

MINERS KILLED BY SNOWSLIDE

Five Italian Employes of Sunny-
side Mine, Near Silverton,
Colo., Lose Lives Beneath an
Avalanche

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SILVERTON, Col., Jan. 23.—Five Italian miners employed at the Sunny-side mine lost their lives in an immense snowslide late yesterday afternoon. No particulars nor the names of the men can be obtained as the telephone line is down and communication of all kinds destroyed. The mine blacksmith shop and several tram-cars are also known to have been swept away.

No trains from Durango or Denver have arrived here since last Wednesday, due to slides and immense drifts of snow which have blocked the tracks. All the short-line roads running to outlying camps are now snowed in. There are eleven slides between Silverton and Elk Park. The slides average from seven to thirty feet deep and from fifty to 450 feet wide.

One immense slide went into the Animas river, forming a dam of snow and ice which caused the stream to back up and overflow the Rio Grande tracks to a depth of four feet.

It will be two weeks before traffic can be resumed between Silverton and Durango. The Iowa mill in Arastra gulch has been crushed in by heavy snowslides which came down Little Giant mountain. The storm, which has about spent its force, has been one of the worst ever known in this section.