

# MINE IS TOMB OF MANY DEAD FEW ESCAPING

RESCUERS FIND MOST OF EN-  
TOMBED MINERS DEAD IN  
LAYLAND HORROR

## SOME BROUGHT OUT ALIVE

Fire Which Followed Explosion  
Found To Have Caused Havoc of  
Death—Over 100 Bodies Still in  
Mine, Twenty Having Been Recover-  
ed—Nine Victims Taken Out Alive.

### BULLETIN

Layland, W. Va., March 3.— Three  
more bodies were found by rescue par-  
ties in Layland mine No. 3 this after-  
noon, making in all twenty dead so  
far recovered following the explosion  
which entombed 182 miners.

(Special By United Press.)

Layland, W. Va., March 3.—Mine No.  
3 of the New River and Pocahontas  
Consolidated Coal Co. is today a vast  
tomb. Many are its dead.

That was the report brought to the  
surface by a small party of rescuers  
that penetrated far into the main pas-  
sage of the mine and returned to day-  
light with three bodies. They said it  
was doubtful if any living person was  
still in the workings.

Ten missing and eleven dead have  
now been removed from the mine,  
leaving 161 still to be accounted for.  
Nearly all of these worked far down  
in the myriad of recesses shooting off  
from the main entry. Fire swept the  
mine following the explosion yester-  
day. It is feared some workers in No.  
4 mine, which adjoins No. 3, were  
caught by the blast. Several were re-  
ported missing early today.

Rescuers worked all night but found  
no signs of the men still unaccounted  
for in mine No. 3. Slight hope was held  
that they had barricaded themselves  
behind temporary walls in the far  
reaches of the mine and thus escaped  
the deadly fumes.

Though officials of the mine contended that the explosion was slight its force was sufficient to blow the stone arch from the entrance of a mine and cause the death of a negro two hundred feet away.

The rescuers were slowly and systematically going about their work today. The train crew of rescue car No. 8 was at Layland assisting the mine and volunteer corps here. They reported the mine free from fire in all sections explored, but found many evidences that the flames had passed into nearly every cranny.

Rescue work is now at a standstill and may not be resumed before late this afternoon. With debris blocking the entrance of nearly all chambers in the mine and the air so rank that it actually endangers life it was found necessary to suspend all efforts to save life until wreckage had been removed and the air clarified.

Hope was about abandoned by the watchers shortly after ten o'clock when one hundred coffins were received. More were on the way to Layland. This was taken, it was said, to indicate that the rescue parties have learned more than they have chosen to divulge.

#### TAKE OUT 17 BODIES.

Layland, W. Va., March 3.—Seventeen men had been removed at eleven o'clock today from Layland mine No. 3 of the New River & Pocahontas Consolidated Coal & Coke Co., wrecked by an explosion yesterday. Nine were rescued alive and over 100 were still in the mine. Hope of taking out more alive has been abandoned.

A carload of coffins is here and a temporary morgue has been erected.