

# WORKMEN ENTOMBED IN A MINE

More Than 100 Men Im-  
prisoned In Shaft Af-  
ter Explosions

BENWOOD, W. Va., April 28.

—Rescue work proceeds slowly today at the Benwood mine of the Wheeling Coal Corporation in which more than a hundred miners were entombed by a gas explosion. Up to 3 p.m. the office of the mine superintendent reported only two men rescued. These were found near the mouth of the mine, stunned by the force of the blast, but not seriously injured.

Word brought to the surface was that great masses of rock and dirt was hindering the work of the rescue parties. Little progress was being made.

Word was sent to the surface at 2:40 p.m. that fourteen other men had been found. The report did not say whether the men were alive.

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—The first of the 114 miners entombed by an explosion at the Wheeling Steel Corporation mine here were brought to the surface by rescue workers early this afternoon.

Two miners, both badly injured, were pulled to the top and taken to a local hospital.

Rescue squads from the Bureau of Mine car started into the mine at the Brown's Run opening and six men worked their way into the slope of the main entrance.

The rescuers working at Brown's Run found the two miners in a dazed condition. The men were not suffering from gas but were badly bruised.

Word was sent to the surface that the cave-in was not as bad as feared.

Air was circulating through the corridors of the mine and there was little gas. The fact the corridors of the mine showed no fire indicated the explosion was not severe.

Officials of the Benwood mine this afternoon announced that 104 men received their "checks" on entering the mine today. Some of the men might have entered the slope without "checking in", they said.

BENWOOD, W. Va., April 28.—One hundred and fourteen men were entombed in the Benwood mine of the Wheeling Steel Corporation at 7:30 a.m. today, it was announced.

A gas explosion, the exact nature of which has not yet been determined, occurred thirty minutes after the men had gone to work.

Workers from all surrounding mines were brought to the Benwood mine in automobiles and made preparations to go into the mine.

Arrival of the mine rescue cars from Pittsburgh was necessary, however, before rescue work could be started.

Officials of the Benwood mine had no details. One hundred and twenty-five men were known to have gone into the mine at 7 a.m.

Eleven of these were believed to have escaped the explosion, but officials said they could tell but little. The miners who escaped donned gas masks and led the searching parties back into the mine mouth.

Mine rescue cars arrived from Pittsburgh and Clarksburg during the morning.

Trained workers with rescue apparatus descended into the mine at once, aided by scores of miners recruited from surrounding pits. The explosion caused no fire, officials of the mine announced, which increased the chances of the entombed men being brought out alive.

Hundreds gathered around the mine mouth, many of them women and children.

The explosion occurred about a mile from the entrance. An opening at Brown's Run, two and a half miles from the entrance, was choked up by rocks and dirt. Rescue crews were attempting to reach the miners through both openings.