

FORTY-ONE ENTOMBED MINERS FOUND DEAD

**Men Who Attempted Rescue Are
Rendered Unconscious by the
Deadly Mine Gases.**

BIRMINGHAM, April 27.—Not one of the forty-one men imprisoned in the Mulga mine of the Birmingham Iron and Coal Company by an explosion is alive.

This was the word brought to the surface to the waiting and weeping families of the victims when, unconscious from the deadly gases of the shaft, Superintendent Johns, of the mine, and a man named Bonds, an unknown, who risked his life for those already perished, were drawn up to fresh air, after a heroic attempt to rescue the men.

The conditions of the rescuers told the story long before the men had been revived. The watchers knew that if the rescuers, helmeted and protected, had so narrowly escaped death, there was no hope for the workers, who, without a second's warning, had been entombed by an explosion of gas.

When Johns and Bonds, after heroic treatment, finally regained consciousness they confirmed the gravest anticipations of the people, who, for hours, had waited at the mouth of the shaft to hear a word of their loved ones.

"Dead—all dead" was the stammering sentence of the superintendent as he began to revive from the effects of the poisonous gases.

Before they had lost consciousness the rescuers had reached the first gallery. Even near the shaft they saw things that made them know that only a miracle could save the men entombed.