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Good Evening—

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SEANCE OF MURDER IN ILLINOIS HALTS; LONDON POLICE DISCOVER MURDER PLOTS

NON-UNION MEN ARE ALL KILLED, BLOOD THIRSTY MINERS BOAST OF KILLINGS

No Steps Yet Taken to Set Up Majesty of Law in Area

CORONER SEEMS AFRAID Moonshine Whisky Was Fuel to Kindle Blood Lust of Murderers

(By Associated Press) Herrin, Ill., June 23—Herrin today remained quiet after the wild disorders of yesterday in which at least 27 men were killed and an unknown number wounded when 5,000 union miners and sympathizers attacked approximately half a hundred imported steam shovel men and laborers working in the Lester strip pit of the Southern Illinois Coal Company.

County officials maintained that since no one remained to work in the strip pit that of itself was a guarantee against further outbreaks and asserted the 1,000 members of the Illinois national guard ordered to mobilize in Chicago for possible duty here were unnecessary.

An inquest into the carnage wrought by the miners and their supporters, when influenced by moonshine whiskey and angered at the effects of the strip pit workers who had been termed in a telegram from the mine workers international chief "common strike breakers," they bore down at dawn on the huddled group, was set for today. However, until late last night, no official step to investigate the affair had been taken, to grand jury had been summoned, and no arrests had been made.

Miners in Herrin streets openly boasted that they participated in the infliction of deaths by gunfire, hanging and dragging through the streets in a veritable Roman holiday, but there was no action against them.

Death List Be Increased. That the death list would be increased today seemed to be the consensus of opinion. Fifteen bodies were weighted about the necks and cast into a pond, a miner told a correspondent for the Associated Press, and the area over which killings occurred was estimated at fifteen square miles of hilly, timbered land.

The statement of Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois branch of the United Mine Workers of America, issued at Cincinnati, that his information indicated that 44 men had been killed, as interpreted as meaning that the entire number of besieged strike breakers had perished, although of his own knowledge the Associated Press correspondent could account for but seven more than a score of bodies. Mr. Farrington was expected to reach Herrin tonight.

The dead at first were reported as accounted for in a pitched battle between the strikers and sympathizers and the imported pit strippers when the local men attacked the barricaded workers at dawn.

Later, however, open statements from scores of persons on the streets here were to the effect that the working men surrendered at the first onslaught, and, after having been tied into groups of three and six, were brutally massacred, told to run a gauntlet of rifle fire, only to be shot to death at distances of a few feet when wounded, one or two of a group would fall and drag the others to the ground; stabbed and hacked to death with knives; beaten with clubs, and at least three of them hanged, while in the instance of six men, at least, they were said to have been dragged over a rough rocky road behind an automobile.

Women Urged the Men On. The women, some carrying infants, urged the men on, it was stated, and at least one instance the Associated Press correspondent observed un-

MOBILIZATION OF TROOPS TO OUELL MINERS BEGINS; GOVERNOR ISSUES ORDERS

Vivid Stories Filter in of How Men Were Brutally Murdered as They Ran—Many Innocent.

(By Associated Press) Chicago, June 23.—Mobilization of the 132d infantry of the Illinois national guard, ordered by Governor Len Small in a midnight message from Waukegan to hold itself in readiness for duty in the southern Illinois mining region, began early today.

Governor Small's order was relayed from Adjutant General Carlos E. Black at Springfield to Colonel William E. Swanson, commandant here of the 132d, who set in motion the machinery for assembling troops. Nine machine gun companies were included in the order and the 132d infantry also has a Howitzer company.

Secret Service Men Still Are Missing.

Chicago, June 23.—The Hargrave secret service, which had thirty operatives on guard at the Lester strip mine at Herrin when the mine was stormed by striking union miners had accounted for but four detectives

following the massacre. One of these, Sidney J. Morrison, was known to have been mortally wounded. Three were believed to have escaped, it was said, while the remaining twenty-six were missing.

(By Associated Press) West Frankfort, Ill., June 23.—One of the non-union men who escaped the Herrin mine battle arrived here early today without hat or coat. An excited crowd gathered around him and the police took charge of him, spirited him out of town a few miles and told him to get out of the district. His arrival created a tense situation here.

