotten through to the entombed man. This hole was steadily made larger until at 9:30 o'clock Frank Ostrowski was rescued.

## SPORTSMEN IN FINAL SESSION

Election of officers of the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen Clubs was to conclude the annual convention this afternoon in the Forum of the Education Building.

John C. Youngman, Williamsport, incumbent, and Dr. C. A. Mortimer, Pittsburgh, secretary, were reported making reelection.

The Federation closed the morning session by adopting a resolution urging special training of teachers in conservation education in their teachers' colleges. Robert Neumann, Newington, chairman of the conservation education committee, stressed the "imperative need" toward protecting game, land and streams.

A three-man committee will be named to confer with Governor James on a new plan of conservation education.

State Game Commission Chairman John Leffer urged the federation to be more active in backing conservation. Leffer also charged the blame on the fatalities during the last hunting season on the lack of landowner knowledge of arms on the part of many hunters.

He criticized the State's record for fatalities from firearms with that of Fish and Game, saying "Despite the common use of the firearm no single fatality from that cause occurred in the seven years before the present war."

**French Is Spoken.**  
Fish Commissioner Charles A. French took the floor to praise the federation's activity in departments under the jurisdiction of the Fish Commission.

A report on the activity of trappers during the past year, which claimed the trappers were highly responsible for the success of any conservation movement that is to keep the balance in wild life, brought a mixed response from the delegates.

Reporting for the legislative committee, Youngman urged that in the future the sportsmen correct any condition resulting from interference which would justify criticism by the Legislature that the Federation "didn't know what it wanted."

After much hickering a report from the dog registration committee which would set up a system whereby dog owners would have their animals ear-tattooed for identification purposes, gained the delegates' approval.

At a session last night the resolution committee approved among others the following proposals, which were to be acted on by the delegates this afternoon: A 100-cent increase in the annual fishing license to allow more funds for State purchase of fishing streams; the modification of the fishing laws; opposition to the removal of any provision of the Fish or Game Commission during term of office, except for political activity or inefficiency; and opposition to changes in game laws allowing anything other than single bullets for big game hunting.

**Housing Administration Subject to Garnishment**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The Supreme Court today ruled that the Federal Housing Administration is subject to garnishment proceedings. The Government appealed from the Michigan Supreme Court, which had

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