

BURIED BY A CAVE-IN

NARROW ESCAPE OF MINERS,

CAUGHT BY A MASS OF ROCKS AND EARTH NEAR DE LUZ

One of the Men, a Santa Ana Capitalist,
Dangerously Injured—The Other
Two Badly Wounded—Caused
by a Blast in a Cut

Three men, while exploding a blast in a mine near De Luz several days ago, were buried by a cave-in, and it is considered a miracle that they did not meet instant death. One of the men—John Reuter, a capitalist of Santa Ana—was seriously injured and his fate still hangs in the balance. The other two men—John Fahrenkrug and a Corsican—were also badly injured, though not dangerously.

Mr. Reuter, who is backing the Fahrenkrugs in their mining operations, came down from Santa Ana to investigate the work that was being done at the mines. The Corsican is in the employ of the Fahrenkrugs. On a hill back of the Fahrenkrug home a new cut is being made in order to strike a ledge that is believed to exist in the hill. In order to facilitate the work in deepening the cut explosives were used.

A heavy blast was made while Mr. Reuter was present and immediately after the explosion the three men, who had taken refuge some distance away, came forward to observe the effect of the blast. They had no sooner stepped into the cut than a mass of rock and dirt slid down from the hillside above, without warning, and buried them under several feet of earth. Reuter was completely covered and his companions were partially buried and stunned. No one had seen the accident and there was no one in the vicinity therefore who could rescue the men from their perilous position.

Fahrenkrug soon regained his senses, and although his right arm was crippled and his side bruised he managed to extricate himself and render assistance to his companions. The Corsican was soon on his feet and the two men set about digging out Reuter, who was completely hidden from sight. The dirt and rocks were quickly removed and Reuter was rescued more dead than alive. He had several ribs broken and sustained internal injuries of a more or less serious nature.

The injured men did not receive medical attention until the next day, when a doctor from Fallbrook was obtained. They had suffered considerable pain in the meantime. Mr. Reuter was taken to Santa Ana several days later, against the advice of his physician. His bed was moved with him.

FALLBROOK WATER.

Work to Begin Soon on the Proposed System.