

## Entombed Miner Rescued After 20 Hours Un- derground.

### SLIGHTLY INJURED

John Coyle, 63, Middleport, near Tamaqua, entombed Monday afternoon in a bootleg mine hole near New Philadelphia, was rescued shortly before noon yesterday after had been entombed twenty hours. He was only slightly injured but suffered severely from shock. He was able to tell of his terrifying experience.

The rescue of Coyle was effected by a group of volunteer, experienced miners, who drove a supplemental shaft from the foot of the original shaft, to the point where the entombed miner was protected back of timbers which kept the major fall from crushing him.

The miniature mine shaft had been driven down a depth of 90 feet and a small gangway was being turned off when the accident occurred. Coyle was at the face of the working place while Howard Feese, of New Philadelphia, was placing timber near the foot of the shaft.

A stick known as a "punch prop," used between major timbers, was pressed out of position, permitting the larger props to fall and release a heavy clod of top and loose coal and earth.

As the top fell, Feese leaped aside and started up the shaft ladder, at the same time shouting a warning to Coyle, who sought protection at the face of the working place. Heavy timbers fell toward him and were in such slanting position as to save the miner from being crushed by the rock. There he was held in a very

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## Bootleg Miner Is Taken From Shaft

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narrow space in which he could stand erect.

It was because of this unusual position it became necessary to drive the auxiliary hole along the shaft to reach the imprisoned men, the task proving a delicate piece of mining which was accomplished with technical perfection.

When Coyle was rescued shortly before noon yesterday, physicians from the Pottsville hospital were in waiting, found him suffering from severe shock and exposure, administered stimulation, wrapped him in blankets and rushed him to the hospital.

Coyle is reported as making progress toward recovery and it is expected he will be able to leave the hospital within the next few days.

