

UNDER A SNOW SLIDE.

A Miners' Bunkhouse in the Path of a
Colorado Avalanche Near
Telluride.

DEATH LIST MAY REACH 30.

From the Town Men Can Be Seen Carry-
ing Bodies Down the Mount-
ain Trail.

REPORTS MEAGER SO FAR.

At 1 o'Clock the Bodies of Two Men Had
Been Identified—Help on
the Way.

Telluride, Col., Feb. 28.—Thirty men are reported dead beneath a snowslide which wrecked the Liberty Bell mine shafthouse. The slide came down at 7:30 o'clock this morning. It is reported that there were between sixty and seventy men in the bunkhouse at the time it was carried down into the gulch below. Communication with the mine is shut off and the names of the victims cannot be ascertained.

Frederick Clemmon, boss of the boarding house, and Charles Hall, a miner, were killed. The present storm is the worst since 1895 and slides are expected any minute at Ophir and other places.

THE BUILDINGS BURIED.

The mine buildings and bunkhouse of the Liberty Bell mine were completely buried under the avalanche of snow and swept into the gulches hundreds of feet below. At 12 o'clock it was impossible to ascertain the number of lives lost, but it was estimated to be anywhere from ten to sixty or seventy. The bunkhouse, which was crushed by the mountain of wet and frozen snow as it came tearing down the steep mountain side, was crowded with miners at the time. A few of these managed to extricate themselves from among the broken timbers and dig their way out of the snow. Many, however, who were not killed outright were maimed into a state of helplessness and carried down in the snow, earth and ice to death in the gulches below.

At 12 o'clock a courier arrived from the scene of the accident with the news that many bodies had already been recovered and were being carried down the mountain sides upon the shoulders of those who escaped, to the morgue at Telluride. Of the dead two only have been identified. They are:

FRED CLEMMONS, boarding house keeper.

CHARLES HALL, a miner.

Communication with the mine is entirely cut off and until the messengers who were hastily sent to the mine upon the very first news of the accident return the full details of the catastrophe will not be known. The trail leading to the Liberty Bell mine is fully three miles long and is one of the most difficult to ascend in the entire San Juan country. Especially hard is the trail to climb at this season of the year, when the snow is deep and the weather severely cold.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon a powerful glass was directed toward the trail leading up to the Liberty Bell. Squads of miners, carrying bodies of their unfortunate fellow laborers could be seen coming down. It required from two to four men to convey each body and the descent was necessarily slow. Every now and then one of the men assisting in this task could be seen to lose his footing, stumble and fall, carrying those near him down. The body bearers would pick themselves up, raise the lifeless form, and again start down the dangerous trail.

TOO FRIGHTENED TO TELL.

Several Finns who were not caught in the slide reached the city at noon, but were too excited and frightened to give any details. The foreigners are superstitious and believe accidents like that of this morning are preordained and come as a punishment. To-day's catastrophe, following so soon after the terrible fire at the Smuggler-Union mine a few months ago, in which a number of lives were lost, has unnerved them.

The first news of the snowslide reached Telluride shortly after 10 o'clock and was brought down by a messenger. He did not wait to learn the full extent of the damage done, but knew that help must be summoned.

FORTY MORE WERE BURIED.

A Second Snowslide Down on the Rescuers at the Liberty Bell Mine.

Telluride, Col., Feb. 28.—Another snow slide occurred on Smuggler mountain this afternoon, burying about forty men who were engaged in rescuing the men buried in the first slide. Following is a list of the dead whose bodies have been recovered:

S. C. CLEMERER, timekeeper at the Liberty Bell mine.

JOHN MARSHALL.

HENRY BAUER.

S. C. LENNER.

CHARLES L. SUMMERLAND.

GUS SWANSON.

JAMES CONLY.

JOSEPH HENNESSEY.

HARRY TROWBRIDGE.

Charles Hall, who was reported to have been killed, was rescued alive.

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