

SCENE MILE AWAY FROM ENTRANCE

One Miner Is Dead When Brought Up To Surface.

TWO OTHERS DIE SOON IN HOSPITAL

25 Men Believed To Have Been In Area Of Tragedy.

Pottsville, Pa., April 27—At least three men were killed and a score or more remained unaccounted for here today in a mysterious blast that tore through the mammoth slope of the St. Clair Coal company on the outskirts of Pottsville.

Frank Montgomery, 30, of St. Clair, was dead when brought to the surface. His torn body indicated the tremendous force of the blast, apparently of mine gas.

Andrew Potts, 42, a fire boss, and Nicholas Panco, 40, both of St. Clair, died in Pottsville hospital.

Black damp, the treacherous mine gas that snuffs out life without warning, was delaying the efforts of rescue workers to check the full toll of the explosion.

In addition rescuers and mine company officials had to ride 500 feet down the slope in a mine car, then walk approximately one mile into the workings to reach the scene of the blast.

Although accurate figures were not available, it was believed about 25 men remained in the section where the explosion occurred.

Mine rescue officials, hospital attaches and nurses, WPA workmen and miner-volunteers crowded about the St. Clair slope opening for any possible aid in the emergency.