

GREAT CROWD OF MINERS ATTACKS STATE TROOPS

Three Persons Are Fatally Injured in Rioting at Minersville, Pa.

THOUSANDS IN M.O.B.

Man Held Prisoner in Garage Marks Beginning of the Clash.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., May 8.—The first serious rioting since the suspension in the anthracite coal field began occurred at Minersville today, when a detail of state constabulary was attacked by a mob of 2,000 or 3,000 miners and their friends.

David Davis and two unidentified foreigners were fatally wounded and another man was shot in a leg. A dozen or more persons were slightly wounded and Mrs. George Well was hit with a brick. The riot began when Superintendent Keyser entered a garage to take two men to the mine of the Pine Hill Coal Company, and was held a prisoner by a mob. Burgess Levan ordered the crowd to disperse, and when it paid no attention to him, he summoned the troops.

The crowd pelted them with stones and shots were fired. The troopers fired in the air but this only served to bring more shots from the crowd. Then the troopers attacked and the mob broke leaving four men lying in the street. A detachment of troopers arrived from Butler today and with men from the barracks here are now patrolling Minersville.

MINES RESUME

Two-thirds of Men Who Struck in Kanawha District Are Back at Work.

CHARLESTON, May 8.—About two-thirds of the miners in the Kanawha district who went on a strike a month ago have returned to work. About twenty-five of the seventy-five mines along the Chesapeake and Ohio are still closed down. The mines still idle are controlled by the local unions, who have declined to accept the agreement that gave an increase of from three to five cents on a ton. About 3,000 men are thus affected.

PARCELS POST

Is Opposed by an Organization Holding Meeting at Huntington.

HUNTINGTON, May 8.—With 200 members present, the annual convention of the Eastern division of the National Commissary Managers Association is here today for a two days' session. The first day was taken up with hearing of reports and an address on the "Parcel Post" by T. R. Crumpler, vice president of the organization. The association went on record as being opposed to the parcel post.

NEW REVOLVERS

Are Now Ready for the Militia of the Various States.

The ordnance department of the army announces that it will be able to begin the distribution of automatic .45-caliber revolvers, model of 1911, to the organized militia of the states, about December 1, 1912.

In the meantime the ordnance department can supply to each state not to exceed twenty revolvers with extra magazines, holsters and ammunition, charging them to the quota of the state through the division of militia affairs, or the revolvers may be sold to the state for cash under the provisions of the law.

The price of the new fire arm is \$14.75. A leather pocket to carry extra magazine, and web pockets to be worn on the field belt are being designed by the ordnance department.

WILSONBURG MAN SEEKING HIS WIFE

Who is Supposed to Have Gone to Scotland But Did Not Go.

NEW YORK, May 8.—George E. Hays, a mining engineer, of Wilsonburg, W. Va., is in New York searching for his wife. He met his wife, who was Miss Minna Meldrum, of Scotland, on board the Columbia, of the Anchor line, who was coming to this country to visit in 1908. Mr. Hays was returning from England at the time. After the Columbia's arrival they were married in this city and went to Mr. Hays' home at Wilsonburg.

Some time ago Mr. Hays was called to England on business, and he says he has sent money and many letters to his wife, but has never received any reply. Neither has he been able to receive any news of his wife from her relatives in this city, since her disappearance.

MARINER ACCUSED

Of Robbing Wife of Federal Secretary of State of Her Diamonds.

LOS ANGELES, May 8.—A mariner aboard the cruiser, Maryland, was arrested here today charged with having robbed Mrs. Philander C. Knox, wife of the secretary of state, of diamonds valued at \$2,000.



JAMES S. GRIFFIN.

Here is a picture of James S. Griffin, of near Lumberport, this county. Mr. Griffin is a Republican candidate for the nomination for county commissioner. He is a highly successful farmer and owns 210 acres of fine farm land, which he grazes and tills.

In addition to his agricultural pursuits, Mr. Griffin is a splendid man in other lines of business activity and holds positions of trust such as the presidency of the Lumberport bank, a very useful financial institution in his section of the county. He is a live stock dealer of years of successful experience.

Mr. Griffin is one of the leading road men of the county. He has had charge of roads in his part of the county twenty-six years and roads there are now good automobile boulevards, and of course, fine driveways for wagons and other vehicles used by the farmers, and others in the county. His friends point to this as making strong his

IS DEATH A FRIEND?

