

DEATH BEATS AID BROUGHT BY THIS DOG INTO MICA MINE

Rescuers Find One Man Dead in An Abandoned Mine and
Another Dying From Suffocation.

(By Associated Press.)

ASHEVILLE, N. C., June 16.—Buried in an abandoned mica mine in the great mountain forests of Mitchell county, far removed from any habitation, John English, a young prospector, pinned by a mass of earth and mica which covered him as he stood upright from his feet to his chin so that only part of his face protruded, endured the agonies of hunger and thirst from Monday morning until Wednesday night. The only sounds in the desolation were the groans of his companion, Henry Woody, who finally died in agony, and the yelping of English's little dog, which finally brought rescue, which, however, came too late, as Woody was dead when his body was recovered, and English died a few hours afterward.

The young men went in search of mica deposits which are common in

Mitchell county and left word at their homes that they would not return before Thursday night. Before he died English told of the accident. He said that he and Woody decided to prospect an old mine and went down about thirty feet to the bottom in order to turn into one of the shaft levels. As they reached the bottom the sides of the shaft, weakened by heavy rains, caved in and buried them, Woody being completely covered from sight, while English had both arms pinned to his sides by the debris, which he could not change.

Wednesday morning the relatives of the young men, alarmed by their absence, organized a searching party, part of which heard the incessant yelping of the little dog and went to where it kept its vigil at the pit's mouth, and saw at the bottom English's upturned face.

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