

MOUNT CARMEL BOOTLEG MINER RESCUED ALIVE

Youth Imprisoned Five
Hours by Fall in Mine
Near Germantown

INJURIES ARE MINOR

Leo Shuder, 21, of South Chestnut Street, Mount Carmel, was entombed shortly after noon yesterday by collapse of a bootleg mine operation on Ashland Mountain, near Germantown, on the highway between Mount Carmel and Ashland, and was rescued alive at 3:30 last evening.

Shuder, who resides on the same street at Mount Carmel as Frank and Boley Ostroski, trapped Thursday night in a bootleg mine collapse at Morris Ridge, was working with Charles Raulnatis, 21, and Edward Davis, 21, both of Mount Carmel.

According to the two buddies, Shuder was working at the face of a gateway at the bottom of a combination shaft and slope when the top broke. He was caught with a heavy piece of mine timber across his neck and back. He had been working alone underground while the others were on the surface attending to some other duties. His cries for help attracted his companions' attention.

Miners from adjoining bootleg holes were summoned to the rescue and a messenger was sent to Mount Carmel for additional help. In the meantime the other two workers had entered the mine and began

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removal of debris from the area in which Shuder was trapped. The imprisoned man talked with his companions and said he was not badly hurt.

Mine Inspector James Quigley, of Mount Carmel, who had been assisting in directing the rescue of the Ostroski brothers at Morris Ridge, was notified of the second mine accident and left to direct rescue work there.

The mining official, upon his arrival, found conditions much the same as in the hole in which the Ostroskis had been entombed. Shuder and his companions had sunk a shaft to a depth of 40 feet and from this had driven a slope 90 feet on a pitch of 45 degrees.

Quigley directed the assembling and placing of timbers and then the removal of debris. Through cautious procedure Shuder was released at 5:30 and hoisted to the surface. There an ambulance awaited and conveyed him to Ashland State Hospital, where surgeons found that other than shock and a few bruises, the man had had miraculous escape from death.

Mining officials at the scene of both entombments said the mild weather of the past several days had been responsible for two entombments. With the ground frozen solidly since last Christmas, bootleg miners had not been bothered with water and attendant soft top. Since the beginning of the current week there have been rain and thaws with the result water trickled through the ground, making it soggy and heavy and caused the collapse of improperly timbered working places.

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