

# 40 ARE RESCUED IN INDIANA EXPLOSION

## Fifty-Two Workers Caught in Blast Blamed on Gas Pockets.

PRINCETON, IND., Dec. 8.—  
(By U. P.) — One man was killed  
and a score injured in an explosion  
which wrecked the shaft of the  
Francisco, Ind., Mine No. 2 near  
here today, shortly after fifty-two  
men had been lowered to work.

The shaft was badly wrecked, but  
not completely blocked and rescue  
work was started at once.

At 10 a. m. forty men had been  
brought to the surface and twenty  
of them were taken to hospitals.  
Many were walking home unin-  
jured. Some were painfully burned.

Officials believe a gas pocket ex-  
ploded as this mine is noted for  
its dangerous pockets. Every avail-  
able ambulance, physician and  
nurse in Princeton were rushed to  
the scene of the explosion.

An appeal for aid has been made  
to Evansville, thirty miles south,  
and relief workers are on the way.

Two hours later, after the ex-  
plosion, two dazed workers crawled  
to safety through a man-way, but  
they could tell but little of what  
had occurred. The sides of the  
shaft, which is 500 feet deep, had  
been caved in, they said.

## 1926 Forty rescued from Francisco Mine No 2 explosion

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