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THE SOFT COAL STRIKE

TWO GUARDS AND TWO STRIKERS KILLED IN BATTLE.

THE SITUATION VERY SERIOUS.

The Scene of the Fight is on Crane Creek, Mercer County, W. Va.—Guards Fired on by a Party of Unknown Men Armed With Winchester, Who Are Believed to be Strikers—The Fire Returned—Two Men on Each Side Killed.

Roanoke, Va., August 28.—Advises received at the general offices of the Norfolk and Western from the coal fields say that two mine guards and two strikers were killed in a battle on Crane Creek, in Mercer county, W. Va., this morning.

The scene of the shooting is in the vicinity of the Crane Creek Coal Company's operation and of the Thomas Coal Company's operation.

The body of guards numbering thirty or forty were fired on by a party of unknown men armed with rifles, believed to have been made up of strikers. The guards returned the fire and when the shooting had ceased it was found that two men on each side had been killed.

The Sheriff of Mercer, whose office is at Princeton Court-house, was immediately advised and left for the scene.

Norfolk and Western officials say that the trouble was confined to the Crane Creek territory, where several of the operations have been closed down.

At Caswell Creek yesterday evening a volley was fired by unknown men wounding a boy who was employed as a driver in a mine. There is no clue to the identity of the men who did the shooting and a search by a posse for them has so far been unsuccessful.

Parkersburg, W. Va., August 28.—Colonel C. E. Morrison, of this city, commanding the Second Regiment, West Virginia National Guard, received orders to-day from Governor White calling his regiment to the New River coal fields. The officers refuse to state their destination, but it is supposed to be Red Ash, where the deputies were fired upon yesterday.

Huntington, W. Va., August 28.—Major James E. Verlander, of the Second Battalion, West Virginia N. G., has received orders from Governor White to proceed at once with three companies of State militia here and one company at Milton to the New River coal field, where trouble is imminent. The companies have been assembled and will leave at once on a special train. Serious trouble is predicted.

Charleston, W. Va., August 28.—The troops ordered to the New River district to-day by Governor White will establish headquarters at Thurmond. The situation is very acute. Sheriff Daniel, who is here to-day from Fayette county, says he is powerless to repress disorder and property and life are in constant danger. Nearly everybody refuses to act as deputy sheriffs to assist in the eviction of striking miners and hence the sheriff made a request for troops. Men concealed along the mountain sides fire at the guards and at the miners going to work and then disperse. Governor White says he sends the troops to protect life and property, but not to settle the strike. That, he says, belongs to the miners and operators. Great danger of serious outbreak is imminent in the New River fields.

THE ANTHRACITE STRIKE.

The First Clash Between the Strikers and the Troops—Soldiers Taunted and Stoned.

Tamaqua, Pa., August 28.—The first clash between the striking miners and the troops occurred this morning, and as a result five prisoners are in the guardhouse at the Twelfth Regiment camp and Captain J. Beaver Gearhart, of Company F, Twelfth Regiment, is suffering from a wound on his shoulder made by a stone thrown by a striker.

This morning a report gained currency that the striking men were gathering in force to make a march on the No. 4 colliery, where the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company is mining and cleaning coal. The colliery is at the west end of the Panther Creek valley colliery, and the Governor's Troop was ordered to that point. Companies F and K, of the Twelfth Regiment, were placed on trolley cars and run through the valley. When the cars reached Summit Hill they were surrounded by a mob of strikers, who hurled rocks at the soldiers and called them hard names. While "Jimmy" Marteen, an Italian, was in the act of hurling a stone at the car several soldiers jumped off and made an attempt to capture him, Marteen offering resistance, and the soldiers were compelled to fix their bayonets. In the melee which followed Marteen was slightly wounded in the left side. The troopers started back to camp, and as the cars rounded a curve just outside of Summit Hill, at a point where the tracks take an abrupt dip, the motorman on the first car made the discovery that the rails had been greased. The cars were stopped and soldiers were sent ahead to place sand on the rails. When this had been done it was possible by moving the cars slowly to reach Lansford in safety. A mob had gathered there and for a time it looked like riot. As the first car was passing through the mob Captain Gearhart was struck on the right shoulder by a stone. Several soldiers jumped from the car in pursuit of the stone-thrower. After an exciting scuffle they captured Joseph McGann, a young miner.

