

LOST BOYS FOUND IN LONG ABANDONED MINE

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 1.—After searching a week for two small boys who were missing from their homes during that time, the searchers found the body of William Hale, 5 years old, and his companion, Albert Tomlinson, aged 10, still alive in an abandoned mine near Banksville. The boys had been lost in the mine all that time. Young Tomlinson was almost exhausted from exposure and hunger.

The boys were in a small five-foot drop in a mine pit which had several inches of water in it. The body of the Hale boy was partly submerged in the water, but his head was resting in the lap of his companion, who could barely sit erect. The younger boy had starved to death.

After searching for several days for the missing lads, the party entered the mine pit. They had progressed only a short distance when they heard a faint voice crying, "Oh, Thomas, oh Thomas!" It was young Tomlinson calling for his older brother.

When rescued young Tomlinson said: "Thank God, you found us."

Tomlinson told an incoherent story. He said he had no idea of time, but as nearly as he could tell Hale had been dead about two days. He said they walked hand in hand many miles, endeavoring to find a way out. After his comrade died, Tomlinson said, he carried the body around with him. Overcome with exhaustion, he gave up all efforts and had not sufficient strength to get out of the pool of poisonous water in which he and Hale's body were found.

It is not known how the Tomlinson boy survived the ordeal, but it is supposed that he subsisted on bark from old timber in the mine. He is in a hospital now.