

## Coat Tail Holds Man Safely in Fall Down Mine Shaft

MODESTO, Feb. 20 (AP)—How Lester Simmons, 30, of Modesto, literally dangled by his coat tails above the black depths of an abandoned mining shaft near Placerville was reported by his friends here today.

Simmons, engaged with companions in mining, climbed about 30 feet down the old shaft, part of the Lucky Baldwin mine, to bring out some iron ore. He slipped from the ladder, his friends said, and fell about 5 feet before his clothes caught on a piece of timber.

He dangled in the shaft, which mining men said its between 1,000 and 1,500 feet deep, until his companions lowered a rope.

### 1933 Lester Simmons rescued while dangling by his coat tail in mine shaft

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