Some people think death is a friend, and the gateway to heaven. Is it your friend? Hear J. H. Cole at the Victoria theater Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

SPECIAL

Train Service to and from the Templars' Grand Commandery Meeting.

It is of interest to Knights Templars here who intend to attend the conclave of the Grand Commandery at Charleston next Wednesday and Thursday that the Kanawha and Michigan Railroad Company will run a special train from Point Pleasant to Charleston Tuesday night, leaving Point Pleasant immediately upon the arrival of Baltimore and Ohio train No. 723 and arriving at Charleston about 2:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, where the passengers will remain in sleepers until 7 or 8 o'clock. J. McC. Martin, of Parkersburg, traveling passenger agent, will be glad to make reservations in through sleeping cars from Parkersburg to Charleston on train No. 723 leaving Parkersburg at 10:40 o'clock Tuesday night. These arrangements will give Parkersburg Templars opportunity to leave Clarksburg on No. 55 at 6:08 o'clock Tuesday evening. A special train returning will leave Charleston Thursday midnight, carrying sleepers which will run through to Parkersburg.

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MOST DISASTROUS RAILWAY STRIKE IN HISTORY IS AVERTED. PRAISE DUE TO COMMERCE COURT JUDGE KNAPP AND C. P. NEILL



Top left, Judge Knapp; lower left, James McCrea; center, Warren S. Stone; right, W. C. Brown.

SHERIFF FIRED FIRST SHOT JUROR SWEARS

ITALIANS

Have Row over Board Bill and One of Them Lands in Jail.

Antonio Poildine was arrested by Constable Thomas R. Kearns early Wednesday morning at the Moore Mine addition east of the city, upon a warrant sworn out by Mrs. Dominick Romano charging him with assaulting her at a boarding house at that place Tuesday night.

Poildine boarded with Mrs. Romano for several weeks and yesterday he changed his boarding house and refused to pay his board. Last evening Mrs. Romano secured a large club and went to his new boarding house and demanded her money from him and threatened to hit him if he did not pay up at once.

Antonio seized a large axe that was lying near him, and threatened to cut her stick in two and use the largest part of it on her. If she did not leave him alone, and after this they had an encounter.

At press time the trial was on in Justice Jackson V. Carter's court, but it looked as if it would take several hours to get through with it.

ENTRANCE

Examination to West Point is Taken by Charles Clifford, of This City.

Charles P. Clifford returned home Tuesday night from Hartland Falls, N. Y., where he spent the last nine months attending the preparatory school to West Point. Last week he took the examination for entrance and will know in a few days whether or not he was successful. If he fails at this examination another examination will be held in June and he will have another chance.

The present examination was the hardest ever given a graduating class from this school, and it is not expected that more than one-third taking the examination will pass for admission to West Point.

REVIVAL

At Broad Oaks Church is Progressing with Good Interest Now.

The two weeks' revival meeting at Ash Chapel in Broad Oaks, which began last Sunday night, is progressing with a good degree of interest. A special meeting is reported last night. The revival spirit which has been prominent in this church for some time seems more prominent now than ever before. The congregation is expecting many additions to the already large list of conversions this year. The Rev. C. B. Armsbarger will preach this evening at 7:45 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

Discharged Pistol as Soon as Allen Jumped from His Chair.

AS HE IS SENTENCED

Commonwealth Rests Its Case and Allen's Witnesses Testify.

WYTHEVILLE, Va., May 8.—The commonwealth today rested its case against Floyd Allen charged with shooting up the Carroll county court and the defense opened with John Ferris, a member of the Allen jury, as its first witness. He testified that he saw Sheriff Webb fire as soon as Allen jumped from the chair when sentence was pronounced.

KANSAS

Republicans in State Convention Endorse Roosevelt for President.

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., May 8.—The Kansas Republican state convention to be called to order this afternoon will name four delegates at large to the Republican national convention and will endorse the candidacy of Colonel Roosevelt, Senator Bristow and Governor Stubbs announced that they would not permit themselves to be named among the delegates.

DISMISSED

Are Several Cases in the Circuit Court of This County.

Orders of dismissal were ordered in the circuit court Wednesday in the following styled cases:

Orville L. Lowe against the Shinnston Construction Company. Pittsburg Provision and Packing Company against Charles B. Alexander et al. Beatrice Griffin against Robert A. Boggess et al. Sylvia C. Stevens against Everest Sneed et al.