The cars proceeded again, but had not

THE NEGRO OUSTED.

NORTH CAROLINA REPUBLICANS PART COMPANY WITH THEM

IN THE STATE CONVENTION.

Not a Negro Left Among the Body of Six Hundred White Men When the Credentials Committee Had Finished With the Contests from Eight Counties—Ex-Congressman Cheatham Among Those Turned Down—The Negroes Are Furious and Will Organize for a Fight.

GENERAL MILES WILL LEAVE NEXT WEDNESDAY.

Washington, August 28.—General Nelson A. Miles, accompanied by Mrs. Miles and his aides, Colonels Whitney and Maus, will leave Washington for the Philippines next Wednesday. Two short stops will be made in the journey to San Francisco, where the party will arrive in time to sail on the transport Thomas, which leaves on September 16th. Mrs. Miles may not go farther than San Francisco with the General, or she may conclude to accompany him across the Pacific.

PERISHED IN THE FLAMES.

Petersburg, Va., August 28.—Information was received in Petersburg this afternoon to the effect that the residence of Major Henry Lovett, a prominent citizen of Dinwiddie county, living near Church Road, was destroyed by fire last night and that Mr. Robert Brown, an uncle of Mrs. Lovett, perished in the flames. The origin of the fire is unknown.

ADA GRAY DEAD.

New York, August 28.—Ada Gray, who for years played the leading role in "East Lynne," died in the Fordham Home for Incurables on Wednesday and was buried to-day by the Actors' Fund of America, which has practically supported her for the last seven years. She was about 60 years old.

NEWPORT NEWS.

A Lunatic Found Dead in Jail— Charged With Larceny—Matrimonial Engagements.

Newport News, Va., August 28.—When Jaller Wooten made his rounds in the Elizabeth City County Jail in Hampton this morning, he found dead in the lunatics' cell, "Pete" Williams, colored, incarcerated several weeks ago and being held as a witness in a shooting scrape. He was married and was only 35 years old, but his death was probably due to exhaustion and nervous debility.

W. H. Hess, a well-known young white man, was sent on to the grand jury this morning charged with the larceny of \$4.75 from the Norfolk house-furnishing firm of Philip Levy & Co. He was released upon furnishing \$200 bail, with Lichtenstein as surety.

Hess was employed by the firm as solicitor and collector in this city; fell into bad company with the usual result. He wrote to Mr. Levy confessing his shortage.

This is Heptasoph Day at Buckroe Beach. Several thousand of the "Seven Wise Men" are there and are having the time of their lives. A large excursion brought the Richmond crowd. The Norfolk Heptasophs came over by the various ferries.

Cards are out announcing a double wedding at Grace M. E. Church on September 10th, when Miss Rose Matilda Smith will become Mrs. Milton M. Vipond, and Miss Ethel Virginia Smith, her sister, will become Mrs. Warren E. Long. The prospective brides are the daughters of Mrs. M. E. Smith, of this city, and the prospective grooms are both draughtsmen at the shipyard.

United States District Attorney Edgar Allan was in the city from Norfolk this morning. He is of the opinion that Mr. Causey will be the Republican Congressional nominee from this district and thinks that both J. L. Roper and Hugh Gordon Miller would make brilliant campaigns.

The friends of Mr. T. M. Spencer, a well-known citizen of this city, are anxious to learn of his whereabouts Tuesday, he called on a friend, informing him that it was necessary for him to leave the city, and gave him \$80 in gold with which to pay his board bill and other obligations. The friend, being uneasy, notified the police and a search of Mr. Spencer's room resulted in the discovery of his dress-suit case in a closet. In it was found \$48 in gold. Mr. Spencer for ten years has worked at Chesapeake and Ohio pier 8. It is possible that his mind is affected or there is a chance that there is nothing the matter at all, but his friends would like to be reassured on this point and an effort is being made to find him.

