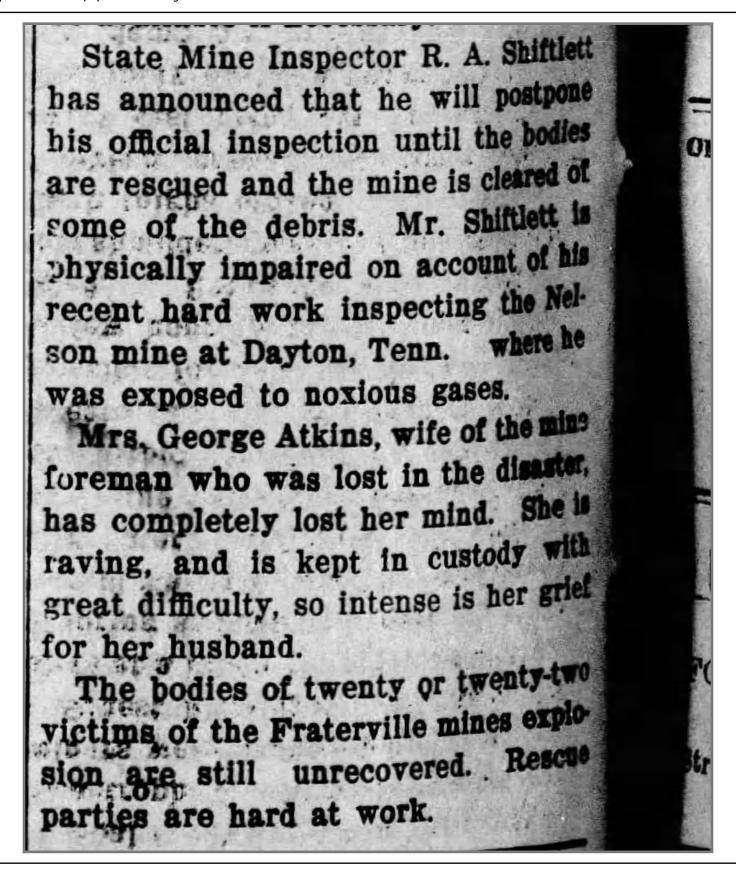
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ONE TOLD THE TALE Mangled, Sightless Victim Tells of the Horrors in Fraterville Mine Explosion. SWI Knowille, Tenn., May 22.-Up to midnight last night eighty-two bodies had been taken from Fraterville mine at Coal Creek, the scene of Monday's catastrophe in which the lives of 235 miners were blotted out. Ernest McDonald was taken o alive at a late hour; he had fallen into a spring and was covered with water. except half his face when found. He had entered the mine fifteen minutes after the other men and his story of the position was told while benosion was told while his breath came in fitful gasps. It is impossible for him to live for more than a few hours, for he is horribly mengled. . Both arms were twisted from his shoulders, both eyes blown out and both thighs broken. Fresh crews of rescuers went to work last night and will toil on unceasingly unless another explosion of fire damp occurs, which is feared, oc-The cause of the disaster developed when it became known that gas had collected in an abandoned mine close by, into which an opening had been accidentally made last week by a work boy in a lateral shaft. An attempt was made to stop up the opening, but it is believed that a leak remained. President J. W. Howe of the United Mine Workers of America, for District 19, has gone into the mines to make an inspection as the representative of that organization and to assist in the rescue work. He has received a message of condolence from President Mitchell of the Mine Workers of America, who stated that he had sent \$100 for the relief fund. Mr. Howe announced that the Mine Workers of America would at once expend \$1,000 for the needy families of its members who died in the mine and more would be available if necessary.

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