BOY MISSING

From His Home at Weston and Mother is Greatly Worried.

WESTON, May 8.—There is anxiety and grief in the home of Mrs. Angeline Lough, a widow living on Broad street, over the disappearance of her son, Claudia B. The boy is only about 14 years of age.

On the 25th day of April he told his mother he was going out to hunt work, left the house without money or clothing other than those he wore, and she has had no word from him since. As a result she is greatly excited and has appealed to neighbors for assistance in finding him.

Information concerning the missing boy sent to the Weston Independent office will be promptly communicated to the anxious mother.

SHROYER DEAD.

GRAFTON, May 8.—Jacob Shroyer, a prominent resident of Taylor county, is dead of paralysis at Knottsville, aged 78 years.

MOTHERS' DAY.

Mothers' Day will be observed throughout the states next Sunday, when white carnations, the symbol of remembrance to the mothers will be worn.

TAFT WILL MAKE SECOND OHIO TRIP

THAW AGAIN FIGHTS FOR HIS LIBERTY.



What will doubtless prove one of the most important of the many court proceedings to free Harry K. Thaw since his imprisonment in the hospital for the criminal insane at Mattawan, Feb. 1, 1903, has been instituted in New York. On April 19, at noon, Supreme Court Justice Stapleton commenced a judicial inquiry into the mental condition of Stanford White's slayer. Many noted alienists, including Dr. Adolf Meyer, professor of mental diseases at the Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Frederick Peterson, professor of mental and nervous diseases at Columbia University and Dr. Wm. A. White, superintendent of the government hospital for the insane at Washington, have recently examined Thaw and advised his mother that he is suffering from no form of mental disease and is sane.

MURDERERS

And Other Convicts Are Taken through City to the Penitentiary.

Eight Nicholas county prisoners who had been sentenced to serve terms in the state penitentiary at Moundsville, were taken from the county jail here Wednesday morning to Moundsville on the early Short Line train by two guards of the penitentiary. The prisoners were brought to the jail Tuesday evening from Summersville by the same guards and were lodged and fed there during the stay in the city.

Among the number were Rucker Mitchell and Homer Jones, both of whom were recently convicted of murder and were sentenced to serve ten years each in the state prison. The others, who were sentenced for lesser crimes, are Nelson Miles, Wallace Wiseman, Charles Bailey, Henry Myers, Joseph Miller and Lee Miller.

JUDGE ARCHIBALD

Employs Counsel to Look after His Interest at the Probe.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 8.—Judge Robert W. Archibald, of the commerce court, under charges which may lead to impeachment proceedings today engaged counsel for the House judiciary committee's investigation.

The committee in executive session resumed its examination of E. J. Williams, of Scranton, Pa., who is alleged to have negotiated in Judge Archibald's behalf for the purchase of Cullm bank property to be sold at a large profit.

Decides to Spend Ten More Days in His Home State.

WINCHESTER, O., May 8.—After consulting today with Republican leaders, President Taft has decided to spend ten days more in Ohio before the primaries. He will leave Washington next Sunday afternoon for Marietta, where he will make his first speech. He will spend most of the time in northern Ohio. He left Cincinnati this morning and will make a number of speeches during the day, ending at Columbus tonight.

FUNERAL

Of Mrs. Sprout Will Be Held at Home of Her Brother Thursday.

The body of Mrs. Dora Sprouse, who was found dead in bed at her apartments in the Nutter apartments Tuesday morning and whose death after an investigation was pronounced due to heart trouble, will be taken to Parkersburg Thursday morning at 7:30 o'clock. The body will be taken to the home of her brother, James J. Bryant, where the funeral will be held Thursday afternoon. The burial will follow in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

Her daughter, Miss Lagoria, and her brother, Mr. Bryant, arrived here Wednesday morning and took charge of the body. Any friends wishing to view the body may do so any time Wednesday evening at the chapel of the Warner Undertaking Company.

TURKS WIN

Battle with Italian Troops on Island and Capture 1,000 of Them.

LONDON, May 8.—The governor of the Turkish island of Rhodes, where Italian troops landed a few days ago, telegraphed: "We have won a victory and have captured 1,000 Italian troops," according to a special news dispatch received here.

Justice John T. Flynn, of Wilsonburg, was a city visitor Wednesday.