

MINER BURIED ALIVE IS RESCUED UNHURT

Remarkable Escape After Being
Covered by Over 300 Tons
of Coal and Rock

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SHENANDOAH, Pa., Dec. 12.—Buried to the neck in the rush of hundreds of tons of coal that swept into the gangway in the West Holmes vein at Hammond Colliery, Anthony Connell, 21 years old, of Girardville, was rescued alive and practically unhurt, shortly before noon today after being hemmed in twenty-four hours. He had been given up for dead and an undertaker was on hand to receive the body, as miners acquainted with conditions said he could not survive the entombment. His mother was at the mouth of the mine praying for her son, but was prevailed on to leave and prepare herself to receive his body.

Young Connell says he owes his life to his presence of mind. Some days ago a boulder fell out of the top of the gangway, making a cavity about three feet in the roof. When he heard the battery giving out he leaped for this "cuddy hole," which enabled him to keep his head above the mass of coal which choked the gangway to the roof for several hundred feet.

A rescuing force working in relays of eleven men toiling with might and main under the directions of Mine Foreman John Gerrity, removed over three hundred tons of coal and rock before reaching him.

1909 Anthony Connell rescued after 24 hours

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