

**BURIED FOR  
11 HOURS**

**Terrible Peril of Miner in Deep  
Shaft at Ironton.**

**PINNED DOWN BY A PROP**

**Kicked It From Beneath Timbering  
and Was Caught by Fall of Earth  
—Tunneled Through Rock to  
the Rescue.**

Pinned to the ground by a piece of heavy timber and covered over with a mass of earth, William Brown, was yesterday buried alive for 11 hours in a mine at Ironton and when rescued by a party of his fellow workmen was found but little injured.

Brown, who is a native of Mosheim, Berks county, secured employment in the mines of Hartoll and Gotschalk at Ironton about a week ago.

These mines have very rich deposits at a great depth and drifts are being worked at a depth of from 150 to 250 feet.

Brown was employed on the night shift and yesterday morning at about five o'clock was working in one of the drifts about 150 feet below the surface of the earth. The ceiling of the drift had been timbered to prevent caving, the ceiling being supported by heavy props.

Brown accidentally knocked out one of these props which falling knocked him down and pinned him down by his legs. Released from its flooring, a huge mass of loosened earth, churned out by the recent weather and weight, set down by thousands of tons of earth overlying fell upon the prostrate man.

One side of the drift led beside a mass of rock. Through jutting points the earth did not fill in perfectly and a long opening was left between the rock and the earthmass leading from the open air to the unfortunate and still fortunate man beneath, who by this miracle above escaped certain death.

His fellow-workmen hearing the noise of the fall of earth hurried to the man's rescue, but locating him by his cries which emerged from the opening, quickly realized that to work to remove the loose earth would be to almost certainly kill him and imperil their own lives. Everything was in readiness for a tremendous landslide.

Another point of attack was decided upon for the desperate situation, rescuing the man from the direction of the ledge of rock, which meant tunneling through some 20 feet of solid earth and several feet through solid rock.

Dr. O. E. Lab, of Egypt, was summoned and the work of tunneling began.

The men labored gallantly but carefully as a single unfortunate movement might have been fatal.

The physicians and crowd of bystanders stood in the driving rain waiting for the fateful moment of rescue.

Through the hole with which communication was held with the man and whose given him of rescue, a bottle of stimulants was dropped and sustained him until his rescue between four and five o'clock.

Eleven hours of most laborious toil was required.

When extricated from his position an examination showed only a few bruises on his leg.

Dr. Lab removed him to his boarding place, Nathaniel Kubra's Hotel, Ironton.

Another examination will be made today and should further injuries be discovered, Brown will be brought to the hospital.

Brown is about 25 years of age and is single.

The mine in which the accident occurred is one of the best producers in this section, about 200 tons a day being shipped to the Thomas Iron Co.

## 1905 William Brown rescued after 11 hours trapped at Ironton Pa

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