

**MEN RESCUED
AFTER 18 HOURS
IMPRISONMENT**

Work of Freeing the Victims Proceeded Efficiently

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Spectators Awaited the Outcome with Restraint

Five Indiana County miners today looked back upon a New Year's they avowed was the happiest they have ever known.

The reason? After spending 18 hours at the very door of death, being imprisoned deep in the earth by a rock fall, they were rescued unharmed in time to spend New Year's Eve with beloved ones they never expected to see again.

The men were trapped Monday midnight in a heading three miles below the mouth of the Kent No. 2 Rochester & Pittsburgh Coal Company mine near McIntyre, 18 miles from here. Thirteen companions escaped and summoned fellow miners to dig through a 70-foot collapsed section to reach them.

"I think we all prayed," said Louis Cawton, 24, first to be freed of the five trapped.

"It was awfully hot down there. We were plenty shaky. We started digging our way out until the fellows on the other side (rescue workers) told us to stop for fear we would cause another cave-in."

"We talked as much as we could. Some of us lay down and slept."

The rescue diggers made fast progress with the help of mechanical conveyors. At 8 o'clock Tuesday night they brought the men, who were freed at 5:45 p. m., to the surface in mine cars.

The other trapped men were Edgar Swan, 25, a mechanic of Indiana.

J. Fulmer, 28, miner and father of four children, of Livermore.

Paul Cochran, 22, Blairsville R. D. 2.

Leland Stuchell, 23, miner, father of two children, Blairsville R. D. 2.

Rescuers said the entrapped men were cheerful and expected to be rescued in time to celebrate New Year's.

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