Entombed Miner Rescued Alive

An independent miner, entombed for three hours yesterday afternoon in a mine near Cumbola, was rescued alive.

Charles Kopinetz, 31, of 324 Laurel street, Pottsville, was rushed to the Pottsville Hospital after being uncovered by a corps of determined diggers and friends.

His condition today was reported "fairly good" as he receives treatment for injuries to his back and legs.

Kopinetz was setting up timber at the time. He said "the face gave way" and he was covered in the fall of rock and coal.

The mine is a 200-foot drift at Windy Harbor, Eagle Hill, near Cumbola.

When the rescue crew reached the miner and freed him from the debris, Dr. Charles Delp, of St. Clair, offered emergency treatment. The doctor examined the entombed man while his hips and legs were still buried in the coal and rock.

The operation, called the Blue Mountain Coal Company, is owned by Joseph Markowsky, North Second street, Pottsville.

The St. Clair community ambulance, with James T. Maguire and Fred Zulick, as attendants, stood by outside the mine during the rescue work and were ready when Kopinetz reached the surface. Kopinetz was conscious and able to talk to his rescue workers and ambulance attendants.

He has been employed in the mine one week.

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