

**CATCHES CHILD
WHILE ON FLY**
**Startling Rescue by Man Who
Dives into Mine Shaft**
WRAPS LEG AROUND CABLE

"Tim" McDonough, According to Tale,
Dives Headfirst Into Hole After
Falling Child and Grabs Tot While
Speeding by—His Cage at Bottom
of Shaft and is Badly Hurt, But Will
Recover.

Irwin, Pa., May 26.—Diving down a
400-foot mine shaft to the successful
rescue of a falling child and only sus-
taining several broken ribs, a broken
ankle and contusions about the entire
body is the unusual and startling ex-
perience of "Tim" McDonough, mine
guard.

McDonough had promised several
children he would take them into the
mine and about twenty were gathered
at the mouth of the shaft waiting for
the cage to ascend. Tony Andy, aged
two, got too close and toppled into the
hole.

McDonough saw the child lose his
balance and without hesitation dived
into the shaft. He dropped faster
than the child, and in the descent Mc-
Donough caught the little fellow in
his arm. His shoulder struck a tim-
ber and he bounded to the center of
the shaft. There his free arm came
in contact with the wire cable on
which the cage was suspended, but
the rapidity with which he was de-
scending caused the cable to burn his
hand and he let go. He was bounded
from side to side and finally thrown
against the cable a second time. This
time he wrapped his legs about the
cable and threw the free arm around
it, still holding the child.

He slid down the oily cable with
lightning-like rapidity and then struck
the cage at the bottom. He was par-
tly stunned, but scrambled off the cage
with his burden. Once off the cage
he crawled about twenty feet, where
he collapsed.

A gang of men went down in search
of the hero. They found him on the
floor of the mine. He was taken out
and carried to his home. The child
escaped without a scratch. The physi-
cian says McDonough will recover.

1914 Tim McDonough dives into mine shaft to save child



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