

53 FOUND ALIVE IN LAYLAND MINE

Hinton, W. Va., March 6.—Fifty-three miners were found alive today in the Layland mine, of the New River and Pocahontas Coal Company, where they had been entombed since last Tuesday, when a gas explosion wrecked one mine and damaged two others. Eighty-five bodies had been taken out, and hope for any of the thirty still unaccounted for had practically been abandoned. This morning, however, rescuers with oxygen helmets, came upon an entry that had been bratticed. Close to the brattice were five men who said others were alive near by. The rescuers hastened their efforts, and soon a total of thirty men had been found. Nearly all of them, though weakened, were able to walk to the mine's mouth. All haste is being made in the hope that many more may be found still alive.

Hinton, W. Va., March 6.—That some of the men who were rescued from the Layland mine had prepared to meet death was evidenced by a note written by Hugh McMillan, which said:

"All hoping that the rescuers will reach us in time and praying to our Savior that such will happen, trusting to God that the air will last until they reach us. I am writing to my wife, Mary, to bring up the kiddies loving their Savior as I am now. How our sins creep in our faces in a time like this. Love to all."