

Man Trapped 8 Hours In Mine Is Rescued

John Micomanico, 56, Mahanoy City, Is In Serious Condition In Hospital

**ANGELO LORENDI
IS SMOTHERED**

**Benedicto Riccoletti, 36, Saved
In Mishap In Independent Mine**

Rescued from an independent mine near Mahanoy City in which he had been buried almost to his neck for more than eight hours, John Micomanico, 56, Mahanoy City is a patient in the Locust Mountain Hospital at Shenandoah in a serious condition from shock and internal injuries.

His buddy, Angelo Lorendi, 48, Mahanoy City, was smothered in the fall, while a third workman, Benedicto Riccoletti, 36, Mahanoy City, caught to the knees, was rescued from the mine about two hours after the fall, which occurred yesterday morning about 1 o'clock.

Without warning, the bottom dropped out of the mine, which is located near the Jacksons strip-pings, plunging the men almost 75 feet into an old working beneath.

For 45 minutes after the accident, their cries for help went unaided until Jack Borlas, of Mahanoy City, working nearby, entered the mine to borrow a saw. Sensing their plight he immediately spread the alarm and rescuers hurried to the scene.

Riccoletti was removed in two hours practically uninjured. The body of Lorendi was recovered about 2:40 in the afternoon and from that time on the group worked against time and another impending fall to save Micomanico.

A few minutes before 7 o'clock last evening rescuers won the race and freed Micomanico, who had been conscious all this time, rushing him immediately to the Locust Mountain Hospital. There he was at first thought to be suffering chiefly from shock, but during the night his condition became serious.

During the time Micomanico was in the mine he was given first aid and hypodermic injections by Dr. Joseph Ricchiuti, Mahanoy City physician, who braved the dangers of the hole to treat the imprisoned man.

Rev. Pasquale Nigro, pastor of the Sacred Heart Italian Church, with whose parish all of the victims were identified, also entered the mine and helped to comfort the two men until they were removed.

Lorendi was covered completely by the fall, his death apparently having occurred within a few minutes.

When Riccoletti was released he was given emergency treatment and taken to the home of Enrico Peca, Mahanoy City, with whom he boarded. He was practically uninjured.

The firm of Carey, Baxter and Kennedy sent many truckloads of timber and plank for the use of

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the rescue workers in their task of freeing the men and keeping back the slides from the sides of the hole.

Deputy Coroner Francis Whalen of Shenandoah, released the body of Lorendi.

Lorendi was born in Italy about 48 years ago, immigrating to the United States and temporarily settling in Shenandoah. Twenty-six years ago he took up residence in Mahanoy City.

He followed the occupation of mining. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Italian Church and the Sons of Italy.

He has no immediate survivors in this section, but is known to have three brothers and one sister in Italy. The remains will be taken to the home of Anthony DiGoro-

nino, 829 East Pine Street, Mahanoy City, for burial.

Micomanico boarded with Nicholas Mammorella, Mahanoy City.