

RESCUE MINER, BURIED FOR 38 HOURS IN TOMB

Louis Bogetti, Shamokin,
Shouts Words Of En-
couragement As Volun-
teers Reach His Side In
Bootleg Hole.

Louis Bogetti, 32, of Shamokin, was recovering today in the State hospital there, after being rescued from a 350-foot bootleg coal mine in which he lay trapped and partially buried for 38 hours.

Doctors said he suffered nothing worse than bruises of the legs and a shoulder, although it had first been feared he was killed in the cave-in. Rescue crews reached him at 4 a. m. today, after being spurred on by his faint calls to them.

"Get going, fellows, and get me the hell out of here!" he kept shouting to them.

Bogetti said that when the fall occurred he dived beneath a chute for protection, but was unable to pull in his legs before they were pinned. He said he lay face down until rescued, unable to move.

Two other miners, Charles Barseh and Russel Spate, also of Shamokin, were in the mine with Bogetti at the time of the cave-in late Monday morning, but they escaped.

Bogetti's reply was emphatic when asked whether he intended to return to work in the mine.

"Hell, yes," he said. "A fellow's got to live, hasn't he?"

The makeshift hole is located three and one-half miles west of the Bear Valley Colliery site.

Nothing was known in Shamokin of Bogetti's entombment until Monday night. Then scores of independent miners and hundreds of curious people rushed to the scene, the former to lend their help and the latter to crowd around the mouth of the hole and look on.

Rescue crews worked in relays until shortly after midnight, when George Hendricks, son of Christian Hendricks, who was fatally injured two weeks ago in a bootleg mine accident, spied Bogetti. He called to him, and Bogetti replied, "Keep coming, gang!" In the rescue crew that first reached his side were his brothers, Joseph and John Bogetti.

At the hospital Bogetti said a second fall of top rock, which occurred shortly after the first, saved his life. It made an air opening and prevented him from suffocating.

Doctors said he would be kept under observation for a time, but would be home again "in a jiffy."

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