

MEN GIVEN UP AS DEAD SAVED BY SEARCHERS

Forty-five Miners Entombed
for 48 Hours by West Vir-
ginia Explosion Brought
Up From Galleries of Mine.

NINETY KNOWN DEAD
FORTY-FIVE MISSING

Five First Found Alive Di-
rect Rescuers to Com-
rades Underground.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Layland, W. Va., March 6.—Forty-
five men rescued alive, 45 others still
missing, 90 known dead.

This was the situation reported by
officials of the Layland No. 3 mine of
the New River & Pocahontas Coal Co.
this afternoon after a large number of
the men who were entombed when the
shaft was wrecked by an explosion of
gas four days ago, were brought to
the surface.

Helmeted rescuers were working
frantically in the dangerous passes
this afternoon, hoping to bring out
more of the missing men.

Of the 45 men rescued from a living
death, all were famished and very
weak, but none was in acute physical
distress.

All said they were working in pock-
ets off the main passages when the
explosion filled the passages with
debris and walled them in. This cut
them off from escape, but it also cut
off the deadly gases which swept the
mine immediately after the explosion.

They groped about in total darkness
during the four days of their imprison-
ment, they said, but were unable to
find a way out until they heard the
picks of the rescuers tearing at the
debris which stood between them and
safety.

Five men were first found alive.
These, when brought to the surface,
told where nine others were located,
and the nine revealed the whereabouts
of 33 others.

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