

# Snow Slide Kills Three, Traps 40 At Gold Mine

## Avalanche Three Miles Long Wipes Out Mill And Bunkhouse In Colorado; Rescuers Dig Out Mine Superintendent, Buried Several Hours

Ouray, Colo., Feb. 24. (AP)—Three persons were known to have been killed and at least 40 others were trapped today by a snow avalanche three miles long which wiped out the mill and one bunkhouse at the Campbird gold mine eight miles from here. Those trapped were inside the mine.

The body of Mrs. Rose Isreal, camp cook, was found late today.

Cappy Woods, a miner, and Ralph Klinger, camp blacksmith, were with her when the slide struck.

"There is no doubt but that both were killed," said George F. Warren, manager of the Ouray Telephone company. "They were caught in the heaviest part of the slide.

"Survivors had an idea where the body of Mrs. Isreal was thrown and began digging immediately. They still were attempting to find Klinger and Woods, but it was believed they were caught further back than the woman."

Campbird is the source of the famous Bonanza fortune of the late Thomas Walsh—father of Evelyn Walsh McLean, Washington socialite.

Warren said meager reports coming from the scene of the avalanche indicated Richard Dunn, superintendent of the properties was buried for about three hours but was dug out. He was reported to be in serious condition from cold and bruises.

The mill was wiped out, the bunkhouse was wrecked and pushed down the hillside.

Warren believed the men in the mine were safe although the entrance was completely clogged by tons of snow and debris which slipped down the mountain side.

There were 49 persons in the camp, the telephone manager said, (Turn to Page Five)

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most of them were inside the mine when the avalanche struck.

### FLOOD THREAT

Kansas City, Feb. 24. (AP)—Snowslides, floods and grinding ice floes—loosed by warming winds that swept a major part of the nation—took a reported toll of at least 13 lives today.

The same winds scooped up soil from bare fields in the southwest, creating scenes reminiscent of last year's blighting dust storms.

Swift melting river ice and headwater snows combined with forecasts of watershed rains to carry flood threats to a dozen states. Ice gorges were blasted and blasting preparations made throughout the middle west.

The historic Camp Bird mining property eight miles from Ouray, Colo., was the scene of the greatest reported disaster. Fragmentary accounts told of a giant snowslide that roared down a mountainside, engulfing the plant where 45 men were at work and killing nine. Many more were reported injured. A rescue party of 30 on horseback fought ten-foot snowdrifts toward the scene.

Four were reported drowned and many driven from their homes by high water in the Stockton and Oakdale district of California. This region bore the brunt of early flood troubles with 35,000 acres under water and agricultural damage estimated near \$1,000,000.

Farmers in rich lowlands in other sections were warned to be prepared to evacuate. Reading, Pa., made plans to care for 1,200 refugees in anticipation of floods along the Schuylkill.

Danger was averted in the Ohio river valley near Evansville, Ind. Giant ice gorges above and below Evansville, broke—freeing miles of the river and virtually removing serious flood threats.

States preparing for trouble in the event thaws continue included Illinois, Indiana, Idaho, Iowa, South Dakota, Missouri, Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kansas.