

# Brave Baby Lives

Three-Year-Old Child Rescued From Mine Shaft; Imprisoned 11 Hours

Miami, Okla., April 1—(AP)—Brave Baby Gerald Collins lived today, saved from a terrifying prison deep in a mine drill hole by strong arms and warm hearts.

Wan and bruised, but with a courageous, "I'm all right," the three-year-old, doubled up for 11 hours twenty feet below the surface of the earth at the Mary Ann lead and zinc mine near Picher, was rescued through a parallel shaft last night.

"He's alive," cried a husky miner. Out from beyond the lights of the little rescue area a roar of thanks echoed through the hills from the throats of thousands of watchers.

Whirled in an ambulance 11 miles to the Baptist hospital here cud-

dling in the mother's embrace of Mrs. Paul Collins, little Gerald "talked a blue streak" and didn't appear badly hurt.

But X-ray pictures were scanned today for possible fractures.

There was danger, too, said Dr. General Pinnell, of pneumonia as a result of exposure.

Toddling after his workbound father, Gerald stopped to play about the 250-foot drill hole yesterday morning. Its maximum diameter is about a foot. He fell in and with his knees doubled up and his arms pinned above his head, wedged 20 feet down. There he stayed until volunteers and miners of the Tri-State lead and zinc district got him out after a frantic battle to pierce solid rock.

"Hurry Daddy, take me, take me!" the little boy called out as his rescuers, working in small squads, neared success.

"Gee, but he's a gritty one," cried "Daddy" Collins, young mine pros-

pector.

First efforts to drag the baby to safety with a rope were futile. A pick and shovel brigade moved quickly to sink the parallel shaft. A steam shovel was wheeled into play, but it balked at the rock. Then a compressed air drill was found, and shifts of two and four men conquered the barrier.

Down to 22 feet, a two foot tunnel was dug into the drill hole. Tearing loose stones and earth from Gerald's small body, the workers drew the baby with infinite care to the shaft.

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