

Heroic Battle In Mine Inspires Engineer's Verse

Heroism isn't a trait peculiar to the men who are fighting the battle of the world in the trenches and air of Europe.

Men who daily trust their lives to the skill of man and faith in fickle nature that the world may be warm must have some of the stuff that makes heroes; but when they push their way under the hills to seek comrades who have been caught challenging the same fate that may have cost the other lives, their courage is real, and their bravery worthy of the little tribute that H. K. Chisholm wrote yesterday in the offices of the Wilkeson Coal & Coke company. Mr. Chisholm is in charge of the mine rescue station for the government at

the University of Washington and has been assisting in the search for the entombed men at Wilkeson. He has taken part in rescue work in many of the biggest mine disasters in the United States during his long service with the government, and is considered a mining authority.

His tribute to the miner is more significant in that his son, just 21, is already in France with the American engineers.

"War means not all the battles,
For all heroes soldiers wise
Nor all deeds counted brave deeds
Smiled on by sun and skies.
For among the bravest battles
And the victories valor bought
Are the battles in the coal mines—
Down under ground are fought.

"Down where the black damp strangles
Where floods and caves and death
In a mighty mass of ruins,
Proclaim man's helplessness.
Down go the true and tried men,
The bravest of the brave,
With no thought of self or danger
When lives are there to save."

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