

4 MEN KILLED, 100 TRAPPED IN MINE BLAST

**Five Rescued After Explosion Occurs in West Virginia Colliery—
Communications Cut Off.**

Bluefield, W. Va., March 29.—Four men are known to have been killed, five were rescued and 100 miners are believed to have been trapped by an explosion in the King mine of the King Coal and Coke Company near Kimball, McDowell county, today.

Nine men were taken from the workings by a volunteer rescue corps an hour after the explosion. Four of these died shortly afterwards. The others are so badly injured they are expected to die.

A United States bureau of mines rescue squad is being rushed to the scene from Milburn. Volunteer rescue crews are working to penetrate the interior of the mine to reach the imprisoned men.

The explosion occurred in the eastern wing. The fact that the men entombed were in another section gives hope that at least part of the gang is safe. The danger from afterdamp is great, however. It is feared that unless the men are taken out soon they will be asphyxiated.

The high water in the vicinity of the mine has partially severed telegraphic and telephonic communication and securing information is thus made doubly difficult.

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