

## ***“Big Willie” Saved From Death In Mine; Weighs 330 Pounds***

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Shamokin, Pa., March 6—(AP)—Rescued from tons of earth and rock in a mountain coal hole, six-foot, 330-pound Willie Politis rejoiced with his buddies today because he twice escaped death within a few weeks. For more than 12 hours “Big Willie” was buried to his neck in the improvised mine that he worked with companions.

While his friends prayed for his rescue, Willie directed a foreman and 10 miners from a colliery who worked to free him.

In mid-morning they brought Politis out. He blinked, grinned and started for town.

Three weeks ago “Big Willie” was entombed for a short time, rescued, he went right back to the job.

Yesterday, he was first to go into the mine after a dynamite charge blasted anthracite for the loaders. Loosened rock and dirt showered down around him and held him fast. The cave-in just missed Andrew Dusick.