

GRESFORD PIT VOLUNTEERS.

PREPARE FOR DESCENT.

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Mr.H.G. Wells did not dream this.

It is a picture of a valiant band of miners. At the moment they--

--are receiving instruction in the use of a new gas--

--mask. It is designed to entirely exclude outside fumes.

A supply of oxygen is--

--self contained in the kit. All these men are Gresford colliers and they have--

--volunteered, with others, to descend the sealed mine as soon as it is re-opened for investigation. Severe tests are being imposed,--

--to prove their fitness for the dangerous task. They spend several hours in a poison gas chamber to prepare themselves for the strain - - to find why 200--

--of their mates were buried--

--alive. Gresford Pit is bound--

--to be deadly with--

--poison fumes. Yet again these men and others like--

--them are chancing their lives. There's no need of wars to discover national heroes.