

AFTERDAMP HINDERS RESCUERS

**15 Men Still Believed to Be Entombed
in the Parral Mine in Hinton.
West Virginia.**

Hinton, W. Va., February 10—The afterdamp continues to hamper the efforts of rescuers in the Parral mines, where thirty or more men were killed or entombed by an explosion of gas on Thursday. No more bodies had been found up to this morning and it is believed that fifteen men are still in the mine. The six bodies taken out yesterday were found in the east side of the mine where the explosion occurred, 175 feet from the bottom of the pit.

Ike Speers was found with his mouth held against an airhole, evidently trying to escape the effects of the afterdamp. George Morris had been blown into several pieces by the force of the explosion, his head being found several feet from the other portions of the body.

The other four men were lying with their faces on the ground and their bodies were severely burned. Of those still missing six are known to be in the east side of the mine and their bodies have not yet been recovered. Among them is Miles Pratt, mine foreman.

The rescuing party has only been able to proceed 300 feet in the mine on account of the afterdamp. The shaft is 660 feet deep and several extra fans have been put in use, every effort being used to get circulation of air through the mine. The damage to the mine did not exceed \$5,000.