

## Youth, Unscathed, Is Rescued From Bucket Buried By Slide

Tons Of Debris Rush Over Container; Quick Wit Saves Life  
As Man Leaps Under Steel Scraper; Is Buried  
25 Feet Under Large Boulders

**M**T. SHASTA (Siskiyou Co.), June 21.—Voyle Richardson, 21, is alive and well to-day, unscathed except for shock, although yesterday he was buried beneath twenty-five feet of rock and men and steam shovels worked frantically for seven hours to bring about his rescue. A quick wit, nimble muscles and a waiting steel bucket saved the young man's life. When he saw tons of rock and debris hurtling from the mountainside, he leaped beneath the large container, which tipped and sheltered its occupant as the slide thundered over.

Richardson was employed at the Kaiser bunkers at Black Butte.

Yesterday morning at 8:30 o'clock he was engaged in splicing a cable to one of the buckets in a deep, narrow cut. When the slide started he realized that he was trapped and took the desperate choice of crouching under the bucket rather than to make the futile attempt of flight, in the path of the slide.

### Rescue Work Starts.

Amid the roar of rolling boulders and the hoarse cries of fellow-workmen, Richardson was covered with rock to a depth of twenty-five feet. Then commenced a repetition of a drama as old as mining—fellow men attacking the earth to save a comrade. The workmen had seen the slide start and saw Richardson dive under the bucket.

Banking hopes on the slim chance that the youth might be alive beneath the debris, all available man power and a steam Bagley was put to work tearing away the rock near the spot the bucket was last seen. Efforts were redoubled shortly after an hour's work when a work-

man detected a metallic tap coming through the mass of rock—a signal that life existed.

### Rescuers In Danger.

Rescue work was made slow and hazardous by smaller slides and rolling boulders.

The bucket was not reached until after 1:30 o'clock and it was not until 3:30 P. M. that the workers were able to extricate Richardson.

### Meets Parents.

The young man walked unaided down the mountain side to meet his parents, relatives and friends. Wild enthusiasm prevailed as a reaction to the hours of suspense and anxious waiting.

The steel bucket at the first rush of the debris tipped in such a manner as to protect Richardson. The bucket is a large affair, a part of equipment known as a steam Bagley, used in scraping large quantities of rock and earth.

Workmen say his miraculous escape in part can be attributed to the fact that the debris was mostly heavy rocks instead of earth. Air seeped through the rocks which dirt probably would have shut off.

## 1926 Voyle Richardson rescued after 7 hrs at quarry

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