

FOUR TRAPPED IN CALAVERAS MINE CAVEIN

2 Men Rescued Badly
Injured; Rescuers
Dig For Others

TONS OF ROCK
BLOCK SHAFT

Copperopolis Workings
Cribbed To Prevent
Other Slides

By the Associated Press

STOCKTON, Calif., Sept. 4.—Digging in frantic haste, crews of miners tonight strove to reach four of the six men who were entombed in a cavein in the lower levels of the Calaveras copper mine at Copperopolis today. Two men had been removed from the rock and dirt, badly crushed but alive, and were taken to a hospital here.

Only by a miracle, workers said, did they expect to find the entombed men alive. Caught beneath the tons of sliding rock and gravel at the 1,550-foot level, it is feared the men had been fatally crushed or slowly suffocated.

The rescued are Ompre Valle and Joe Mendoza, Mexican miners. Valle was taken from the shaft an hour after the cavein.

PENND UNDER BOWLDER

Mendoza, whose muffled screams brought rescuers to his side eight hours later, had been pinned beneath a large bowlder and was unconscious when removed.

The four men still in the mine are:

Joe King, mucker foreman, Jackson; Ed Bixler, Oakland; Gonzalo Gonzales, Copperopolis, and Lee Lopez, Copperopolis.

The cause of the cavein was not known tonight. No blasting was going on, and the timbering had been inspected and pronounced safe by state inspectors, mine officials said.

STOP FURTHER SLIDES

Late this afternoon miners coming to the top of the shaft reported that "cribbing" work was completed, insuring discontinuance of further sliding of rock.

They said that about 20 feet of rock must be removed before the first man, heard groaning, will be rescued.

Valle, the man brought out injured, was taken to a hospital at Stockton. Doctors said he will recover.

S. Levey, superintendent of the mine, was in Los Angeles today. W. I. Nelson, representing the Angels Copper company, which merged the Calaveras Copper company recently, was not at the mine either. Floyd Nelson was in charge.