

### Brother Saved, Second Killed, In Slate Fall

Pair Knocked Unconscious  
By Falling Timber; Heroic  
Rescue By Miner

**RESIDENTS OF TROTTER**

**BULLETIN**

Rescue crews recovered the remains of William Semjock early this morning. He had been crushed to death, but his body was partly protected by the large mine wagon.

One brother was buried alive and a second was saved through quick action by a fellow miner in the Davidson mine of the Republic Steel Corporation Thursday morning about 9 o'clock.

William and Edward Semjock, of Trotter, known to miners as "The Flappy Brothers" were working on a "gob" when a timber let go. Both were knocked out by the blow and fell to the ground.

Presley Hixon, also of Trotter, who was working nearby saw the accident and hurried to the scene. He was successful in taking Edward, aged 24, to safety and was returning for William, 27, when the "gob" roof let go and the miner was buried under tons of slate, coal and rock.

The alarm was spread and a crew of miners started digging in an effort to rescue the buried man. As hour after hour elapsed without the men making any appreciable headway all hopes Semjock might have been saved by some freak, disappeared and last night he was given up as lost.

Crews of eight men to a shift kept digging and late yesterday afternoon had uncovered one corner of the big (Continued on Page 15, Col. 2)

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pit wagon, which was buried at the same time Semjock was killed. The wagon was badly smashed.

The fall is believed to be 25 feet long and plant officials estimate they will not be able to clear the debris until some time today. More than 100 tons are believed to have fallen.

J. C. Laick, superintendent of the mine, has been ill but when word of the accident flashed to the surface he went into the mine to aid in directing efforts to rescue the body.

William Semjock was the son of William and Theresa Semjock. He is survived by a sister, Agnes and two brothers, John and Ben.

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