

A CHARMED LIFE.

Not the Only Time the Anaconda Survivor Has Been Caught.

Frank Agassin, the sole survivor of the cave in the Anaconda mine, is in the general ward at the Sisters' Hospital in this city. He says he feels a little sorer on his right shoulder and left hip than when first taken out. This is ascribable to the muscular reaction after the terrible strain of remaining fifty-five hours in a cramped position, his left leg doubled up on his breast. There is also a pain in some of the internal organs. The attending physicians at the hospital apprehend no ill results but say he will recover in a few days. His mind is not the least impaired apparently.

Agassin was born in Paris, and came to this country in 1882. He had a similar experience to his late one when working in a mine near Georgetown, Col. He was caught in a drift by a fall of rock that kept him a prisoner six days before he was released. Then he had plenty of water, as there was a spring at the end of the drift where he was, and was not cramped as he was this time, having plenty of room to move about.

He had no idea of the passage of time during his incarceration. When he found himself imprisoned, with no possible chance of escape except with the aid of others, he shouted several times, but getting no answer he concluded to keep quiet till he heard something. At intervals he could hear the rumble of cars passing on the level overhead. He made no call for assistance again until he heard the sounds of his deliverers at work, when he called out, and to his great relief was answered. He has had an experience such as not one man in a million has survived, and from coming through two such trials successfully may be said to bear a charmed life.—*Helena Journal*.

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Frank Agassin, the Entombed Miner, Is
Rescued Alive.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Frank Agassin was the hero of the hour last evening, a distinction to which he was justly entitled. Mr. Agassin is the miner who was caught in the cave at the Anaconda mine last Saturday and for 55 hours existed in a chamber about a foot and a half wide, two feet high and four feet long.

It was at an early hour Sunday morning when the rescuing party at the Anaconda first learned that a man was alive in the wreck, and from that time until about 10:30 o'clock last night the work of rescue was never for a moment abandoned. For 38 hours Agassin was within three feet of the workmen and could hear all they said, but could not see them. Through a small aperture in the timbers with which the space between him and the rescuers was barricaded he was furnished with water and food, the latter consisting of soup, which was poured through a rubber tube. This, of course, was a novel way of putting soup into a person, but the prisoner offered no objection and no one else had any objection coming.

At an early hour yesterday morning the workmen were able to shake hands and held close communion with the imprisoned man, and upon the thought of an early deliverance from bondage his spirits went up almost out of sight.

Inch by inch the workmen kept getting nearer the victim and at 10:30 o'clock last night the last barrier was removed and Agassin was pulled out of the hole. When first released he stood erect, glanced about at the crowd and then shook himself to see if he was all there. His face was as black as that of a veritable Senegambian, the result of contact with the blackened ore. After congratulating himself and the workmen, he started to walk, but he had miscalculated his powers of locomotion and would have fallen had he not been caught by one of the men. He was then assisted to the surface where a hack was in waiting in which he was taken to the hospital, which place he reached about 11 o'clock.

With the exception of a slight injury to the base of the spine Agassin is all right, but during the next few days his muscles will be quite sore, the result of his cramped position in the hole. Drs. Hough and Munroe attended him. Although Agassin has only a limited acquaintance with the English language, he being a Frenchman, he said to a MINER reporter, after being released, that while his experience in the hole was not an enviable one he got along nicely, considering his surroundings.

"At first," said he, "I thought I was a goner, but when I heard the men working I knew I would be saved. It was dark and warm in that hole. I did not know anybody else was caught by the rock. When it started I was in the drift and I ran out and jumped into the slope. There I was caught. They tell me that I had been there only about 13 hours before they heard me. It seemed to me like a week. I wonder if my pay went on while I was there. I ought to get paid for double shift."

"How old are you?" asked the reporter.

"I was 29 before I went into that lode.

How long was I there?" answered Agassin.

"Yes, I am still 29 and have a wife living 25 miles from Cheyenne."

"Will you go to work again in the mine?" asked the reporter.

"Not just now," said he. "I'll wait a few days and see how I feel. My back is a little sore now and my muscles are not so limber as they were a few days ago. What color is my hair?"

Being assured that it was black Agassin remarked "that's good. Say, those fellows made so d— much noise while I was in that lode that I did not sleep much, so I guess I'll make up for lost time now."

And with these remarks he began to show signs of approaching drowsiness and the reporter left him.

Although quite talkative, Agassin's true condition will not be known until to-day. He thinks he is all right, but there is a lingering suspicion that his back will trouble him several days yet. His appetite is pretty good and after being taken out he ate a bowl of porridge.

The work of searching for the other victims will be kept going night and day, yet it will be a week and possibly more before the last one will be recovered. They are William Hyland, Jerry N. Harrington, Timothy C. Murphy, Quinn Leary and Daniel Sheehan, all of whom are surely dead.

Since the accident there has been so much talk about the mine not having been properly worked that Mr. Daly has courted the fullest investigation of the timbering.

The Miners' union, too, have taken the matter in hand, and at the request of Mr. Daly and the coroner's jury they, at a special meeting held last evening, appointed a committee of seven practical miners to make an investigation to-day.

The committee consists of Isaac Williams, Tom Malone, Joseph Thomas, Rod McDonald, H. M. Bluett, John Nance and William Hogan. These gentlemen will visit the mine this morning and make a thorough examination, after which they will testify before the jury.

As to the disposition of the four bodies removed, that of Clark will be buried from the residence of Mr. Hancock in Walkerville at 10 o'clock this morning; Nordstrum will be shipped to his sister in Eureka county, Nev.; Stewart will be buried from Sherman's some time to-day, and Smith will also be buried from Sherman's.

It was learned yesterday that Mr. Daly came up from Anaconda on a special train on Sunday, since which time he has been constantly at the mine.