16 HELD 4 DAYS IN MINE PRISON

Rescue Crews At Crystal Falls

May Enter Flooded Level

In Near Future

Crystal Falls, Mich., Feb. 26—A crew of experienced sand men was secured from Stambaugh Monday to hasten the rescue of the men entombed in the Amasa-Porter mine. Work is pushed night and day, but so far without result.

Miners claimed that an opening to the level where the men are imprisoned, is expected to be made very soon.

Intimations that more than 16 men, the number first announced, are entombed in the Amasa-Porter mine were made Sunday, but there has been no official statement by mine officials regarding this latest development.

It is realized, however, that unless aid reaches the men very soon, there are scant hopes any will be rescued alive. The cave-in which filled the lower workings with a deluge of sand and water, occurred Thursday noon, and the victims, if any be alive, have been without food and water since. Hope still is felt, however, that some of the men will be taken out alive.