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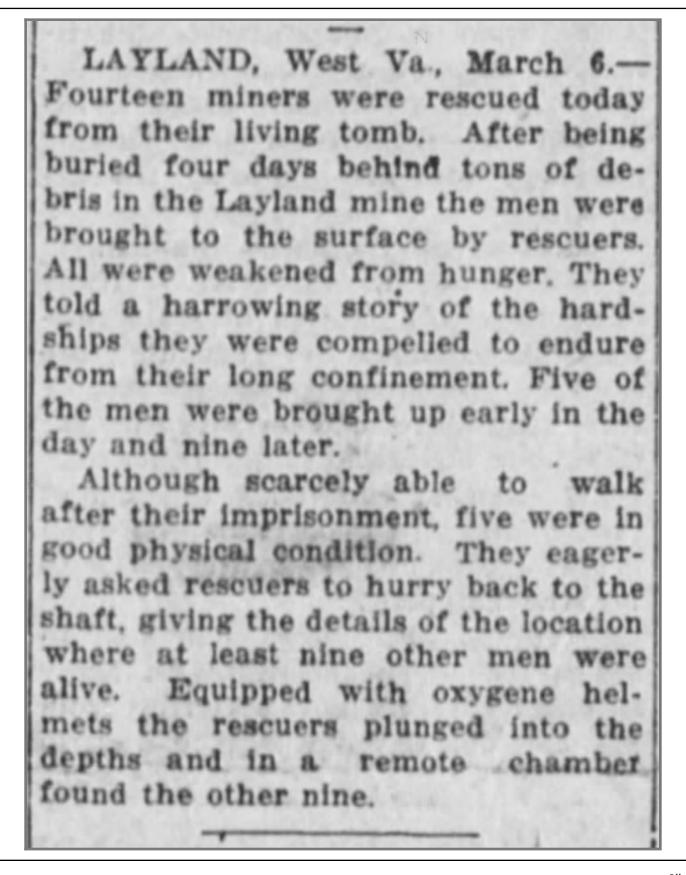
Rescuers are Working Frantically to Bring Others to the Surface—Rescued Men Tell of Horrors of Their Four Days Confinement in Wrecked Mine Pocket.

LAYLAND, West Va., March 16.— Forty-five miners have been rescued alive and 45 are still missing. Ninety are known to be dead. This is the situation in the Layland mine after 45 men entombed four days ago were brought to the surface. Helmeted rescuers are working frantically hoping to bring others to the surface. Of the 45 all are famished and weak, but none have acute or physical distress.

All said they were working in the pockets off the main passages when an explosion filled the passages with debris and walled them in. This cut them off from escape but it also cut off the deadly gases which swept the mine immediately after the explosion. They grouped about in the darkness during the four days of their imprisonment, they said, but were unable to find a way out until they heard the picks of the rescuers tearing at the debris which stood between them and safety.

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