

# 15 MINERS KILLED IN BIG SLIDE IN IDAHO

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**Six Men Missing and Undoubtedly Dead; Search Abandoned Because of Danger of Another Slide; 15 Injured Taken to Gimlet Station in Sleighs.**

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 25.—An avalanche swept down on the buildings of the North Star mine, twelve miles northeast of Hailey, Idaho, early today, demolishing the compressor house, warehouse and bunkhouse, smothering and crushing the sleeping men in the snow and debris.

The bodies of nine miners had been recovered tonight, six were missing and probably dead, and fifteen were injured, some seriously. Among the injured is Thomas Jay, mine superintendent.

Search for the missing men, some of whom it was hoped might be found alive, was abandoned tonight because of the imminent danger of a slide from the opposite side of the canyon.

For a time the Federal Mining & Smelting company, owners of the North Star mine, had a force of ninety men engaged in recovering the dead. Abandonment of all hope of finding any of the victims alive and the danger of precipitating a second slide, caused the company late today to call off the rescuers.

Immediately upon receiving news of the disaster, a special train conveying physicians and workers was run from Hailey to Gimlet, from where the party was obliged to travel six miles to the mine in sleighs. The injured men were brought to Gimlet tonight in sleighs, and from there were taken to Hailey on the train. It is reported that three of this number are severely injured. Bodies of the dead were left at the mine temporarily.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 26.—With all of southern Idaho in the grip of one of the worst storms of the winter, attempts at rescuing the six undiscovered bodies of the fifteen men who lost their lives early Sunday morning in the snowslide at the North Star mine, near Hailey, have been abandoned. All fifteen of the injured, three of whom may die, are in hospitals at Hailey or Bellevue, and the nine recovered bodies will be taken to Hailey Monday if the storm abates. The heavy, wet snow, which was still falling over most of the state early Monday morning, increases the danger of new slides.