Officials Keeping Quiet.

(By Associated Press) Springfield, Ill., June 23.—At 8 o'clock this morning no response was received here by Governor Small to his demands of last night that the state attorney and sheriff of Williamson county give immediate account of the conditions there and prepare to bring the mine rioters to justice.

Blame for Riots Placed on County Officers by State

(By Associated Press) Waukegan, Ill., June 23.—Governor Small today received a representative of the adjutant general at Herrin placing the blame for the rioting on the shoulders of the Williamson county officials.

The representative who went to Herrin a week ago said he at no time thought the authorities could handle the situation and that they should have asked for troops before the rioting started.

Heavily armed from a woman. He came across a group lying in the road, one of the men badly mangled and his shoulder shot away. Begging piteously for water, and evidently near death, the worker was only feared at by the men and women about. The correspondent dashed into a house and obtained water but was restrained by men who pointed pistols. A moment later a woman carrying a baby spurned the dying man with her foot and told him she would "see him in hell" before he could drink.

In the wounded list there were six in the Herrin hospital, three reported in the Carbondale hospital, and a number of others—union striking miners—believed to be lying in their homes.

There was little question that the exact number of dead never will be known. No one seemed inclined to drag the pot where bodies were reported thrown and no searching parties have been organized to seek bodies in the woods.

All reports, whether from miners or from strike-breakers or mine operators agree that the killings really were a massacre—that the victims were shot down in cold blood after they had put up the white flag and surrendered themselves and their arms to the attacking forces. Many persons in the county uphold the slaughter as a rightful act of judgment. Citizens gathering on street corners last night and today laughed and joked over the affair and proudly boasted that "some of these days people will realize that it doesn't pay to break a strike in Williamson county."

MINERS ON WAR PATH IN WEST VIRGINIA ALSO

Two Men Killed and a Dozen Injured in an Attack on Car

400 ON A BLOODY MARCH Various Sections of West Virginia Seem to Be Affected

(By Associated Press) Clarksburg, W. Va., June 23.—Two men were killed, a deputy sheriff and a dozen other persons were wounded when a mob attacked a trolley car carrying non-union miners and officers of the Huson Coal Co., guarded by deputies bound for the Lewis mine near Reynoldsville this morning. The mob stopped the car, pulled off the trolley and swarmed aboard. Two of the attacking party were shot as they crawled through the windows. The mine was opened on the open shop basis Monday.

Going on War Path.

Fairmont, W. Va., June 23.—A crowd of men which the authorities estimated at 400 marched through the streets here this morning, across the Monongahela river to the east side of the city.

County officials watched the situation on reports they were headed for the working coal mines north of Fairmont.

DISCOVER CONSPIRACY TO TAKE LIVES OF NUMBER OF PROMINENT PERSONAGES

SLAYERS OF FIELD MARSHAL ARRAIGNED; CONFEDERATES ARE BEING ROUNDED UP NOW

Great Crowds Assemble Around Court Building to See Men Who Shot Wilson to Death.

(By Associated Press) London, June 23.—Fifteen men and one woman were arrested in the raids throughout London last night in connection with the assassination of Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, it was announced this morning by Lord Chancellor Austin Chamberlain.

He stated that every step possible was being taken for the protection of life in Ireland and England, and intimated that a discussion of Irish affairs would be held on Monday. Prime Minister Lloyd-George, he stated, was now holding a conference on all the matters connected with the assassination of Marshal Wilson.

James O'Brien and James Connolly, who were arrested directly after the shooting, were arraigned in the Westminster police court today, and charged with murder. They were remanded for one week by Magistrate Cecil Chapman. Long before the court opened a great crowd assembled in front

of the courthouse, but owing to the limited accommodations, the police rigorously excluded the general public, only allowing those connected with the case and the newspaper men to enter.

The accused men were taken to the courtroom in a taxicab and under strong guard from the Gerald Road police station. Two officers rode inside and one with the driver. All were fully armed and alert. In the courtroom were a number of plainclothes officers who have been engaged the last year in dealing with the Sinn Fein outrages in London. As the cab abruptly pulled up at the courthouse the door was thrown open and the accused were hustled into the building.

