

TWO MEN SAVED FROM DEATH IN SCRANTON MINE

Rescuers Work Furiously To Save Lives of Men Trap- ped By Cave In

Scranton, Pa.—(AP)—The two men engulfed by a mine subsidence here Wednesday afternoon, were removed from the jaws of death shortly before midnight and were taken to a hospital for treatment.

A rescue squad had worked feverishly for more than nine hours to extricate the men from their precarious positions. It was tedious, hazardous work and throughout most of the operations there was imminent danger both for the entombed men and their rescuers.

Ralph Massankiel, aged 25, and William Williams, aged 52, are the men whose lives were threatened for hours by suffocation. Williams' body above the hips was free since late Wednesday afternoon. His companion was beneath him with little more than his head free and just about able to breathe.

Rescuers could have taken Williams from the cave hours before, but the positions of his body meant life to Massankiel until workmen could support with props the earth which momentarily threatened to suffocate him. Williams insisted he remain where he was until his companion could be rescued with him.

Williams was lifted from the cave at 11:30 o'clock, and Massankiel was drawn out 25 minutes later.

Both men were able to partake of sustenance during the greater part of their entombment. Massankiel was given milk through a tube during the earlier hours, and later when more of his body was freed he had sandwiches and coffee. Williams likewise had food and both men smoked several cigarettes before they were finally taken from the cave.

The first subsidence occurred about 2 o'clock Wednesday morning, damaging several homes to the extent of thousands of dollars and causing injury to several residents. Workmen were engaged this afternoon in filling in the void and making repairs when the second cave in took place without warning and engulfed Williams and Massankiel.