

AVALANCHE BURIES 21

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The Others Perish.

SNOWSLIDES CAUSE DAMAGE

**Reports Of Further Loss Of Life
Prove Unfounded—Colorado Miners
Cut Off In The Mountains.**

Denver, Col., March 19.—Twelve miners employed at the Shenandoah mine, near Silverton, were caught by a great snowslide today and swept to their death. Their bodies have not yet been recovered. Assistance has been summoned from Silverton to help dig the victims from beneath the snow.

Those killed were members of the force employed at the Shenandoah mine and were at dinner in the boarding house of the Shenandoah mine. It is reported that 21 men were caught in the slide and that nine dug their way out.

At a particularly dangerous point on the trail, in the side of a steep mountain, one of the trailbreakers stumbled. This started the snow sliding, and the entire side of the mountain seemed to be moving.

Twelve men were engulfed and lost to view in the avalanche. One of nine men who escaped hurried on to Howardsville, three miles down the gulch, and telephoned to Silverton for help.

Fair Weather Follows Storm.

Fair weather, with rising temperature today, followed the severe snowstorm which has prevailed over Colorado for a full week with brief intermissions. Last night was one of the coldest of the winter here, the temperature falling to 5° below zero. At Cheyenne, Wyo., it was 12° below zero.

Many snowslides have already occurred in the mountains, and considerable loss of life has been reported. The damage from destruction of mine property in the vicinity of Ouray may amount to \$1,000,000, and further wreckage is threatened at Ouray, Telluride, Rico, Silverton and other mining camps.

Durango and the other towns in the San Juan region, in Southwestern Colorado, have been cut off from communication by train nearly a week, but the management of the Denver and Rio Grande railroad is making strenuous efforts to reopen its branch line in that part of the State, which is blocked by heavy snow on the Cumbres range.