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RESCUED MINER AND FAMILY — Miner Gerd Eggers, 31, escaped with a crushed hand and bruises after a 17-hour ordeal trapped 640 feet underground at Steep Rock Iron Mines. At right smiles come easily for his wife, Marilyn and children Billy, 6, and Barbara, 4. This picture was taken by a Times-Journal photographer.

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Second Cave-in Discovered

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ATIKOKAN, (Special) — A second cave-in was discovered at the mine here where Gerd Eggers, 31-year-old German immigrant miner, was trapped for 17 hours last week before being rescued.

Had the second cave-in occurred during rescue operations, several more men would have been trapped at the 700-foot level of the Steep Rock Iron Mines Limited project, 130 miles west of Port Arthur

Company Operations Manager W. J. Huston disclosed Tuesday that a second cave in had occurred sometime after Eggers's rescue Saturday.

"We knew we were working against time and that a fall could be expected."

Evidence of the second cave-in was discovered Monday.

Eggers, whose hand was pinned by a mine timber during his 17-hour entombment, was reported in good condition Tuesday in hospital although his hand had started to swell.