

TUNNEL CAVE-IN TRAP FOR FIVE

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18. (AP)—Five men were trapped today in the cave-in of a tunnel under construction for the Western Pacific railroad near Keddie in northwestern California, advices received by road officials here said.

A sixth man was caught in the slide of muck which occurred shortly after midnight, but was taken out alive. Telegrams from the scene to Colonel J. W. Williams, construction superintendent of the road, said crews were working to take out the other men. Advices did not indicate whether they were believed to have been killed by the slide of muck or whether workers hoped to reach them alive.

The cave-in occurred at the north entrance of number two tunnel, about a mile and a half north of Keddie, Plumas county, trapping the men about 14 feet from the portal, Williams said.

The tunnel is part of an extension being built to link the Western Pacific with the Great Northern railroad. The extension is being built by the Utah Construction company and the W. A. Bechtel company, both of San Francisco and both members of Six Companies, Inc., successful bidders for the construction of the Hoover dam at Boulder canyon.