

THE DEADLY SNOW-SLIDE.

A Number of Persons Killed in the Wahsatch Mountains, Utah.

THE RECOVERY OF SOME BODIES, BURIED UNDER HUNDREDS OF FEET OF SNOW, IMPOSSIBLE TILL SPRING.

MORE DISASTERS.

SALT LAKE, January 18.—Word reached here to-day of another snow slide in American Fork Canyon, south of Little Cottonwood, on Saturday night or Sunday morning. Two men, Dr. Sperr and John Poole, were carried away and the body of Poole has not been found. There are but few in the canyon and they are not anxious to run the risk of being caught in the slide while hunting for the body. A Chinaman who cooked for the men escaped unhurt, and when the avalanche passed

DUG IN THE SNOW SEVEN HOURS

Before he found Sperr's body. The Chinaman then went five miles down the canyon, at imminent peril, to report the catastrophe. A small party of miners is now searching, and as a frost occurred on Sunday night it is probable no more slides will come until the next snow falls. The bodies of John Haworth and Evan Morris, two miners killed by a slide at the Griggly Mine, Little Cottonwood, above Alta, the night of the 12th, were found Sunday night

SHOCKINGLY BRUISED AND MANGLED

By stones and timber. Search is being made for other persons that have been buried. Some cannot be found until spring, as they are buried beneath a hundred feet of snow and debris, and it is impossible to tell at what point to dig, as some of the slides settled in the bottom of the canyon, covering half a mile in length. People are still fleeing from Alta, on the Little Cottonwood, the scene of the terrific slides of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. The town is

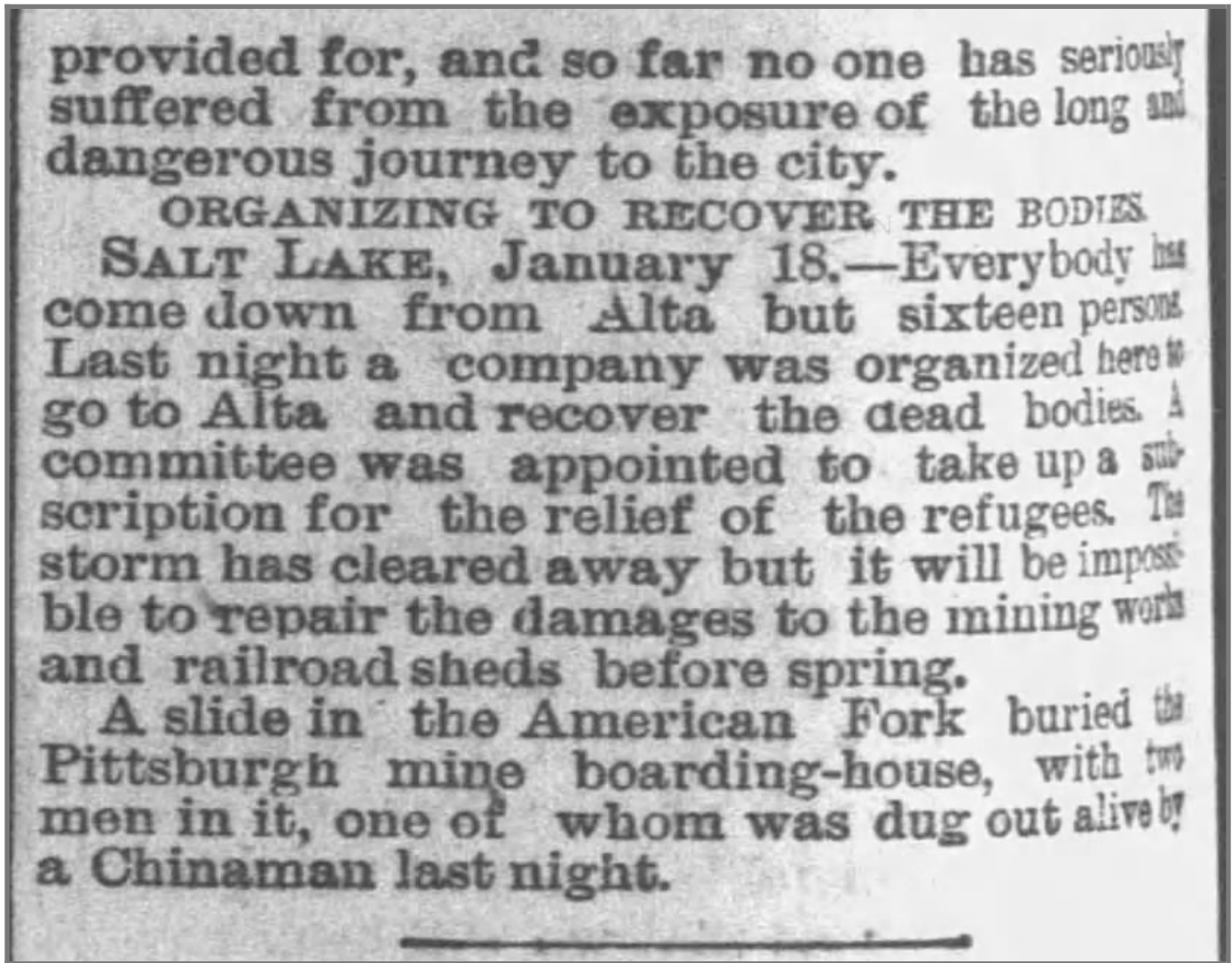
PRACTICALLY DESERTED.

Not more than thirty persons remain in the village where three or four hundred had their home last week. The railroad is shedded for six miles and people walk down the track under the sheds to the point reached by the trains. This walk is described as tedious, painful and frightful in the extreme. The sheds are crushed in numerous places, where the frightened pedestrians are obliged to dig their way up through mountains of snow to the surface of the slide and wade twenty or thirty rods to the next point, where they can enter the tunnel shed. The long journey is beset by

THE PERILS OF THE AVALANCHE
At almost every point, and many small slides across the track have occurred. Since the hegira began on Saturday, fathers and mothers have had to carry babies and little children over the perilous road, and some invalid men have been brought down by brave miners. One miner reached the city this morning at daylight, having walked the entire distance, thirty miles, since dark on Sunday. He had spent two days in digging for the bodies of two comrades, and after finding them and making arrangements for their transportation, came ahead to arrange for the funeral. While searching he was caught by a small slide and

CARRIED FIFTEEN RODS,
And two or three times buried in the snow, but escaped with only slight bruises. With the exception of two or three mines which have long tunnel-boarding houses roofed so the slides will pass over them, and a full supply of provisions, the mines of Little Cottonwood will be closed until spring. It is impossible to get provisions up the canon, and the miners will not work in such peril as they have been in for two weeks past. It grew colder in the mountains on Sunday and there will be no more slides until a thaw sets in. The mountains, however, are full of snow and

OTHER CASUALTIES ARE CERTAIN
To occur, though none can be so disastrous as the one reported on Monday. Alta was once before wrecked by slides; was totally destroyed by fire two years ago, and now it has again been laid in ruin and some of her most enterprising business men are wrecked with her. Salt Lake feels the gloom of the catastrophe, and is doing what it can to provide for the sufferers. The homeless have also been



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