

Hope Wanes for Miner Entombed In Globe Pit

Hope of saving an El Paso miner, entombed in a copper mine near Globe, Ariz., for more than 70 hours, today was waning as volunteer rescuers reported that a faint tapping signal made by the trapped man died out at 4 a. m. today.

The miner, John Orekar, of 3029 Broadway street, was trapped at 4 p. m. Saturday when an earth slide blocked a tunnel.

More than 100 volunteers, rescuers, working in three shifts, have been digging into tons of rock and earth in an effort to save him.

Tapping at Intervals

Sheriff W. H. Richardson of Globe reported that 48 hours after earth had one crumbled down from an overhead shaft, rescuers seeking to reach Orekar heard a tapping sound.

The tapping continued at intervals but died out at 4 a. m. today, Sheriff Richardson said.

Mr. Orekar is 48 and single.

Sheriff Richardson said that he had been working in mines near Globe during the past year.

Mr. Orekar's sister and brother-in-law, Mrs. and Mrs. M. N. Laughlin, who of 3029 Broadway street, arrived in Globe last night. Today Mrs. Laughlin stood at the mine entrance watching rescue work.

One Miner Rescued

Another miner, John York, 32, was also caught by the slide but was rescued after 24 hours of digging through debris at the tunnel entrance.

"He was perfectly all right when they reached him and walked out by himself," Mrs. Ory Woodburn, wife of the director of the Globe-Miami rescue station, said.

"The other miners—a full crew—in the tunnel when the slide started were close enough to the rescue parties digging for their comrades."

Mr. York attributed his own escape to the fact he was in a recess in the side of a chute leading from the main tunnel to a tunnel at a higher level when the slide occurred.

Nasty Chokes

"The slide filled the chute to a depth of 40 feet below me," Mr. York said. "There was nothing to do but to remain in the niche."

But nearly choked him before he was rescued, Mr. York said. "I got hungry before they reached me. But I wanted a drink of water worse than I did food," he said.

Guessing that Mr. Orekar was overtly impaled behind the wall of debris, rather than buried by tons of earth and one that came tumbling down from an overhead shaft 225 to 250 feet from the entrance, the rescuers were driving Irish crews into the shaft every few hours hoping to reach the prisoner before he died of suffocation or starvation.

Workers Limited

Narrowness of the shaft permitted only crews of eight men to work at one time while relief crews waited at the entrance.

They were trying to reach Mr. Orekar from three different angles.

The mine is at Copper Hill, about four miles northwest of Globe and is the only one in operation here.

Rescue work is being directed by Ory Woodburn and William Tucker, deputy state mine inspector.

Sheriff Richardson said that Mr. Orekar and Mr. York had leased the mine and were working it with a Detroit crew.

John York rescued after 24 hours

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