

Miner Gives Life

KEMPTON, W. Va. (AP)—Peter Howard Scripp, 33, sacrificed his life to save 10 other coal miners in the Kempton No. 42 mine of the Davis Coal and Coke Company.

Scripp, who was standing clear, darted to the switches to send a runaway string of mine cars into an empty chamber. The cars piled up against several other cars and he was crushed to death beneath them.

Ten workers at the bottom of the pit would have been killed or injured if the runaways were not diverted.

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HEROIC MINER SAVES 10, LOSES OWN LIFE

KEMPTON, W. Va., March 26 (U.P.)—A heroic miner saved 10 comrades from certain death in the black depths of a coal slope here, but paid with his own life for his efforts.

Peter H. Scripps, 33, succeeded in sidetracking a runaway string of cars racing toward the mine pit where the 10 men were working, but the cars collided with others already on the siding, and Scripps was pinned against the side of the tunnel.

Miners said they were forced to dig away the coal behind him in order to extricate his body.

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