Commodore Scheder, the new commander-in-chief of the German West India squadron, was in the city to-day and paid an official visit to the Mayor.

Mrs. Lelia Ella Davis, wife of J. W. Davis, died at her home in Warwick county this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, aged 25 years.

Mrs. J. W. Boynton, aged 71 years, died to-day at the home of her husband in Hampton. She leaves a husband and five children. Mr. and Mrs. Boynton came to this city from New York in 1868.

Miss Susan Farran and Mr. John Farrigan, of Newport News, were married at St. Mary's Catholic Church this evening at 8 o'clock by the Rev. Father Farran. Mr. George Harrigan, a brother of the groom, was best man and Miss Martha Harrigan was maid of honor.

Out of the six policemen tried for subordination, three were suspended and the resignations of three others—Moss, Glidding and Crump—were "requested." They ignored the request and refused to turn in their badges. To-day they were dismissed from the force.

London, August 28.—George Douglas Brown, the author of the "House of the Green Shutter," died here suddenly today.

THE FINANCIAL OUTLOOK.

The Secretary of the Treasury Provides for the Relief of the Money Market in the Event of a Possible Stringency.

Washington, August 28.—In view of rumors as to Secretary Shaw's plans for relieving the money market in the event of a possible stringency, the Secretary, who is in New York, to-day authorized Assistant Secretary Allen to make the following statement:

"The Secretary recently invited some of the larger banks in the principal cities to order additional amounts of circulating notes to be printed. National banks are entitled to issue circulation to the full amount of their capital. The aggregate capital of national banks is \$700,000,000, but the banks have outstanding only \$338,000,000 of circulation. The Secretary has hoped to introduce an element of elasticity in the present system. His suggestions to the various banks in the larger cities that they make preparation for additional circulation have met with favorable response.

"It is not his intention that they should issue this additional circulation at all events, but only in case of actual necessity and emergency. He does not propose to inflate the currency in any sense, but he is prepared to meet the actual currency demand should one arise. With this in view those banks which have made arrangements to deposit United States bonds as security for such additional circulation have sent in their orders and the Secretary will be all branches of the treasury service busily engaged in expediting the preparation of the notes pending a possible emergency."

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Chillicothe, O., August 28.—Crosscut, driven by George Ketchum, went a mile in 2:05 flat here to-day.

Havre, France, August 28.—The remains of Charles L. and Mrs. Fair arrived here to-day from Paris and will be forwarded to Southampton to-night.

London, August 28.—William C. Whitney, of New York, has founded "The Beresford Trust" for the benefit of persons connected with the turf, who are in need of assistance.

Saratoga, N. Y., August 28.—John G. Carlisle, of New York, former Secretary of the Treasury, delivered the annual address before the American Bar Association to-day.

Halehurst, Miss., August 28.—A heavy rain and wind did considerable damage to crops and property in this section to-day, many trees and fences being damaged by the storm.

New York, August 28.—Hearing in the suit of Peter Power to prevent the turning over of Northern Pacific stock to the Northern Securities Company was continued to-day before Special Examiner Mabey.

Manchester, N. H., August 28.—It was made known to-day that President Roosevelt almost immediately after his return to Oyster Bay on September 3d, will make a flying trip to Tennessee and North Carolina.

Providence, R. I., August 28.—Prince Albert, 2:00 3-4, and Anaconda, 2:01 3-4, have been matched for a special race at the Grand Circuit meeting at the Charter Oak Park, Hartford, next Wednesday.

Mountain Lake Park, Md., August 28.—At the Grand Army celebration to-day at the Mountain Lake Park Chalet, Captain Richmond P. Hobson, of Merrimack fame, addressed 3600 people on the United States as a world power.

