

BOY, 8, IS RESCUED FROM MINE SHAFT

PLUNGES 50 FEET INTO ICY
WATER—IS REMOVED BY
SEVERAL MEN.

Galena, Kan., Feb. 16.—Jesse Toller, 8 years old, was saved from a watery grave here this afternoon when he was rescued after plunging fifty feet into an abandoned shaft containing twenty-five feet of water.

Aside from being badly frightened and ducked twice in the icy cold water, the second time when he fell from a rope while being hoisted from the shaft, the child suffered no ill effects from his perilous experience.

On Way Home from School.

The boy fell into the shaft while on his way home from school at noon. The shaft is located on Short street, between Fifth and Sixth streets.

Several other school children were with him when the accident occurred and they notified several men nearby. They shouted into the shaft and when the youth replied a looped rope was lowered. The boy could not swim, but was clinging to the walls of the shaft.

He was instructed by his rescuers to place the loop under his arms. This he did and was hoisted about fifteen feet when he slipped out of the loop and again plunged into the water.

Percy Watson, who was in the rescue party, volunteered to go into the shaft after the boy. He was lowered and found the child clinging to the loop of the rope. The boy was tied securely and pulled out.

An ambulance from the Clark Undertaking Company took him to his home where an examination failed to reveal any injuries. The boy is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Toller.

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