

FIVE MINERS ARE FREED AFTER 11 HOURS IN PIT

SHINNSTON, W. Va., Dec. 18
— (UP)— A state mine division inspector began investigation today into the cause of a slate fall at the number 32 mine of the Consolidation Coal Co. which trapped five miners for 11 hours in a pit before they were rescued.

The miners were rescued shortly after 7 p. m. last night by a rescue crew which dug thru 90 feet of slate and earth which had imprisoned the men underground since early morning.

The men, George Dorsey and Henry Mullinaex, cutting machine operators; Louis Mazza, Walter Watson and Carl Debarr, timbermen, were not injured altho exhausted by the 11-hour ordeal.

Faint tappings on the shaft walls encouraged the rescuers all day until a hole was drilled into the chamber where they were trapped and the miners took turns talking to the rescue squads.

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