

### Isaac Stark Victim

## Springbrook Man Dies; Third Worker Escapes

A 35-year-old Springbrook Township mine laborer was killed instantly and a 38-year-old Scranton resident was injured seriously at 9:30 A.M. today when a rock fall trapped three men in No. 13 Slope of the Lombardi Coal Co., one-half mile off Route 11 in Moosic.

Isaac Stark of Moosic Rd., Springbrook Township was pronounced dead on arrival at Taylor Hospital by Dr. Vera Sorokanich, deputy county coroner. Death was attributed to a fractured skull, compound fractures of both legs and internal injuries.

John Brunesheski, 38, of 3205 Cedar Ave., is in fair condition at Taylor Hospital. He suffered a fractured knee and leg as well as extensive brush burns of the face. Eight sutures were required to close a laceration of the chin; 20 to close a cut over the right eye, and four to close a wound on the left ear. He is suffering from shock.

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on that civil action also will be brought by the state to recover damages from people responsible "for permitting operation of the mines with reckless disregard for safety."

### Queen Takes Mate's Name

LONDON (P)—Queen Elizabeth announced tonight that future generations of her family — except those in direct line for the throne — will bear the name Mountbatten-Windsor, giving them her husband's name as well as her own.

A palace spokesman said "the Queen has had this in mind for a long time and it is close to her heart."  
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The third man trapped in the cave-in, Joseph Symuleski, 55, of 3518 Winfield Ave., Moosic, was unhurt and aided in the rescue operations for Mr. Brunesheski and the exhumation of Mr. Stark's buried body.

The mine is owned and operated by Dominick Lombardi Sr., 624 Main St., Moosic. His son, Dominick Jr., is superintendent of the operation, which employs 15 men.

Site of the roof collapse was about a half-mile from the mouth of the mine, northward and in the vicinity underneath the Comerford Drive-In Theater on Route 11.

Ray Lombardi, 129 Oak St., Browntown section of Pittston, a motorman at the mine and cousin of the owners, was only 10 feet from the scene of the cave and narrowly escaped injury.

Mr. Symuleski, the miner, said he and his two helpers were preparing to load a car  
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with coal and place timbers at the face being worked.

He said he was standing at the right front of the coal car and Stark was standing at the left front. Bruneshefski was standing at the right rear of the car.

The car was about 2½ feet from the face. The area which caved was directly over the car, toward the face being mined.

Symulecki said that as the fall started and he dived toward the rear of the car, Bruneshefski leaped the same way. Stark, caught off-balance, went forward, toward the face, and was caught in the major part of the rock fall.

The fall measured an estimated seven feet square and was calculated to be one to four feet thick at the spot where it dropped.

Lombardi said he had just brought the empty car to the site and had left to perform another task for a few minutes when the fall occurred.

**One Aided Other**

He said when he got to the scene Symulecki had managed to work himself free and was helping Bruneshefski. Other workers in the mine carried Bruneshefski to the surface.

They are: John Novak, 3253 Oak Ave., Minooka; Joseph Kraieski, 3610 Laurel Ave.; Moosic, his brother, Stanley Kraieski, 2916 Cedar Ave., this city and Dan Huddleson, 101 Main St., Durvies.

The Moosic Volunteer Fire Department ambulance, with Assistant Fire Chief William Butts in charge, took Bruneshefski to the hospital.

About 10:15 A.M. word reached the surface that Stark's body had been found under the rubble.

Along the way the man was given oxygen, without avail.

He was brought out of the mine about 10:40 A.M.

His wife, who went to the scene with a friend at the first word of the cave-in, was ushered from the mine opening before his body was brought out.

Surviving are his widow, the former Florence Thomas of Spring Brook; two children, Isaac Jr., 11, and Jean, nine; five brothers, Lance of Gouldsboro, Thomas of Luzerne, William of Nashville, Tenn., and Russell and Joseph of Lowman N.Y., near Elmira; four sisters, Mrs. John Aston and Mrs. Warren Dunlap of Spring Brook; Mrs. Helen Clark of Tunkhannock and Mrs. Rebecca Reed of Meshoppen.

The funeral will be held at 2 P.M. Thursday from the Maury at Funeral Home, Moosic. Interment will be in Spring Brook Cemetery.

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