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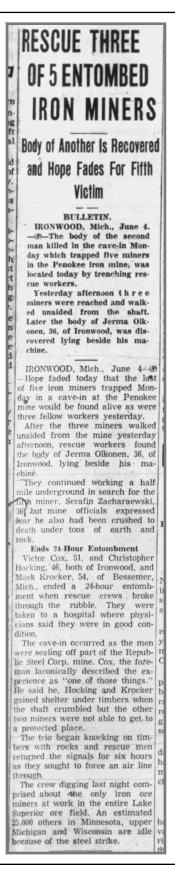
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The trio began knocking on timbers with rocks and rescue men returned the signals for six hours as they sought to force an air line through.

The crew digging last night comprised about the only iron ore miners at work in the entire Lake Superior ore field. An estimated 25,000 others in Minnesota, upper Michigan and Wisconsin are idle because of the steel strike.

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