PASSED THEIR EXAMINATIONS.
[By Telegraph to The Landmark.]
Annapolis, Md., August 28.—The following candidates to the Naval Academy have passed their mental and physical examinations:

George Morton, Virginia; Harold Jones, Alabama; George S. Bryan, Hugh C. Fry and Samuel W. Battle, North Carolina; Thomas Green, Mississippi.

Among the appointments of petty cadet officers announced to-day were F. H. Sadler, Alabama; R. Y. Rhodes and T. P. Taylor, Mississippi; W. Antrim, South Carolina, and H. McI. Walker, Georgia.

CRASHED INTO A TREE.
Jackson, Miss., August 28.—A west-bound passenger train on the Queen and Choquent today crashed into a tree which had been blown across the track by last night's storm three miles west of Jackson. Fireman Brunston, colored, was killed. Engineer John Jones was fatally and three mail clerks painfully bruised. The sixty-five passengers were badly shaken up. Traffic was suspended for several hours.

A STEAM YACHT AND FERRYBOAT COLLIDE.
New York, August 28.—The steam yacht Kanawha, owned by H. H. Rogers, of the Standard Oil Company, was in collision to-day off the foot of Grand street, East River, with the Long Island railroad ferryboat Rockaway. The yacht's bowsprit carried off the top of the ladies' cabin of the ferryboat, and a small naphtha launch on the Kanawha was torn from its davits. The yacht continued down the river and the Rockaway proceeded to Long Island City after only a few minutes' delay.

A POLICEMAN KILLED.
Bessemer, Ala., August 28.—Police Officer J. J. Flowers was killed just before daylight to-day by two tramps, while he and Officer Smithman were looking for loiterers. They found two white men in a box car and ordered them to come out. The men refused to do so, and Flowers struck a match. He was shot dead.

REACHED AN AGREEMENT.
The Heirs of the Late Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Fair Will Avoid Litigation.

San Francisco, August 28.—Although the heirs of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Fair have reached an agreement it will be six months or a year before all the legal arrangements can be perfected. The will left by the decedents will be filed in the near future for probate. Then executors will have to be appointed and there are a number of minors whose interests will have to be looked after. There will be no contest, however, over the estate, as the Fair children, Mrs. Annie Nelson, Abram Nelson, Charles Smith and other heirs desire to avoid litigation.

All the terms of the adjustment will not be made public, but the attorneys state that the relatives of Mrs. Fair will receive the full value of her estate, which has been estimated at \$200,000. None of those interested will admit that they are to be given a lump sum in cash. The document by which the Nelsons relinquish all claims on the estate of Charles L. Fair is in the form of a quit claim, the consideration for which is stated to be \$10 in gold coin.

By it Mrs. Nelson and her two sons convey to Mrs. Geitch and Mrs. Vandorft all their right, title and interest in ninety-nine different pieces of Fair estate property in this city and county together with thirteen in San Mateo county, three in Napa, four in Yolo and some holdings in Calaveras county.

This settlement will not effect the application of Public Administrator Farnham to secure administration of the will which is being opposed by the heirs.

A BATTLE IMMINENT.
Willemstad, Island of Curacao, August 28.—A battle between the army commanded by President Castro, of Venezuela, and the revolutionists of that republic is imminent. The President returned from San Caimiro to Qua and is marching on Curaçao, where the advance guard of the government army is stationed. The revolutionists occupy La Democracia only a few leagues distant from Curaçao. All the telegraph and telephone lines are cut.

APOSTOLIC DELEGATE TO THE PHILIPPINES.
Rome, August 28.—Mgr. Guidi has been appointed apostolic delegate to the Philippines. Mgr. Guidi is expected to hasten his departure for Manila in consequence of information received at the Vatican of the organization of a schismatic Catholic Church in the islands. The Vatican professes not to attach much importance to the movement and declares it "cannot develop under the leadership of persons whose sole reason for organizing is because they are excommunicated from the Catholic Church."

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