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Three Bodies Taken From Mines

The bodies of Leno Zabra, Tuelo Ciotti and Tom Vickers were recovered Saturday from the Denegan & McConnell Coal company's mine which was partially wrecked by an explosion Friday night.

Zabra and Guitta, Italians, were employed in the mines as shot firers and were suffocated following the explosion. Vickers was a member of the local rescue team that went into the mine searching for the bodies of the Italians. He was overcome by fire damp. Eleven other members of the rescue team were overcome by the fire damp. They were rescued by mine workers. A wave of fire damp had enveloped the members of the rescue team a short time after they entered the mine. Shots fired by the two Italians, it is believed caused the dry coal dust in the mine to explode. The mine is not on fire. Families survive two of the dead men. The shot firers were alone in the mines at the time of the explosion.

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