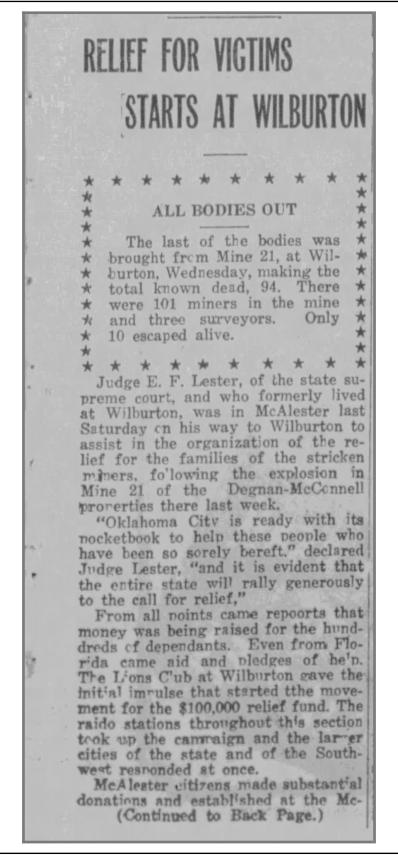
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RELIEF FOR VICTIMS STARTS AT WILBURTON (Continued from Paage 1. Alester Trust company, through Ed Fry, one of the bank officers, a sta-tion for the receipt of donations throughout this community for the aid f the sufferers. Miners are active and petitions for aid are being voluntarily circulated at the mines. A petition circulated at Dow mines this week resulted in a liberal donation that will be forwarded to the relief compristed at William ed to the relief committee at Wilburmost careful checking up shows that there wer 104 altogether who entered the mine that morning, of whom three were in the surveying party. This makes a total of 94 known dead in the explosion, as only ten escared altogether. Beryl Holland, the negro who was rescued on the second day after the explosion, is in a hospital in McAlester and his condition is still critical. Cecil McKinney the young white man who escaped after 23 hours groping over dead bodies in the mine, has prestically recovered his powerless. bractically recovered his normal condition, as he was not physically intered by the blast, but only by exposure and exhaustion. His story of his wanderings in the mine during the day and night following the blast form a fearful ta'e of horror and suffering, Funerals for practically all of the dead were held Friday and Saturday, dead were near Friday and Saturday, with a few funerals Sunday. Convicts aided in digging graves for the victims, and were sent down from here on a special Rock Island train to help bury the dead. Finera' services for A. B. Thomas, Finera' services for A. B. Thomas, chief engineer who was surveying out the mine, were held Sunday at Hartshorne from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams, and was attended by a large gathering of friends. Rev. Harry Cox, of Poteau, and Rev. Thomas Brown, of Hartshorne, officiated. Usll bearers were Jim Williams, L. A., Grant, Paul Rivers, W. A. Hammond, U. M. Ruminer and Arch Ramsey, He is survived by his parents, who live in A'tocna, Pa., also by his wife and little daughter. His wife is the daughter of Nieht Chief J. B. Nico's, of te Hartshhorne police force, Hartshhorne police force Evans Funeral Held The funeral of John Evans, pit boss killed in the mine, was held here Sundar afternoon at the Chaney undertaking rarlors, under the auspices of the Wiburton Masonic lodge, of which he was a member. Most of the other victims of the disaster were buried at Wi'burton. Work of rehabilitating the mine has not been undertaken, although the west side of the mine has been largely cleaned of debris by the rescue workers in their search for bodies. Latest reports indicate that the company may undertake to reoven the mine, however, the work of relief for mine, however, after the work of relief for the needy has been taken care

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