DEATH COMES TO RESCUED MINER

Gus Snyder Dies From Hemorrhage After Being Saved From Croft Mine

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Work of 20 Miners in Rescuing Man From Tomb Robbed by Reaper

Death has written The End in the tragic story of Gus Snyder's life the last six days.

Death came unexpectedly Saturday night to the Crosby miner to rob his rescuers of their valiant efforts in saving him from the horrible death of suffocation by earth and stone.

Snyder was partially entombed last Tuesday at 2:45 p.m. when a drift cave-in occurred on the 366 foot level of the Croft mine, Crosby. Then began a courageous and determined fight for his life by 20 miners. They worked constantly, digging a new drift to reach the man, progressed cautiously that they might not disturb the earth which threatened at any time to come tumbling down on Snyder in his prison wall of earth. A small opening from Snyder’s “tomb” gave him a little air. The shock and exposure was indescribable. Snyder remained cheerful, praying that his fellow workmen would soon reach him. The hours dragged on. After 45 hours of imprisonment he was dragged through an aperture in the wall with a rope. His reason was gone. Fighting his rescuers he demanded to be left alone. He was forced into an ambulance and taken to the Miners hospital in Crosby.

At the hospital hope was held out for his life. But early Saturday the miner was bleeding from the mouth, blood more red than the iron ore which he dug for. His death came at 10:10 p.m. Saturday caused by internal hemorrhage.

Snyder who was 47 years old leaves a grief stricken widow and six children.

The children are Frances 18, Ted 16, Jewel 14, Chester 12, Eddie 9, and Leonard two and half years old.

Snyder was an expert miner who had been engaged in such work on the Mesabi and the Meacham mine before he entered employment at the Croft mine. One of his old miner chums who had helped in rescue work was Charles Erickson.