

SIXTEEN DEAD MINERS

Crushed by Falling Rocks and Timbers in
a California Mine.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24. —Further particulars of the mine disaster at San Andreas confirm the loss of sixteen men who are now buried beneath the wooden timbers and earth.

Immediately after the crash men were lowered down the shaft and entering the mouth of the drift commenced digging into the debris. They found the attempt almost useless and the timbers seemed to have been woven together as though the sides of the drifts had fallen towards each other and had been covered with the roofing. By last evening the rescuing party had succeeded in getting eight feet into the pile of earth and timber and none of the victims had been reached. There is no prospect of getting the men out alive.

SAN ANDREAS, Cal., Dec. 24. —There is no hope of rescuing the sixteen miners buried by the cave-in of the Utica mine at Angels Sunday. Working parties have found two dead bodies, but will not be able to reach them until to-morrow, and it is feared they will not be able to reach some of the other victims for several weeks. All the sixteen men were crushed to death by falling rock.

Information reached here this afternoon that the surface of the mine has caved down to a depth of forty feet, and the cave extends along the vein from the north shaft to the south shaft. This makes it necessary to stop all work of recovering the bodies. There is little doubt that the hoists have been drawn into the cave.