

SURVIVOR TELLS HOW MINERS WERE SWEEPED TO DEATH

Great Noise of Avalanche
Came Too Late as a Warn-
ing, Says Electrician.

FOUR BODIES RECOVERED

Thirty Men Now Digging in Snows
of Copper Mountain, Where Seven
Buildings Were Completely Oblit-
erated and Nine Buried in Slide.

By Cable to the Associated Press.

CORDOVA, Alaska, Dec. 11.—Five bodies still remain buried in the snow at the foot of Copper mountain, where an avalanche Sunday destroyed seven buildings of the Great Northern Development Company, killed nine men and injured two.

Bodies Still in Mine.

The men whose bodies are still in the snow are:

AXEL FAST, engineer.

LEO MUTH, blacksmith.

GUS GUNDERSON, blacksmith.

HUGH ARNOLD, miner.

TONEY SUZUMOTO, waiter.

The bodies of John McGavock, engineer; Fred Wahls, miner; John Barto, miner, and "Bud" Gallagher, miner, have been recovered.

How They Escaped.

W. E. Brown, electrician at the mine, arrived here today, bringing Key Oda to the hospital. Oda's legs and arms were broken. He and W. W. McCarthy were the only men caught in the slide who escaped death.

"I cannot give a very encouraging report of the progress of the search for bodies," said Mr. Brown tonight. "The eleven men caught by the avalanche were at work in the engine room, the blacksmith shop and the boarding house when they heard a great noise from above.

"Every man dropped his work and started to run, but only McCarthy and Oda got beyond the main path of the slide.

Buildings Obliterated.

"The buildings in the path of the avalanche were completely obliterated. Part of the bunk house was carried 150 yards and the rescue workers have no means of knowing where to look for bodies.

"Miners from the Berg and Iles camps have joined the workers and thirty men are now digging in the snow for the five missing bodies."

Mr. Brown said the slide swept down the western slope of the mountain. During the years that work has been going on there had been no indication that the slope was dangerous and the possibility of an avalanche was considered remote.