The court proceedings lasted only a few minutes. The prisoners were formally charged with the murder of Field Marshal Wilson and the attempted murder of Constables March and Sawyer and Alexander Clark, a chauffeur.

Fifteen Men and a Woman Rounded Up in a Dragnet

ALL ENGLAND SHOCKED Assassination of Wilson Greatest Crime of the Irish Revolt

(By Associated Press) London, June 23.—The police investigating the assassination of Field Marshal Wilson have come into possession of documents, says the Central News today, disclosing a conspiracy to take the lives of a number of prominent persons and conduct a campaign of outrages.

The assassination has stirred England to the depths. Mingled with feelings of sorrow and dismay are apprehensions of further outrages, as it is understood other members of parliament have been threatened. While the actual murderers were taken red-handed, a strenuous hunt for possible instigators of the crime is being conducted, and detectives last night raided all the known haunts of Sinn Feiners in London.

In connection with the reports of a Sinn Fein plot, the statement is made that certain houses, including the Wilson residence, have been mysteriously marked recently, and the home of Lord Carson in Eaton Place, was guarded by armed police last night.

Field Marshal Wilson, it is learned, had received threatening letters for some time from anonymous and other sources, but he paid no heed to them.

The question of again arming the police with automatic pistols is being considered by the government and Scotland Yard in view of the tragedy. It is taken for granted that Sir Henry will be given a great public funeral, with the military honors due his rank and services. The likelihood is suggested of burial in St. Pauls, the resting place of many of Britain's most noted warriors, including the Duke of Wellington and Admiral Nelson.

Condolences continued today to pour in on Lady Wilson, who as soon as the sad news reached Buckingham palace was wailed upon by an equestrian sent by the king and queen, bearing an expression of their sorrow.

The Prince of Wales also sent a personal messenger, and the dinner which was to have been given today in celebration of his birthday has been abandoned.

Prime Minister Lloyd-George sent this telegram: "I am deeply shocked at the ghastly crime. I can find no words to express my consternation and grief. Please accept all my sympathy in your terrible trouble."

Efforts to trace the crime to the instigation of any special persons or parties in Ireland has not succeeded.

In Ulster it seems to be widely taken for granted that the Irish Republican army was responsible, but no proof is offered and General Owen O'Duffy's denial stands unchallenged. The Irish chief of state also told inquirers that the act one of the murderers carried a copy of the I. R. A.'s official paper was without significance, as the paper has been on sale in public book stalls for some time.

All reports from Ireland indicate that the murder has produced an uneasy feeling among law-abiding people, apart from the natural indignation at the cold-bloodedness of the crime. The Belfast correspondent of the Times telegraphs his paper that if the assumption there that the Sinn Fein was responsible shall prove correct, the situation will immediately become one of extreme gravity. Popular opinion is already inflamed, he says, the feeling along the border being if anything more excited than in Belfast.

WUN TING FANG REPORTED TO BE DEAD IN CHINA

Once Minister to U. S. Passes Away at Home in Canton

(By Associated Press) Shanghai, June 23.—Wu Ting Fang, former minister to Washington and more recently foreign minister for Sun-Yat-Sen in the disrupted southern Republican government at Canton died at Canton this morning, according to a Reuter dispatch. Wu, an outstanding leader in the politics and jurisprudence of China for many years, remained, at last reports, loyal to Sun Yat-Sen and was believed to have fled to Canton with the deposed South China president. The Reuter dispatch gave no details.

Gompers Relected Head of Federation With No Opposition

(By Associated Press) Cincinnati, O., June 23.—Samuel Gompers was relected president of the American Federation of Labor today without opposition. This is his forty-first election to office.

JACK HUTCHINSON STILL IN

(By Associated Press) Sandwich, June 23.—Jock Hutchinson, by a brilliant 73 today improved his chances for retaining his title as British open golf champion. The morning round brought his total for 54 holes to 226. Walter Hagen took 73, making his total 228. Hutchinson's round included 14 holes made in fours. Hagen spoiled an otherwise good round by finishing with two sixes

HAGEN WINS TITLE

(By Associated Press) Sandwich, England, June 23.—Walter Hagen, American professional golfer, won the British open championship here today.

