

Three Still Trapped In Mine; Two Dead

One Of Five Entombed Men
Dies As Rescuers
Reach Him

17-HOUR FIGHT FUTILE

Fellow Workers Remove An-
other Body; Little Hope
Held For Others

ANGELS CAMP, Calif., Sept. 5.
—(P)—Bodies of two men killed in
the Copperopolis Mine near here
by a cave-in yesterday, were re-
moved to-day.

While a rescue crew labored to
extricate D. Mendez from where
he was caught between two rocks
early to-day, the imprisoned miner
died as the crew called encourage-
ment to him. Mendez was held
between two rocks and had been
conscious since the cave-in oc-
curred.

Ygnacio Felix was the other
miner whose body was brought to
the surface to-day. He was ap-
parently killed instantly by the
slide.

Three men are still missing in
the mine disaster. They are Ed
Bixler of Oakland, son of a con-
tractor there; J. King and Gonzalo
Gonzales. Ompre Valle was res-
cued yesterday and taken to a
Stockton hospital where it was
said he would recover.

Little hope is held by mine of-
ficials that the three men still in
the mine will be found alive.

COPPEROPOLIS, Calif., Sept. 5. —(P)—Jose Mendez, 27, miner, trapped beneath rock and debris, 1550 feet under ground in the Calaveras Copper Mine, died this morning just as seventeen hours of frantic labor on the part of would-be rescuers seemed sure of success.

During most of the time Mendez spent in his rocky prison he could talk to his friends. He ate sandwiches, drank coffee, and even was given a hypodermic to ease his pain while waiting for rescue.

Of the other five miners trapped in the cave-in, only one, Onopre Valle, 39, has been rescued. He was only partly caught in the slide and was found, critically injured, after three hours of digging.

Those still trapped and believed dead are: Ed Bixler, 26, Oakland; J. King and Gonzalo Gonzalez.

Rescue crews drove a shaft into the rubble just large enough for two men to work in shifts of five minutes each. They could hear the moans of Mendez hours before they located him. He was crushed in a wedge-shaped cavity beneath two rocks, one of which was eight feet in diameter. It took all night to relieve his body of the tremendous weight pressing against it. Delays were heart-breaking as miners tunneled underneath him to free his feet. Just as they did so, Mendez collapsed.

SECOND CAVE-IN

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5. — (Special)—Hope that rescue workers, digging in relays, will reach before nightfall the three men still buried in the cave-in of the Calaveras Mine at Copperopolis was expressed by O. H. Bru, treasurer of the Engles Copper Mining Company, after receiving word from the mine at 11 A. M.

"It appears that the whole side of the slope on the 1550-foot level slid in without any warning, several hundred tons of rock falling," said Bru.

The work is being rushed as fast as possible.

"I am told that the man Mendez, who died soon after they got him out, was really the victim of a second cave-in. He was pinned under a rock when they first found him, and they had to chip the rock away. While they were doing it, there was another small cave-in, and Mendez was covered up again. When they got to him he was hurt worse than before."