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cued Men Tell of Horrors of Their  
Four Days Confinement in Wreck-  
ed 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 hop-  
ing 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 impris-  
onment, 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.

LAYLAND, West Va., March 6.—  
Fourteen miners were rescued today from their living tomb. After being buried four days behind tons of debris in the Layland mine the men were brought to the surface by rescuers. All were weakened from hunger. They told a harrowing story of the hardships they were compelled to endure from their long confinement. Five of the men were brought up early in the day and nine later.  
Although scarcely able to walk after their imprisonment, five were in good physical condition. They eagerly asked rescuers to hurry back to the shaft, giving the details of the location where at least nine other men were alive. Equipped with oxygene helmets the rescuers plunged into the depths and in a remote chamber found the other nine.