

REGION MINER RESCUED FROM BOOTLEG HOLE

Frackville Man Trapped 23
Hours in Schuylkill
County Slope

BACK BADLY HURT

John Mischishin, 47, Frackville, is recuperating in Ashland State Hospital from injuries sustained when he was trapped and entombed in a bootleg mine slope at Raven Run for 23 hours.

The miner was working at the bottom of a 53-foot slope when the timbers collapsed. When the break came the timbers formed a partial canopy over the worker to protect him from crumbling rock, coal and earth.

Superintendent Walter Williams, of the Hazle Brook Coal Company, was informed of the collapse of the working place and sent miners from Raven Run Colliery to aid independent workers in the rescue of Mischishin, who was able to converse with and direct the rescuers.

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When the collapse occurred, the trapped miner was buried to the hips, while a piece of rock knocked off his miner's cap and lamp. He hugged the side of the canopy formed by collapsed timbers until the rescuers removed tons of debris before they were able to extricate the entombed man.

Physicians at Ashland State Hospital say Mischishin is suffering hip and back injuries and is in severe state of shock, but they anticipate his recovery.

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