Hillsborough's Big Bond Issue Illegal, Declares Attorney

(By Associated Press) Tampa, June 23.—Hillsborough county's special election last Tuesday at which the people voted \$3,000,000 worth of bonds for good roads was pronounced illegal today by the county attorney and it will be impossible to sell the bonds. The county commissioners failed to advertise the election in accordance with the law. They must call another election or wait until next April and ask the legislature to validate the election by a special act.

Johnny Weissmuller Hangs Some New Records in Tank

(By Associated Press) Honolulu, T. H., June 23.—Johnny Weissmuller, swimming prodigy of the Illinois Athletic club, broke four more world's records here last night in the open water meet at the Shrine festival. These were made in the 100-meter, 400-meter, 440-yard and 500-yard events. Marie Chen Wehslau, 16 years old, broke the world's record in the women's 200-yard open water front. She swam it in two minutes 52.4-5 seconds.

Davis Says Rioters Should Be Punished to Full Extent Law

(By Associated Press) Washington, June 23.—A declaration that those responsible for the Southern Illinois mine disorders should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law was made today by Secretary of Labor Davis following a conference with President Harding.

MEDICOS MEET IN HAVANA

(By Associated Press) Tampa, June 23.—The Florida Medical Association will hold its annual convention next week in Havana, Cuba, the delegates leaving Port

LOYAL DAMES TO URGE HISTORIES THAT TELL FACT

Will Ask Other Organizations to Join With Them

(By Associated Press) Washington, June 23.—Mrs. John A. Logan, president of the Dames of the Loyal Legion, stated here today that that organization would urge other patriotic and educational societies to press their campaign against use in the schools of any state of histories that do not "conform to facts." Referring to the declaration in the report adopted at the recent convention in Richmond of the United Confederate Veterans that the Civil war was "deliberately conceived" by Lincoln and that histories teaching this should be used in southern schools, Mrs. Logan said the assertion was a "per- version of facts" and that all patriotic societies would be urged to seek the suppression of any such histories.

Colonel John McElroy, vice commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and editor of its National Tribune, said Grand Army leaders would protest the assertions in the report adopted by the Confederate veterans. "No one made a greater effort than Abraham Lincoln to pacify the South," said Colonel McElroy. "No man could have pleaded more strongly for the seceding states to return to the union than he did in his inaugural address."

"It seems to me that the veterans have gone far out of their way to publish an unwarranted statement. I am glad to be able to say that I do not believe this feeling to be general in the South."

Westmoreland Puts Sharp Words Into Talk to Minister

(By Associated Press) Newport News, Va., June 23.—Ex-Governor Westmoreland Davis, candidate for the United States senate, and Rev. David H. Hoppburn, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of this state, have recently engaged in an exchange of bitter letters, the pastor taking the ex-governor to task for his record on the prohibition law enforcement during his term of office and Mr. Davis calling Mr. Hoppburn a "prohibition profiteer," one whom he entirely disassociates from all the "cloth" stands for and too much a coward to ascertain that his politically dry friends are personally wet.

Work Is Under Way on C. C. Hudson's Handsome Home

Work on the handsome new home that C. C. Hudson will construct on his lot on River street is well under way, the foundation having been completed. When this home is completed it will be an added ornament to Palatka's fast growing river boulevard. The new residence being constructed next door to Mr. Hudson's home by Robert James is nearly completed and will be ready for occupancy about July 1.

Another distinct ornament to the river front is the handsome mansion Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Culbreth, which will be occupied by them in the next few days. With the completion of all of these handsome homes sentiment is growing for a beautification of the waterfront and it is expected that a concerted effort will be made within the next year to bulkhead the river and make this one of the finest drives in Florida.

TWO MEN BLOWN UP

(By Associated Press) East Liverpool, O., June 23.—Two men were blown to pieces, and three houses on the outskirts of Wellsville were wrecked early today when nitroglycerine being transported in an automobile exploded.