

# Rescuers brought out caved-in copper miner

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GLOBE — Henry Peryam, the miner who has been imprisoned at the bottom of the 135-foot shaft of the Manitou Copper Company, the result of a cave-in which occurred Wednesday morning, is still alive, according to reports received in Globe last night, and his rescuers hope to be able to get him out by morning.

Many efforts to rescue the imprisoned man were made yesterday. Superintendent Kingdom of the Old Dominion mine sent a number of expert miners to assist in clearing and re-timbering the shaft. According to telephone reports, which are meagre,

the mine being located about three miles from a telephone, late yesterday afternoon the rescuers had succeeded in establishing communication with the imprisoned man who was still alive.

It is claimed that he informed them that the water was about 4 feet deep in the place where he was imprisoned. The pumps fortunately were started and unless the unexpected happens there is little danger from drowning.

A follow-up was published on April 10 as follows:

GLOBE — Cold, half-starving and incoherent as a result of thirst, hunger and no sleep, Henry Paryman was rescued from the Five Points mine of the Manitou Copper Company, and brought into Globe Sunday night.

He had been entombed at the bottom of a 130-foot shaft for 100 hours, his es-

cape blocked by over 20 feet of rock and timbers. His rescue was the result of hard heroic work on the part of Fred Webber and other fellow miners who labored day and night to get him out.

Early Wednesday Peryman was working at the mouth of a tunnel at the bottom of the Cracker Jim shaft when he heard the cave-in coming. He rushed back into the tunnel, which is 15 feet deep and 6 feet high, and narrowly escaped the falling debris and rock.

He had three candles, several matches and a candlestick. He would strike the matches, light the candle and look at his watch the first day until the matches gave out, he then lit the candle and kept a light burning until his candles burned out. The water, in the meantime, kept rising and he was compelled to seek safety on a ledge, crowding himself



against the roof of the tunnel, to avoid drowning. Bailing was resorted to prevent the water from rising and had it not been for this he would have certainly been drowned.

*Editor's note: The miner's last name was spelled three different ways in the stories.*

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