

15 Trapped in Mine Rescued

Mahanoy City, Pa., Nov. 15 (U.P.) —Rescuers brought out 15 weary coal miners early today who had spent eight hours trapped behind a rock fall 900 feet underground.

The trapped men dug continuously during their captivity to help rescue crews working from the other side clear away the tons of rock, coal and dirt which blocked their path to freedom.

"I wasn't afraid they wouldn't reach us," one of the miners said as he came to the surface. "But, I'm glad I'm out. We sure did a lot of digging for this night's work."

Physicians who examined each of the men as they came to the surface said that they suffered no ill effects. They were sent home to rest.

The men were trapped in the No. 6 slope of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Co. Maple Hill colliery when a runaway mine car jumped the track and knocked out timbers supporting the sides and roof of the tunnel.

The crashing timbers and a warning rumble alerted the men, but the sides and roof of the tunnel collapsed with a roar before they could flee.

Fortunately, however, the debris was not packed tightly enough to
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block off ventilation and the trapped men had sufficient air. They tapped mine car rails to call attention to their plight and then cut in on a permanent telephone line to communicate with rescue crews.

The rock fall occurred only two hours after the men started working yesterday afternoon. All 15 had enough food in their lunch boxes.

Because the men were not in immediate danger, rescue workers sounded no alarm for volunteer rescue crews and the townspeople were hardly aware of the incident.

The scene at the top of the shaft gave no indication of the dramatic struggle going on nearly one-fifth of a mile underground. Only a few relatives were there. No curious crowd milled about. It

looked as though only ordinary mine operations were being conducted.

The miners and the rescue crews could hear each other digging on opposite ends of the restraining wall. Every hour brought them closer to each other.

Finally, shortly before midnight, a small gap was brecced in the wall. With renewed vigor, the rescue crews dug open a hole large enough for the trapped men to climb through.

Perverts' Care Up to Counties

Lincoln, Nov. 15 (U.P.)—Laws governing care, maintenance and treatment of insane patients in state hospitals also apply to sexual psychopaths, Attorney General James H. Anderson held Monday.

The county from which a sexual psychopath is committed must pay for his care, Anderson said.

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