

GEORGE GILL RESCUED FROM MINE ROOF FALL

Carbondale, May 20.—George Gill, aged forty years, a miner, of 42 Locust street, has his foreman John Yancheck, to thank for being rescued alive after being trapped under a fall of rock in a slope of the Simpson Coal Company at the rear of 222 Canaan street, on Saturday evening, when Yancheck imperiled his own life to return to his fellow workman and with his hands and a stick, the only instrument available, removed a huge pile of loose culm and dirt from his head, saving him from being smothered while others were coming to his rescue. He was left with all except his head buried under a mass of rock and dirt, and it was nearly five hours later that his body was entirely uncovered, permitting his removal. The McGranaghan ambulance which was in waiting at the mouth of the mine hurried him to St. Joseph's Hospital where he was found by Dr. A. J. Kaufman, to be not dangerously hurt. He suffered bruises of the body and limbs, and from shock.

Where the fall occurred is not more than two hundred feet from the mouth of the opening. Gill, another workman, Frank Konosky, of Fairlawn avenue, and Yancheck were engaged in recting timbers when almost without warning the roof collapsed. Konosky was clear of the fall. Yancheck was caught on the limbs, but managed to extricate himself while the bulk of it came upon Gill. After working himself loose Yancheck returned to the scene after sending Konosky for help. Before the others arrived he had Gill's head uncovered permitting him to breathe.

Kenneth Lambert, superintendent, and Joseph Moran, general foreman at Coalbrook colliery of the Hudson Coal Company, were early to arrive and assisted in directing the cribbing work necessary to permit the rescuers to work at removing the fall to recover Gill's body. It was done without further caveats.

While Gill was still underneath the fall of roof, Rev. H. J. McGranaghan went into the workings and administered the rites of the Catholic Church to him. Chief Murphy and City Patrolmen William Moffitt, Arthur Dearie, Michael Norella and Frank Moran were on hand keeping the throngs of people who gathered from getting over the area which had been caved and away from the opening of the slope.

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