

# Two Local Men Saved At Gimlet Colliery Today

Joseph Dragon, Kulpmont, and Steve Kieski, Mount Carmel, Closed in Yesterday

## SQUEEZE CLOSED MANWAY

### Rescue Forces Worked Inside and Other Forces Sank Shaft From the Outside

After being entombed twenty hours in a manway of the Gimlet colliery of the Shipman Coal Company, between here and Shamokin, Joseph Dragon, 1108 Eleventh street, and Stephen Kieski, Mount Carmel, were rescued at six o'clock this morning in good physical condition little the worse for their harrowing experience.

#### Safety Man

Together with John Gill, Kulpmont, they worked in the east section and went up a manway to blast out a pillar. Mr. Gill was appointed the safety man and was instructed to remain at a heading as the others went up the manway to accomplish the task at hand.

#### Squeeze Closed Manway

In about a half hour Mr. Gill thought he should have heard something of his "Buddies" and went to investigate when he found that there had been a squeeze on the manway and top broke and closed the passage, entombing his two fellow workmen.

#### Went For Help

Mr. Gill went to the gangway and spread an alarm that two men were entombed behind the fall. Many miners were quickly assembled to start rescue work. The men were divided into gangs of from nine to ten, and each worked two hours, when they would be relieved by other gangs. Only two men could work at the face at the one time, so that it was necessary that these two men work with all the speed and power possible while there. When they became tired other men took their places so that the work of the gang was always moving as rapidly as possible.

#### Drive Pillar Hole

About 25 feet of heading was opened and then they drove up a pillar hole 50 feet up the pitch. All day and then all last night they worked until six

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o'clock this morning they burst through and were overjoyed to find the entombed men alive and well.

After the rescue forces had driven their hole 27 feet they got responses to rapping so that they realized that the victims were alive.

The rescue work was in charge of Superintendent W. B. Wells and nothing was left undone to rescue the men alive.

#### Sunk Slope

The rescued men had gone far up the heading so that they were not so far from the surface. Surveyors ran lines and located on the surface about where the men were entombed in the mines and a gang of men were quickly put at work sinking a slope. When the men were rescued this morning the hole was down 25 feet and had the inside plan of rescue failed, the hole would have soon been through to the entombed men. This was taking extraordinary precautions to be sure to get the men alive.

Physicians were on hand when the men were taken from the mines so that they were feed proper food and just the right amount.