

## **Entombed Miner Rescued Alive Today**

Mount Carmel Item
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After being entombed 50 hours, rescue forces lead by some of the best mine officials of the Anthracite Fields, successfully rescued alive Joseph Terescavage, 56 of 1926 east Chestnut street. Shamokin from the Colonial Colliery mine of Madeira Hill and Company at 10:05 this morning after having been imprisoned back of a rush of debris since 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The victim was examined immediately by Dr. Roy B. Bast, Kulpmont, Madeira Hill and Company physician, and was found to be in good condition despite his privations in his underground prison two days.

He was terribly thirsty, was given a drink and then taken in the colliery ambulance at once to the State Hospital at Shamokin.

State Mine Inspector Benjamin I. Evans. this city; General Superintendent T. R. Jones, Frackville; Mining Engineer Thomas Lewis, Frackville, and Superintendent George Jones Natalie directed the work of rescue. Three shifts of ten men worked constantly two days to save the man.

The officials stated yesterday that if Terescavage was where they were informed, he was when the rush occurred, he should have escaped Injury and be rescued alive. They put forth every effort to save the man and won out in their battle.

The rescue squad worked rapidly, but carefully. The breast that ran away and filled the counter gangway thus entombing the Shamokin man back of it, was fore poled. Then as carload after carload of the clay and rock that come down from the run that had started at the top of a breast and ran out to the surface, was removed the passage was made safe.

This continued from Wednesday morning until the man was gotten out at 10:05 this morning. Reports gained circulation that the hat of the victim was found. Again a report was received that he spoke with the rescuers.

At 2:15 o'clock this morning the rescuers heard raps on the pillar. They rapped back. The rapping continued every so often until the man was released.

As a small hole eighteen to twenty inches was finally made through the last three feet of debris, the victim was seen coming out of a chute 25 feet in back of the hole. He had a pick in his hand and quickly squeezed through the hole, joyful to leave his living tomb of two days.