

DISASTER AT BENWOOD MINE, WEST VIRGINIA

MINE RESCUE WORK CARS CALLED FROM PITTSBURGH TO AID

11 MINERS WHO ESCAPED DONNED GAS MASKS—NO FIRE RESULTED

(By United Press)

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. Mine rescue work cars from Pittsburgh arrived and rescue work was started. Officials of the Benwood mine had no details.

One hundred twenty-five men are known to have gone into the mine at 7 a. m. Eleven of these are said to have escaped the explosion, but officials said they could tell but little.

The miners who escaped donned gas masks and lead the searching parties back into the mine mouth.

The explosion caused no fire, officials announced, which increased the chances of the entombed men being brought out alive.

The usual scenes attended the rescue work. Hundreds gathered around the mine mouth, many women and children among them.

2 MINERS ARE
PULLED TO SURFACE

Benwood, W. Va., April 28.—The first of the 114 miners entombed by an explosion in the Wheeler Steel corporation mine here, were brought to the surface by rescue workers early this afternoon.

Two miners were pulled to the top and taken to a local hospital.

ONLY 104 MEN
RECEIVED CHECKS

Benwood, W. Va., April 28.—Officials of the Benwood mine this afternoon said that 104 men received their checks for entering the mine today. It was stated that some of the men may have not "checked in," but it was believed that the number of men would not be more than 104.