

RAILWAYS STOP AS CREWS BEGIN SHOVELING SNOW

Highways in Mountainous Regions of Colorado Impassable; Snow Plows Used.

MINER RESCUED

Men Dig in Snow For Hour to Rescue Buried Comrade.

By The Associated Press.

Denver, February 7.—Railroad transportation in the mountainous regions of southwestern Colorado was at a standstill today while section crews began a two weeks task of clearing tracks of the heaviest snowslides in many years. Highways also were impassable.

The towns of Silverton, a mining community, and Craig on the Denver & Rio Grande Western railroad from Durango, were isolated. Since Saturday nine snow slides have crashed down on the tracks and one of these was said to be from 40 to 75 feet deep and 800 feet wide. Neither town was in danger of a food shortage, it was reported.

The Rio Grande Southern Line, operating on the Lizard Head pass, was blocked by snowdrifts. No slides were reported in that section. Large rotary snow plows were being used to clear the tracks of that line.

The Durango plant of the American Smelting and Refining Company at Durango was forced to suspend operations because of a shortage of ore from Silverton.

The snow storm which accompanied a severe cold wave in the state abated and it was predicted that temperatures at the zero mark last night would rise today.

Sub-zero weather still prevailed in Montana and near Bozeman an ice jam flooded the lowlands forcing farmers to flee their homes. Some loss of livestock was feared.

Highways in Wyoming, Utah, and Idaho were blocked by snowdrifts and zero temperatures were general throughout the latter state. Seventy five motorists marooned on the East highway out of Salt Lake City last night were rescued by a state highway crew.

Miners working in a canyon near Twin Falls, Idaho, dug in the snow an hour to rescue a fellow worker buried in a slide. The miner was unconscious and almost frozen to death but physicians said he probably would recover.

A cold wave from the northwest hit the southwest and sent the mercury tumbling to from 10 to 15 degrees above zero. In Kansas and the Texas Panhandle a new snow was reported. Snow was expected in Oklahoma.

1929 Miner rescued after buried by avalanche near Twin Falls ID

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