

UNIVERSAL SPECIAL.DEATH PIT DRAMA.
EXCLUSIVE PICTURES.

Picture:- One of the greatest stories--

--of the year. Here are Mr. Charlton, Divisional Inspector, and Sir Henry Walker, Chief Inspector of Mines, with Mr. Dennis--

--of the Gresford Colliery. Mr. Charlton was one of two who chanced their lives--

--in the first descent of the death pit after unsealing. Dr. Jones is prepared--

--to go down and take air tests. He enters the air-lock.

Behind that door is suffocating--

--death. Through a window observers watch the Doctor, as all air--

--is pumped from around him. Beneath the peaceful lake is the grave of two-hundred-and-sixty-five miners, a hideous tomb poisoned with--

--foul gas. No-one who enters it can swear--

--that he will return alive. These men, after having descended some distance, return over-heated, exhausted, and soaked with perspiration. Blankets are wrapped round them to protect them from the violent atmospheric change above ground. Full of--

--anxious responsibility, Sir Henry--

--Walker watches operations, occasionally talking with a trio of miners, who just--

--missed the fatal night shift. Another party--

--make ready to enter the air-lock, and be sealed in for descent. If air rushed--

--into the shaft, it would ignite the immense charge of accumulated gas, and no-one can say what further terrible damage would follow. Upon the efficiency of that air locked chamber--

--depends the life of every man who enters it. Apprehensively--

--from a distance--

--men and women watch,--

--waiting for the latest news. Another party returns to the surface. One hour below in that gas is almost--

--the limit of man's endurance. These men are--

--surely heroes of the peace. Undecorated V.C.'s of industry.