

BATTLE OVER 7 MILE FRONT IN WINGO CO. COAL FIELDS

Terrorized Women and Children Are Hiding in Cellars and Dugouts, in Many Cases Without Food or Water—Forty Miners Are Surrounded by the Belligerent Forces—State Police Have Started for the Scene—Firing is Reported to be Increasing in Intensity—Three Men Were Killed in Battle at McCarr—Regular Army Offices is to Investigate the Situation.

Williamsport, W. Va., May 13.—Three men are reported by state reports to have been killed today in a terrific battle at McCarr and telephone reports to the office of the New Howard Coal Company at Gates indicated that forty miners are surrounded by belligerent forces. The fighting is reported to be increasing in intensity.

The reports from the New Howard company indicated that heavy firing at McCarr began at their mines at Gates, between Matwan and Sprigg. Advice to the company relative to the forty miners being hemmed in, as they were in a narrow gorge, is believed to have been given in dollars and cents.

Only two of the known dead had been identified tonight. They are Dan Whitely, killed at Statewan while attempting to obtain water for a refugee family, and a man named Smith, whose initials were believed to be D. W., who was killed at McCarr.

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Should the staff officer endorse the requests the whole question will be referred to President Harding before any action is taken. It was explained at the war department that there was some doubt whether the department itself had authority to send federal troops to the mountain front.

HALF OF THE SIX FEIN NOMINEES ARE IN JAIL. Dublin, May 13.—(By the A. P.)—The six nominees for the Dublin parliament, who were elected in the election of 1918, are in jail.

CARELESS SMOKERS CAUSE ENORMOUS FIRE LOSSES. New York, May 13.—Cigar, cigarette and tobacco manufacturers were urged today in a bulletin of the national board of fire underwriters to lead in educating smokers against carelessness in smoking.

STRONG DEMAND FOR A REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS. Philadelphia, May 13.—An attack upon the military aspirations of the leading nations of the world and a strong demand for a reduction of armaments were made today and tonight by one democratic United States senator and three republican congressmen, who spoke before the twenty-first annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

MEME MARIE CURIE HONOR GUEST OF SMITH COLLEGE. Northampton, Mass., May 13.—Mme. Marie Curie, of France, scientist and discoverer of radium, was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of science by Smith college today and was the guest of honor of the college all day.

WILL RECOMMEND \$227,000 FOR STATE FARM FOR WOMEN. Hartford, Conn., May 13.—The appropriation committee of the legislature will recommend \$227,000 as the amount of the appropriation for the Connecticut State Farm for Women. It was learned tonight that the bill sent to the legislature for this institution called for an appropriation of \$424,000. Another bill to be reported to the legislature would restrict commitments to the state farm to women between the ages of 16 and 25 years. At present there is no age limit.

CABLED PARAGRAPHS

Spain Protects Influx of Germans. Bilbao, Spain, May 13.—The Biscayan Producers League sent a telegraphic protest to the minister of public works today, demanding that immediate and stringent measures be taken to prevent "dumping" by the Germans.

PERSHING TO BECOME ACTUAL CHIEF OF THE U. S. ARMY. Washington, May 13.—General Pershing will become chief of the general staff and the actual head of the army.

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS

Increased values in francs and marks is expected by Secretary Mellon.

Seventy-six bodies of soldiers who died in France were shipped from New York west.

Price of refined sugar has been advanced by New York companies 20 points.

Reports that Count Sierza, Italian Foreign minister, will resign were denied by the government.

Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey announced reduction of 11-2 cents a gallon in the price of kerosene in New Jersey.

Department of Justice men of Chicago are searching for swindlers who are selling bonds in the league of nations at \$10 a share.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, took the floor in the senate, celebrated his seventy-first birthday anniversary.

The American Woolen Company announced a plan by which officers and employees may purchase stock of the company.

French rosters, one thousand strong, will be at the ringside on July 2 to cheer Carpenter in his fight with Jack Dempsey.

American Petroleum Institute reports daily average of gross crude oil produced ended May 7 amounted to 1,939,400 barrels.

It was announced in Brussels that Belgian dockworkers will be on strike for coal for a month.

A general strike is threatened in Mexico in connection with the outbreak of virtually all of the employees of the Erickson Telephone Co.

Woman suffrage in the Episcopal diocese of New York again failed of adoption in New York at the 138th annual convention of that body.

Board of governors of the New York Stock Exchange elected E. H. H. Simmons, vice president to succeed Seymour L. Cromwell, elected president.

Three hundred thousand men were affected by Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers' Association of Manchester, England, wage cut of 10 per cent.

The New York State Mayors' Conference will meet June 7 and 8 in Elmira and June 9 in Corning. The City Clerks' Association will meet at the same time.

Half a million dollars worth of non-negotiable securities and \$5 in cash were stolen from the office of the New Jersey Flour Co. at Passaic, N. J.

Will W. Healey, of New York, was nominated by President Harding to be assistant attorney general in charge of customs cases at the port of New York.

Fire caused a loss of \$1,000,000 destruction No. 8 breaker of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co. at Coladale, Pa. The structure and valuable machinery is in ruins.

The electrically-operated super-dredging machine, which is at Rockland, Me., for her standardization tests, will be sent to the deep waters of Penobscot bay for anchor and steering trials.

Search of the ruins of the farmhouse of Mrs. Rose Stevenson between Somers and Ellington, which was burned, revealed the body of Charles Johnson, aged 7, who was asleep at the time of the fire.

Benjamin Brown Cann, assistant purser of the Yarmouth line steamship Prince Arthur, was arrested by federal authorities in Boston charges with importing 22 bottles of whiskey from Canada.

