

DEADLY GASES DELAY RESCUE

Searching Parties Hindered at Amsterdam, O., Mine

EIGHTEEN LIVES ARE LOST

Interior of Shaft Was Wrecked by
Terrific Explosion and Ventilation
Shut Off—Twelve Bodies Not Yet
Located—It Is Thought a Miner
Striking a Match Is Responsible
For Disaster.

Steubenville, O., April 23.—The
lives of eighteen miners were snuffed
out in a tremendous explosion in the
Youghiogheny and Ohio Coal com-
pany's mine at Amsterdam.

Seven men, bruised and burned,
were rescued from the mine, and their
escape from death is regarded as
miraculous. The interior of the mine
was wrecked and all ventilation shut
off. The cause has not been de-
termined by the state mine inspectors
and mining experts who are conduct-
ing the search of the wrecked work-
ings for the bodies of twelve victims
who have not yet been located.

The dead recovered: "Joe" Zemped-
dro, Robert McMasters, Herbert Hays,
Paul Rosko, "Andy" Rosco, "Joe"
Jacob.

The dead still in the mine: Charles
Howarth, John Smith, James Lock-
hart, "Mike" Parcella, Minglo Zang-
nell, Lonle Colaker, "Joe" Darling,
John Darling, Herman Benedict, John
Benedict, Reve Locko and Losle Jia
Zonnelle.

The night shift of twenty-seven men
were working in the mines when the
explosion occurred. It was known that
there was gas in the mine and the
men were ordered to take precaution.

The belief is that a miners' lamp went out and that he struck a match to relight it. Miners working between the explosion and the opening of the mine were blown out of the tipples where they fell unconscious. Several were badly burned.

The explosion caused a panic among the wives and children of the miners and the shaft was besieged all day. It was found necessary to employ force to prevent the relatives from entering the exploded mine to keep them from hunting the miners. The rescued were all rushed to the hospitals.

EXPERTS SENT TO MINE

**Government Engineers at Pittsburg
Hurry to Amsterdam, O.**

Pittsburg, April 23.—The government experimental station here was notified of the mine disaster at Amsterdam, O., and preparations were made to send experts. Engineers of the company went with the government experts.

Experienced men are being hurried from other mines of the company. The present relief party at the mine is under the direction of the local manager, Richard Jones. The inaccessibility of Amsterdam made it difficult for the company to give speedy aid from Pittsburg.