

Trapped Under Roof Fall in No. 1 Tunnel

**Frank Cretelli and Alex Docalavich Taken From
Powderly Workings After Being Entombed for
More Than Seven Hours—Neither Seriously
Hurt—Crews Work Feverishly to Reach Trio**

Two of the five Carbondale men who were entombed in the No. 1 tunnel, Powderly colliery, Hudson Coal company, South Carbondale, at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning, were rescued alive at 6 o'clock last night by fellow workmen. Neither was seriously injured but both suffered greatly from shock following their removal from their hazardous positions in which they were forced to remain for more than seven hours.

The men saved are:

Frank Cretelli, 39, 104 Cottage street, and Alex Docalavich, 43, 161 Powderly street, both of Carbondale.

Still entombed are:

John Caruso, 50, 88 Fallbrook street; John Rogish, 52, 234 Powderly street, and Thomas Chadwick, 59, 47 Ontario street, Carbondale.

Cretelli Taken Home

Cretelli was removed to St. Joseph's hospital where he was treated for a scalp laceration and was discharged shortly after and taken to his home. His condition was reported as being favorable.

Docalavich remains in the General hospital where he was taken following his removal from the mine. He has several bruises about the back and his shoulders were lacerated but no bones were broken, doctors reported. His condition was said to be "fair."

At 11:15 o'clock last night, St. Joseph's hospital, Carbondale, announced that they had received notification to be ready to receive another patient from the mine. This was taken as an indication that another man had been reached, but at 2:15 o'clock this morning, no additional patients had been taken to the institution from the colliery.

Pockets formed by large slabs of rock resting on mine pillars formed a cavern which accounts for the miraculous escape of the two rescued miners. Cretelli was hit a glancing blow by a large slab of rock and was

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Veterans' Loan Adoption Today Appears Likely

**Senate Disregards Hoover's
Protest in Getting Bill Out
Of Committee so That Ac-
tion May Be Taken in Time
To Forestall Pocket Veto;
Mills Predicts Bond Issue**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP).—Thrusting aside a presidential protest the senate today swept the veterans' loan measure through its finance committee and decided to vote tomorrow in an effort to speed the legislation to the White House.

The finance committee approved the house bill authorizing loans to veterans up to half the face value of their compensation certificates by a vote of 13 to 3, within an hour after receiving a letter from the president vigorously objecting to the legislation.

Predicts Passage

Agreement was quickly entered into

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pinned against a pillar in such a position that allowed him to loosen dirt about him and make a place of safety.

Docalavich was only a short distance from Cretelli, but was caught by a part of the fall and unable to extricate himself in any manner until the pathway was broken. The subsidence extended over an area of more than one-half mile and the crevices permitted sufficient air to reach the saved men.

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon communication was established with Cretelli and Docalavich and their location was pointed out to the emergency group who lost no time in effecting the best method for their safe removal from their perilous position.

Think Two Killed

Efforts to talk with the other men proved futile and the men who were saved claimed that John Caruso was only a short distance from them when the crash occurred. Chadwick and Rogish were much farther back and are believed to have been caught under the heaviest part of the fall and probably met instant death, it was reported by the men on the rescue job.

Through another opening a squad of workers reached the other end of the fall where they located two teams of mules alive. Another team was unaccounted for and is thought to have been crushed in the fall. This finding would mean that the other men did not make their way to safety, mine workers stated.

Frank Rooney and Samuel Tolerico, both of Gordon avenue, South Carbondale, narrowly escaped death in the mishap. Both fled to safety while the fall was occurring and reported the happenings to others in that section. Louis Scuddens, 104 Cottage street, who lives in the lower floor of the Cretelli home, was another employee to escape.

All Are Married

The five men are all married and have large families except Cretelli. The wife and small son of Cretelli watched anxiously from the back porch of their home, a few feet from the mine opening, and Mrs. Cretelli was overcome with joy when she noticed her husband

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being removed, apparently uninjured, to a waiting ambulance.

Cretelli's first remarks when he reached the outside were: "I'm not hurt much, take me home boys." Officials saw that he was taken to the hospital but he was soon back in his home, although considerably weakened from his experience.

Company ambulances were stationed at the opening of the mine for two hours before the squad brought the two miners to the outside and hurried them away to the Carbondale hospitals. The Rev. James P. Holleran, assistant pastor of St. Rose church, Carbondale, was at the mine ready to administer to the entombed men the last rites of the Catholic church.

Dozens of cars of mine timbers, props and lagging were sent to the scene of the accident. The rescue squad consisted of about forty men who worked feverishly in removing the debris. A passageway was gradually cut through the fall and the rock and coal was "ditched" into nearby gobs.

Colliery officials, including Edison Thomas, superintendent at that mine; E. C. Welchel, assistant general manager; G. B. Fillmore, sales agent; Evan B. Williams, Coalbrook superintendent; R. A. Lambert, mine foreman in the section where the cavein occurred, directed the rescue workers.

Extreme care was required in removing the rock and dirt in order not to cause injury to the men whose voices were plainly heard by the workmen. Men engaged in other sections of the operation were notified to stop mining and they filed out of the mine immediately.

Members of the families of the entombed men, together with hundreds of others, crowded the vicinity of the mine entrance but company police prevented them from trespassing upon the property. The right of way of the Ontario and Western railroad was lined for a considerable distance until a late hour last night by the anxious outlookers.

William Reid, Park street, Carbondale, a state mine inspector, visited the scene early in the afternoon.

Find Victim Probably Met Instant Death Un- der Huge Fall of Roof In Powderly Work- ings; No Trace of Chadwick and Rogish

The body of John Caruso, 50, 188 Fallbrook street, Carbondale, one of five men entombed on Wednesday morning in No. 1 tunnel, Powderly colliery, Hudson Coal company, at South Carbondale, was recovered at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The discovery lessened somewhat the hopes which were held for the safe removal of two other entombed men.

No trace has been found of John Rogish, 52, 234 Powderly street, or Thomas Chadwick, 59, 47 Ontario street, both of Carbondale.

Early Wednesday night Frank Cretelli and Alex Docalavich, the other two entombed, were removed safely from the underground workings where tons of rock and coal had fallen to hold them prisoners.

Legs Are Sighted

Rescue workers sighted the legs of Caruso at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and it required two hours to extricate him from the mass of debris, which crushed his life out. He is believed to have met instant death.

Caruso was lying face downward in a doubled up position when reached. It was apparent that he had been knocked down as he ran to escape the fall. Miners who participated in the rescue work estimated that the huge rock which fell on Caruso was approximately 15 feet square.

The body of Caruso reached the surface at 5:40 o'clock and it was placed in a company ambulance and removed to the morgue of Undertaker Jacob Graziano, Hospital street, Carbondale, from where it will be taken today to his late home. Caruso is survived by his widow and five children. He was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel church, Carbondale.

Second Operation Affected

An independent mine located on the West mountain and running near the location of the scene of the mishap was disturbed by the subsidence, it was learned yesterday. All operations have been halted there, it was reported. Workmen escaped injury, but it will require some time to clean up the debris in the mine. Entrance to the independent operation is gained in the vicinity of Poplar street, Carbondale.

Considerably handicapped by the height of the roof and the continued disturbances, slow progress is being made in the No. 1 tunnel. The rescue workers, State Mine Inspector William Reid stated yesterday, are, nevertheless, doing an excellent job. The roof in the affected area is 18 feet high.

Groans of a mule were heard late Wednesday night in the mine and they at first were believed to have come from one of the entombed men. This resulted in a call being sent to a Carbondale hospital to be ready to admit another patient, it was reported by those in close touch with the situation yesterday.