

Coal Miner Rescued; Buried Up To Neck

Pottsville, Pa.—(AP)—During the night a coal miner was rescued from the end of a 40-foot shaft near Pottsville. He'd been trapped by a coal fall and buried up to the neck. It was some hours before anybody even knew there was anything wrong, as the mine is a small one and the miner, 50-year-old Sylvester Prosper, was working alone.

When rescuers began to come, one of the first was a priest, the Rev. John Shellum of a church in Pottsville. The priest crawled all the way to where Sylvester was trapped and gave him the last rites of the Roman Catholic church. Then the priest stripped off his robes, got a shovel, and went to work helping the others get the miner out.

Hospital authorities say Sylvester has contusions and bruises, and is suffering from shock—but should be all right.

Miner buried to his neck rescued

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