Fire which caused \$250,000 loss in Youngstown, Ohio, is believed to have been of incendiary origin. Mahoning Valley power house, a lumber yard, 10 houses and a garage were destroyed.

Benjamin McKean, vice president of Penna. Valley railroad, says only one cent out of every dollar received by the railroad is invested in the purchase of bonds.

McCullough, a cotton broker, of Oklahoma City, and Sergl, a cotton broker, were killed and Sergl, a cotton broker, seriously injured in an airplane accident near the military reservation at Fort Sil, Oklahoma.

The trial of Mrs. Ethel E. Nott, one of three persons charged with the murder of her husband, George B. Nott, is scheduled to start on Tuesday, May 24, before Judge Malbie in the superior court in Bridgeport.

John McFadden tried to scratch a match of the side of his shoe. His other foot slipped. Thursday, McFadden was president of the Wedgewood (N. J.) board of education.

Ex-Governor James M. Cox, of Ohio, former democratic presidential candidate, arrived in New York with Mrs. Cox to attend the wedding of Harry Childs, 34, of Pittsburgh, a cousin of Mrs. Cox, to Miss Laura A. Haben.

At a meeting of stockholders of the Grand Trunk Railway Co. in London, it was decided to ratify the agreement between the management and the Canadian government providing for the transfer of the road to the government.

Two Hartford men who served honorably during the war, and are now members of the Red-Locke post, American legion, are included in the list of alleged draft slackers compiled by the war department for the Hartford second district.

MARNE MEMORIAL, MEDALS OF GIFT, PRESENTED TO FRANCE

Formally, Tendered by Hugh C. Wallace, Retiring American Ambassador, to President Millerand in the Elysee Palace—Monument is to Commemorate the Victory of the Marne—Four Million Americans Joined Directly in the Gift.

Paris, May 13.—(By the A. P.)—Hugh C. Wallace, the retiring American ambassador on behalf of the American committee having its creation in charge, formally tendered the Marne memorial, the gift of America to France, to President Millerand in the Elysee Palace this evening. Mr. Wallace, in part, said:

"I present to the government and people of France, in the name of the whole American people, the monument which is to rise at the Fort de la Malmaison to commemorate the victory of the Marne. Four millions of my countrymen directly joined in the gift but it really is the gift of all because it comes from America's heart."

"History recorded fifteen decisive battles in the centuries preceding ours. The Marne was the scene of the sixteenth, and it is not too soon to say it was the greatest. It was the day when the first of the great wars of the world was won by France. The second began July 1, 1914, and the final victory came on November 11, 1918. The Marne was the united arms of France, the United States and the United States. Germany was crushed on the very field which saw the high water mark of her invasion. The

138TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF NEW YORK. New York, May 12.—Delegates to the 138th annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal church of New York today declared in favor of international relations of arms and a resolution to support the League of Nations.

FRANK FAVORS TIGHTENING UP OF THE VOLSTEAD ACT. Washington, May 13.—A serious problem confronting federal prohibition enforcement officials in the prevention of sales of alcohol, ostensibly for medicinal and industrial purposes, which later are distributed to bootleggers, was discussed today by Commissioner Frank in a hearing before the committee on the Volstead act.

DR. PALMER OPPOSES LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD CURTAIL THE OWNERSHIP OF FIREARMS. Dr. Palmer opposes legislation which would curtail the ownership of firearms, which he believes would be a step toward the restriction of the rights of the citizen.

DISCUSSION IN SENATE ON NAVAL DISARMAMENT. Washington, May 13.—President Harding's attitude toward the proposal of Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, for a conference between the United States and Great Britain, Japan and other nations, was brought into question in the senate today during debate on the half billion dollar naval appropriation bill.

A. F. OF L. WARNS AGAINST RECOGNITION OF SOVIETS. Cincinnati, O., May 13.—Overseas labor in the United States must not take any action which would be construed as an assistance to, or approval of, the soviet government of Russia, the executive council of the American Federation of labor warned in its annual report, which was completed here today.

LETTER RECEIVED FROM MISSING DANBURY WOMAN. Danbury, Conn., May 13.—The disappearance of Mrs. Florence W. Burroughs, widow, from her home here on April 21, was partially cleared up today when her nephew, Arthur Knapp, received a letter from Mrs. Burr. It was dated from New London and said she was in Danbury and undergoing treatment for rheumatism.

FOUR ENLISTED MEN KILLED BY GUNPOWDER EXPLOSION. Lawton, Okla., May 12.—Four enlistees of the Seventh Ordnance Depot Detachment, at Fort Sill, Okla., were instantly killed late today when 500 pounds of black gunpowder condemned and ordered destroyed exploded prematurely. The men literally were blown to pieces. Search continuing until darkness resulted in the finding only of fragments of the bodies.

OBITUARY. Lewis M. Phelps. Wallingford, May 11.—Lewis M. Phelps, president of the Wallingford Trust Company, died at his home here today. He was born in Northampton, Mass., 23 years ago. He had represented this town in the general assembly, had served a deputy judge and judge of the borough court, was a veteran of the civil war and a member of several fraternal organizations. He leaves a widow and four children.

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\$150,000 SUIT AGAINST A NEWARK POLITICIAN

Newark, N. J., May 13.—A suit for \$150,000, based upon political influence in obtaining a government contract, today was filed against James H. Nugent, a democratic leader in New Jersey.

Who may accompany General Armando Diaz, Commander-in-Chief of the Italian Armies, to the United States in the fall to visit President Harding at Washington. Reports, however, stated that plans are still undecided.