

HAZLETON, Pa., May 5. — Theobald Wackley, the miner who was entombed Thursday in Highland mine, was rescued alive yesterday. Wackley was partly overwhelmed by a mass of falling coal, and, although he extricated his body, he was pinned down in a kneeling position until rescued. Ever since Thursday night he heard the voices of the rescuing party through a wall of rock six feet thick. This had to be tunnelled through, as the other passage was filled with debris and would have caved in again. Wackley, in spite of his helpless condition, cheered the rescuers in their work.

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The accident which befell Theobald Wackley at Highland, nearly two weeks ago, is only one of the many of that kind which occur every year, and his rescue was one of the most daring deeds of bravery that could be accomplished. That Mr. Wackley is alive today after spending eighteen hours in a living tomb is due largely to Mine Superintendent Samuel Dunkley, of G. B. Markle & Co.'s collieries at Jeddo. The nerve and good judgment displayed in the rescue by Mr. Dunkley and the men in his charge was remarkable.

With nothing to guide their work but the voice of the imprisoned man, who was covered under a mountain of rock, coal and clay, the rescuers, with the roof cracking above them, coal flying from the pillars, falls occurring inside of them every half hour, began cutting through an unsafe pillar and kept it up without intermission until the rescue was effected after eighteen hours work. But it seems deeds done for humanity's sake don't count.
