

Heroic Miner Saves Mine Foreman When Rocks Break Loose

Calumet, Mich., Jan. 31.—John Haun, underground foreman for the Calumet & Hecla Mining company, owes his life to the heroism of James Phillips, a miner, who permitted a mass of falling rock to slide upon his body so that he might protect Haun, who lay beneath him.

Haun was struck by a large block of loose ground and was pinned under the rock, with only his head, face upward, protruding. While in that position, Phillips, who sped to the rescue of Haun, observed another area of loose rock slowly sliding down the slope toward Haun's head. Realizing that the rock would crush and perhaps kill Haun, Phillips stood in such a position that his foreman would be protected and with his back arched waited until the sliding rock struck him. Haun's face thus was sheltered while Phillips received the brunt of the burden. Workmen extricated the two a few minutes later.

Haun received severe injuries to the spine, while Phillips' back and hips were badly injured.

1924 John Haun saved from cavein at Calumet MI mine

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