

**MINER PINNED  
HOURS UNDER SLATE**

**Cries for Help Not Heard  
by Comrades**

**HAD KNOCKED OUT BEAM**

**Took Out Old Support Before  
Putting in New**

**Rescued by Workmen on Way  
to Dinner**

For three hours William Donnelly, a laborer in the sunny side coal mine, lay bedded and bleeding under a mass of broken slate. For three hours he struggled and called for help. At that time his strength was well nigh gone and his mind almost bereft of reason. Help came and he was rescued from his perilous trap.

Donnelly boards at 1228 West Indiana street, nearly about a week, he continues of the unexpected gathering of the mine for the purpose of exploring temporary ways with permanent props. The first ones Donnelly came to support of an immense ledge of slate. Instead of putting the permanent props in place before knocking out the temporary supports, Donnelly had the supports taken and knocked out the support with his hands.

No other man is believed to have had hope of slate to be supported till and crushed him in the face of the mine. He did in such a way as to place his arms, thus preventing the safe escape of course that he might otherwise have had. Would he have had the sense of arms he might have fallen to the ground of the slate to have approached himself, as it was his own perfect hope.

Donnelly could hardly see help from his position, where the slate had not reached to his feet, he knew he would be crushed to his death, but he did not until the miners left at night, when they would pass within a short distance of him.

Donnelly knew poor Donnelly lay in his position, his body under with pain and his mind tormented with thoughts that before the miners passed out at noon he might have accomplished what he was unable to do. It was while Donnelly was in this position that a man of his life. More than once he gave up all hope of ever seeing the bright of the sun again.

Finally he heard the men coming and returning legs was power to his voice. The call for help was heard and the men came and got Donnelly from under the broken slate.

Donnelly was carried from the mine and medical aid summoned. The doctor who responded made a hasty examination of the injured man and had him removed to his home. There it was ascertained that Donnelly's entire left side, from head to feet, was badly injured and cut. No bones were broken, though it is feared he will be lame for a long time.

At Foxcock Donnelly was removed to St. Mary's hospital. Last Saturday night he was reported to be feeling better.

The miners who rescued Donnelly from under the mass of slate could not be sure he was not better before he passed than he was. They think he was fortunate in escaping with his life.

# 1897 Wm Donnelly rescued from cavein in Sunny Side mine



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