

MANGLED BODIES OF MINERS BURIED TO-DAY AT COAL CREEK

Thirty-four Victims of the Fraterville Mine Explosion.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 20.—A special to the Sentinel from Coal Creek says: At 6 o'clock this morning the bodies of 34 victims of the terrific explosion at the Fraterville coal mine yesterday lay in the old Armour supply store, ready to be dressed for burial to-day. All the bodies will be buried in the Leach cemetery, just east of town on a little mound, where the United Mine Workers of America will be asked to contribute to a fund to build a monument to the dead and where a section had been bought by them. Five hundred women and children were present to see the bodies

and identify them if possible. The burials began at noon, as some of the bodies were torn and charred and hasty interment was absolutely necessary. As a result of the terrible force of the explosion, the faces and heads of some of the bodies were torn as if they had been pummeled.

Superintendent George Camp and others who worked all night have gone almost through the entire course of the Fraterville and Thistle mines and are now assured that the other missing bodies are in the room and wings leading from the main channels. Air is being pumped in the mines, but a sickening stench has arisen from the corpses inside.

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