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Miners' Settlements at Plume City, Colo., Wholly Wiped Out.

Eleven Bodies Recovered and Estimated That 13 Are Still Under Snow—For Week or More Disaster Had Been Threatening and There Was no Escape for the Venturesome Who Remained in Homes—Rise of 60 Degrees in Temperature Caused the Slide.

GEORGETOWN, Colo., Feb 12.—In a snowslide at Silver Plume today 24 lives are believed to have been lost. The dead are Italian miners with their families. Eleven bodies have been recovered.

The identified dead are Dominico D. Estefani and baby.

Antonio E. Cerilan and an unknown man were recovered alive, but will probably die.

The disaster occurred at 8 o'clock this morning, starting two miles from camp. The avalanche came with terrific force, carrying with it huge boulders and immense trees.

A short distance from the starting point the slide parted, one section coming from Cherokee gulch, taking with it two cabins occupied by Italians, and the shaft house of the Corry City mine.

The other slide came down William

gulch, between the Pelican and the Seven Thirty mines. This portion of the slide did the most damage. Settlements of miners, mostly Italians, were wiped out.

For a week or more the inhabitants have moved from place to place to escape threatening disaster should the snow start down the mountain sides. Some of the most venturesome lingered in their homes, and when the slide came today escape was for them impossible.

It is estimated that 12 bodies are still buried beneath the snow in the two gulches. There is practically no hope for those under the debris. Instantaneous death was probably their fate.

The mercury rose from 30° below zero to 30° above this morning, and the warmth of the sun loosened tons of snow that came thundering down the gulch.