

MINER BURIED FOR 12 HOURS

Caught in a Tunnel He Was
Held Till the Rescuers
Reached Him

OROVILLE, (Butte Co.), Feb. 27.—For twelve hours—from Wednesday noon until 12 o'clock Thursday night—James Larkin, a miner in the Rosco Mine at Forest Ranch, lay pinioned under a mass of rock and timbers which had settled down on him while putting in a set of timbers.

The tunnel was known to be dangerous, but the work had to be done and Larkin volunteered to do it. He had nearly accomplished his mission when he felt gravel dropping upon him. Realizing instantly his danger, he dropped his tools and started to run, but he was too late. The mass of earth and timbers settled upon him.

Luckily the timbers, when they fell crossed in such a manner that they kept the body of gravel and rocks off of him. Although he was covered with the debris, the weight did not rest upon him.

Men were set to work at once to dig out the unfortunate miner, but it was slow work, as the ground kept caving. At first it was feared Larkin had been killed, but after digging a short distance, faint shouts could be heard and the men learning their mate was alive, worked with redoubled energy.

Twice when within a few feet of Larkin, the ground caved in again and it was feared he would die before aid could reach him. Finally, after twelve hours of hard work, their efforts were rewarded and Larkin was rescued.

Both legs are broken and it is feared internal injuries will cause his death. He was brought here last evening for medical treatment and it is feared he cannot recover. He is 24 years of age and has a widowed mother living in Jackson, Amador County.

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