

**Avalanche Sweeps Down Mountain Side, Wrecking Quincy Mine Shaft House and Burying Men Beneath Snow.**

**Six Others Caught in Slide Rescued From Icy Tomb, Some of Them Nearly Dead From Suffocation—  
Damage to Mine Small.**

(Special to The Herald.)

**P**ARK CITY, Jan. 28.—One of the most disastrous snowslides in the history of Park City swept down the mountain upon the works of the Quincy mine about noon today, killing three men, burying six more beneath twenty feet of snow and doing serious damage to the shaft house. John Gafney, Edward J. Trotter and Charles D. Frenck were smothered to death beneath the avalanche of snow.

Mike Wynn, Peter Burt, George Burt, Con Shea, Noble Bates and Dave Coleman were caught and buried for nearly an hour, but they were rescued before death made them victims.

All of them were severely injured by the slide, and Peter Burt and Shea are in a serious condition. Every man on top of the ground was caught by the slide, and had it not been for the prompt and heroic work of Mike Wynne in digging his way out through the mountain of snow all six men would in all probability have met death in the avalanche.

Had the slide occurred ten minutes later the entire shift of forty men working underground would have been caught and the fatalities would in all probability have been very great.

The slide came without warning down the steep declivity of the hill, sweeping everything before it, and before the men could realize the danger they were in, they were engulfed in the mountain of snow. It swept over the whole outside workings of the mine, covering the shaft house and filling the mouth of the tunnel so as to completely stop up the passage way. The shaft house itself was crushed in like an eggshell on the side facing the mountain, and the roof was jammed down inside. The shaft gallows and most of the machinery escaped, but the hoisting works are almost a total wreck.

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