

THE MINE HORROR.
More Caves in the Shaft at Angel's.
The Search for the Bodies Abandoned.
The Hoisting Works Likely to Fail to Rescue the Sixteen Victims.

Special Dispatch to the Chronicle.
 Angel's Cave, December 24.—The surface of the Tuna mine, in which the disaster occurred yesterday, has caved down to a depth of forty feet and the men are stuck along the wall, from the north side to the south side, and is about thirty feet wide. There is not much doubt that the hoisting works will be drawn into the cave. No ladder have been lowered, and all work to recover them has stopped. It is reported that another mine, named Carlo Lorenzi, is being run in the mine. It was the mine the evening search victims. He leaves a wife and two children. Three of the other unfortunate were married.

The following is the list of the abandoned miners: Tom Kautsky, who leaves a wife, George Williams, who leaves a wife and four children; J. Brady, a married man, whose family is at Kansas; Tom Evans, a single; Peter Dennis, C. Moore, Paul Davidson, John Johnson, John Brown, C. J. Sullivan, Joseph Connor, John Martin, Michael Donatich, James Casey, William Vincent.

The names of the ones who escaped are: August Anderson, married; Thomas Corbin, healthy; Carl about his head, and Daniel Davidson, slightly ill.

Some of the men were rescued by means of a drift connecting with the shaft, since the death of which they climbed out on the ladders. They report that the accident occurred after the hoisting works had been started. The hoisting works were a great deal of work, and the men were not allowed to leave the shaft until the hoisting works had been started. The hoisting works were a great deal of work, and the men were not allowed to leave the shaft until the hoisting works had been started.

The mine is particularly intricate, and were abandoned yesterday in some of the shafts in the country. A great number of men have been in the shaft, but there are no more men in the shaft, work is in on account of the inability of getting. The great width of the shaft on the surface, however, left, especially to miners, have not been under this cave were likely to occur.



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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The Official Statement Sent to the Owners of the Mine.

"This is the most shocking mining accident that ever occurred in the State," said Alvin Hayward, one of the owners of the Utica, when speaking of the terrible loss of life at Angel's Camp, yesterday. "I have been in the business for forty years and I can't recall one as bad. During all that time I have not lost more than six of my men, until now. It will be a very sad Christmas to the families of the unfortunates who were crushed to death in the level. Here is the only direct information I have received of the accident," he continued, handing a reporter a dispatch and letter, signed by Mr. Lane, the mine superintendent. The letter is as follows:

ANGEL'S CAMP, (Cal.), December 23.—My dear Colonel and Mr. Robert: Today (Sunday) the miners were all laying off except the timber gang, fourteen in number. About 10 o'clock a cave occurred about the north end of the Jones level, crashing through the timbers and, I presume, killing every man in there. So far we have not been able to get a sound. Three of the gang escaped and to one of them I was talking, and he tells me there was not a moment of warning and that there was not even a timber cracking.

George Williams and all of his men are the victims.

I have just shut the mill down, as matters are too unsettled to attempt to do anything for the present but to try to rescue the men, of whom, I think, there is scarcely a chance to find one alive, if we find them at all.

You will understand that all the ground has caved down to the 320 level, and from there upward, I don't know how high. Your friend, C. D. Lane.

The dispatch was written on Monday, and is as follows:

SAN ANDREAS (Cal.), December 23.—Messrs. Esquerd & Robert, San Francisco: George Williams and sixteen other men were caved on at No. 1 level, between H and I and north shaft, at 2 p. m., yesterday (Sunday).

No hopes whatever of any of them being alive. No bodies recovered yet. If you come, come by way of Milton.

C. D. Lane.

"An engineer has just returned from the mines," said Mr. Hayward, "and he states that the timbers were in excellent condition. We had timbers twenty to thirty inches through and sixteen feet long in the levels and there was apparently not the slightest danger; but the rain had soaked through, loosening the earth in its course, and the extra weight brought the roof down. There is not the slightest hope that any one of them escaped. A slip occurred on the same level last year, but the timbers held. We had sixty or seventy men working underground. What the financial loss will be I do not know; we have not considered it, as the report of the lives lost has driven everything else out of our heads."

Mr. Hayward will leave for the mine to-day, but nothing can be done until the rain stops.



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