

# BODIES THREE MINERS STILL HELD IN CLUTCHES OF STOPE UTAH-APEX MINE AT BINGHAM

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Bingham, Utah, Oct. 19.—Mangled and crushed by tons of rock and wedged under once friendly timbers, the bodies of three miners are still held in the clutches of stope No. 20 of the Utah-Apex metal mine, while Superintendent Joseph N. Norden and Jose Ratalaza, saved by the choice of fate, are now basking in Utah's sunlight.

Norden and Ratalaza were rescued shortly before midnight last night and were taken immediately to the surface. Ratalaza was untouched and Norden sustained minor leg bruises.

Crouched under the only solid set of timbers in the upper reaches of the stope these two men clasped each other in terror while the underground avalanche struck squarely about them and split, passing harmlessly to each side, and sweeping the stope clean of timbers, fully as large and apparently as well placed as those which acted as the haven for them. Then with lights gone, with tools buried under the cave-in and with an occasional fall of rock from the darkness above,

into the darkness below, the men began their 56 hour vigil.

The discovery of the bodies of two of their comrades hidden except for a foot and a hand was their only reward and they made their way back to their protecting timbers and continued their wait.

It was almost mid-forenoon yesterday before the rescuers received signs that any of the five missing were alive. By noon they were able to hear voices weakly penetrating the rock, and by evening they were able to learn that at least some were alive.

Then the work proceeded slowly because of the danger of starting another cave-in and it was not until 11:30 that enough debris had been cleared away to permit Norden to wiggle through and drop into the arms of the rescuers. Ratalaza followed at once.

The rescued men reported the location of the two bodies but were unable to say which of the three they were. Because of the perilous nature of the work the relief party decided to continue slowly and systematically work for the bodies from below rather than attempt to recover them from above. The third body is probably near the other two.

## Nelson's Body Recovered

Bingham, Utah, Oct. 19.—The body of O. C. Nelson, 50, formerly of Butte, Mont., was recovered from the Utah-Apex metal mine early today. Two more men are known to have lost their lives but their bodies have not yet been found among the tons of rock and other debris cleared away.