

176 Miners Entombed by Gas Explosion in Layland Mine Early This Morning

THURMOND, W. Va., March 2.—
A gas explosion in the Layland mine
of the New River Pochahontas Coal
Company at 8:30 o'clock this morn-
ing entombed 176 miners.

Rescuers started the work of pen-
etrating the mine shortly after the
explosion and, after progressing
about 100 feet, found one miner still
alive, although both his legs were
broken and he was unconscious.

The main entry was entirely closed
by the debris and the rescuers were
unable to proceed further.

It was stated that the fans were
not damaged, and they are being op-
erated constantly, forcing fresh air

into at least a portion of the mine.
The explosion is believed to have oc-
curred about one-half mile from the
main entry.

Fire has broken out and smoke is
pouring from the mine, thus fur-
ther retarding the work of rescue.

Mine Rescue Car Is Being

Rushed to Scene of Disaster

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 2.—At
the Arsenal Station of the United
States Bureau of Mines it was stated
that a mine rescue car was being
rushed to the Layland mine from
Glen Alum, W. Va., to aid in the
rescue.