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Buried under ten tons of coal, with life sustained by means of a piece of gas pipe forced through the heavy mass, while his comrades worked heroically to rescue him, was the experience today of Hugh Kelly of Jersey City, an employé of the Hudson Coal company. Kelly is now in the Jersey City hospital, badly bruised and injured internally. He will die.

Man Is Buried Under Tons of Coal.

Kelly was at work on the top of a thirty foot trestle, up to which big steel cars, each carrying fifty tons of coal, are run from the barges. His duty was to secure the cars before they were emptied into the chute. Kelly was on a car fastening the brakes when another employé, Thomas Haggerty, pulled the lever which releases the coal from the bottom of the car. Kelly fell with the coal thirty feet, and in an instant was buried under tons of it.

Kelly's fatal plunge was seen by Haggerty and his cries for help brought other employés, headed by Ald. Holmes, superintendent of the yard, to the scene. A long piece of gaspipe was shoved down through the coal, and fortunately reached the entombed man, who was thus saved from suffocation.

Then followed a brave fight against death. Armed with shovels, the band of rescuers delved and dug with frantic haste to rescue their comrade. When Kelly was reached his teeth were clinched viselike on the end of the gaspipe.

An ambulance was summoned and Kelly taken to the hospital, where an examination proved that his injuries were fatal.

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1904 Hugh Kelly rescued after being buried under tons of coal

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