

## 2 IMPRISONED IN MINE HOLE BY DARKNESS

Two men imprisoned by darkness deep in a bootleg coal hole were rescued early Friday near Kulpmont, 12 hours after their lanterns went out and they were helpless to move in fear that they might plunge to their deaths.

The miners, Adam Psanko, 34, and Charles McNevech, 33, both of Kulpmont, were under treatment at Shamokin State Hospital for exposure.

They went into the hole Thursday afternoon, each carrying a lamp. While enroute to the location of their work one of them dropped his lamp and it rolled into a yawning pit. With only one lamp remaining, they decided to return to the surface. Suddenly a gust of air blew the flame of it out and left them in pitch darkness.

It was midnight before members of their families became alarmed because they did not return home, and Chief Burkess J. J. Hanlon of Kulpmont formed a searching party of volunteers. Just before dawn Friday the party reached the pair. They hadn't moved a foot from the spot where the lantern went out.

Attending physicians at the hospital said both men were in satisfactory condition and would be discharged from the institution after a thorough check.

1943 Two miners rescued from darkness after 12 hours



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