

FRANTIC RACE TO SAVE 4 MINERS ENTOMBED AT COPPEROPOLIS CAVE-IN

RESCUE 2 FROM DEBRIS ALIVE

Only By a Miracle Will Men Who Are Still In Calaveras Mine Be Saved; Caught Beneath Tons of Sliding Rock; Timbers Were Good

STOCKTON, Sept. 4.—(P)—Digging in frantic haste, crews of miners tonight strove to reach four of the six men who were entombed in a cave-in 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.

Little Hope Is Left

Caught beneath the tons of sliding rock and gravel at the 1550 foot level, it is feared the men have been fatally crushed or slowly suffocated.

The rescued are A. Val and Joseph Mendoza, Mexican miners.

Val was taken from the shaft an hour after the cave-in. Mendoza, whose muffled screams brought rescuers to his side eight hours later, had been pinned beneath a large boulder and was unconscious when removed.

The Entombed Miners

The men in the mine are Joe King, mucker foreman of Jackson.

Ed Bixler of Oakland; Gonzalo Gonzalos, Copperopolis, and Lee Lopez, Copperopolis.

The cause of the cave-in is not known tonight. No blasting was going on and the timbering had been pronounced safe by officials.