

NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH

A Boiler Explosion at a Mine Near Wilkesbarre.

COAL DEALERS PERILOUS CLIMB

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Engineer and Fireman Horribly Burned by the Bursting of a Lubricating Can.

GALENSBURG, Ill., May 24.—When the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad fast train was ten miles east of Keokawee to-day and running at the rate fifty miles per hour, the glass in the lubricator can broke, and instantly three quarts of kerosene were spilled through the cab.

Fireman Ed Martin was quickly ablaze. He rolled on the cab floor to extinguish the flames, but he was unable to do so.

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SUGAR TRUST'S FINE HAND

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Author of the Holland Letter is on Hand with Very Much That is Suggestive of Bottenness, but Nothing That is Really Convincing of Criminality.

THE BRIBERY INVESTIGATION

The Senate bribery investigating committee yesterday began the second and by far the most important branch of the investigation for which the committee was created, the inquiry into the connection of the sugar trust with the tariff legislation.

Mr. E. J. Edwards, the author of the "Holland" letter in the Philadelphia Press, was before the committee for several hours.

He declared to furnish his authority for the information contained in his letter to the effect that Secretary Carlisle had appeared before the tariff subcommittee, consisting of Senators Jones, Vest, and Mills, before the original Senate bill was reported, and had insisted that sugar must be given protection, because of the party pledges made previous to election, or for the statement that Mr. Carlisle had himself revised and written the sugar schedule.

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MURDERED AND BURNED.

A Man's Head Crushed and a Girl's Throat Cut and the House Fired.

GETTYSBURG, O. T., May 24.—Settlers in the Sac and Fox country say that the house of John O'Connor was on fire last night, and by hard work succeeded in extinguishing the flames.

After the fire was out they discovered the body of O'Connor sitting in a chair at the supper table with his skull crushed in, and by his side the dead body of a strange girl about 15 years old with her throat cut.

The motive of O'Connor's murder is accounted for, as he had \$200 on his person, but the presence of the dead girl makes the affair a deep mystery.

ELECTIONS IN VIRGINIA.

The Prohibitionists Carry the Day in Norfolk—Democrats Successful Elsewhere.

RICHMOND, Va., May 24.—The municipal elections throughout Virginia to-day passed off quietly. There was little interest save at Norfolk, where a sharp contest had been waged and where the Prohibitionists' reform ticket triumphed over the straight Democratic organization by a majority of from 1,000 to 1,500.

The reform ticket was also chosen at Basic City over the regular Democratic nominee by a majority of 1,000.

An unusually large vote was polled at Charlottesville, though there was an excitement there. The election here in Richmond was a mere form to confirm the result of the Democratic primary of six months ago.

The general elections, a full council, half the aldermen, and justices of the peace. There were no contests in the other cities.

At Jackson ward, the negro stronghold, where the Republican ticket was nominated, the Democrats were successful. They made no opposition to the general ticket, and the election of their ward was a foregone conclusion.

Generally the result was like that here to-day, simply a ratification of the will of the voters in the various cities.

PETERSBURG, Va., May 24.—The election here to-day passed off quietly. A very small vote was polled in favor of the Democratic ticket in only one ward, and the Democrats elected their entire ticket with the exception of two seats in the city council.

DANVILLE, Va., May 24.—The election passed off very quietly, and an exceedingly small vote was polled in favor of the Democratic ticket in opposition to the Democratic primary nominee.

ROANOKE, Va., May 24.—The Republicans have made a strong fight at the municipal elections, and in the case of the mayor's office were successful. From three wards Jones (Dem.) majority over Engley (Rep.) is 223.

While the other will be carried by the Democrats by a small majority.

SALEM, Va., May 24.—In the election at Salem to-day Mayor Young was re-elected without opposition. Local issues only were brought up, and the support of the incumbents, who are Democrats.

POINTS ABOUT POLITICS. MADISON, Wis., May 24.—Congressman N. P. Haugen has announced his candidacy on the Republican ticket for the office of State Representative.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 24.—The Sixth district Republican congressional convention is in session here to-day. The delegates are gathered at the Hotel Marlborough.

CHICAGO, May 24.—It is stated to-day that J. C. McDonald, the well-known sporting man, is a candidate for the office of Mayor of Chicago.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 24.—The Indiana Populist convention is in session here to-day. Two thousand delegates were present.

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LYING WHERE THEY FELL

Strikers Fatally Fired Upon by Deputy Sheriffs.

Five Killed and Many Injured

A FRIGHTFUL AND DEADLY FUSILLADE UPON COAL STRIKERS WHO WERE MARCHING ON WORKING MINERS—ARRESTED AND JAILED—DESPERATE AFFAIR OF STRIKERS IN OHIO.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., May 24.—The long threatened attack by strikers on the pits of the Washington Coal and Coke Company along the Monongahela river, was made this morning, involving another of the grim tragedies that characterize the irrepressible conflict.

The fight was fiercest in the history of the mining troubles in western Pennsylvania, and in this section where it occurred, as well as throughout the whole coke region, the situation has developed into one of most intense excitement and deadly uncertainty.

To-night four strikers are lying dead, and no doubt double that number are badly wounded, some of them mortally. Thomas Kennan, of Wood's Run, was the only American in the encounter with the deputies.

The wounded men, who fell under the first volley from the deputies, were taken off the field by the retreating strikers, and even now the actual number of wounded is not definitely known, their friends having the strongest motives for concealing them.

It is, perhaps, too soon to attempt to apportion the responsibility of the killing. In the mass of confused and contradictory statements there is testimony to show that the strikers, while threatening an attack, had committed no overt act of lawlessness beyond the possible offense of unlawful assembly.

The deputies fired on them without provocation that would warrant the use of deadly weapons, and that some of the killings were particularly cruel and unjustifiable.

Then there is equally abundant testimony to show that the deputies simply defended themselves against the charge from the running assault of an armed and bloody-minded mob.

The strikers furnished all the dead men. Not a deputy was fatally hurt, and only three of them wounded. The fight occurred at daybreak in the public roadway leading to the Slickle Hollow plants.

Two thousand strikers, after camping near the works all night, came out this morning to meet the deputies, and to defend the men on their way to work and to induce them to come out and help win the strike.

A few of them carried Winchester rifles, while fully fifty others carried shotguns, muzzle-loading rifles, and revolvers.

Because of their threatening demonstrations and the fact that they had given notice to the company that they had come to drive off the deputies, if necessary, there were ball cartridges in the Winchesters carried by the guards, and the entire outfit at the works was in a great hurry to retrace the road.

The deputies had specific orders, and it is admitted that the company had conveyed to their directors to shoot to kill.

When the workers came to the strikers in the public road, they were asked to go home. They were about to do so when the deputies rushed into the midst of the crowd, got possession of the rifles, and fired at will.

A deputy sheriff in doing this fired a shot which opened the battle.

The strikers who were fired upon by each side at close range. The strikers stood their ground while their comrades were falling one by one, but their ammunition gave out, and they were forced to give up the fight and retreat to avoid the rain of bullets from the Winchesters.

It is said the strikers were advancing on the line of deputies when the latter fired the first shot.

Sixty of the strikers were placed under arrest and taken back to the company's grounds, where they were held for four days in the city jail.

The whole lot of them were later placed in box cars, which were closely nailed up, and kept there until this evening, when they were brought here to the jail in charge of twenty-five deputies.

The men arrested are nearly all native born Ohioans, intelligent looking, and several of them are known to be of influence and good reputation in the Fourth Ward district.

The situation at the mines to-day is almost entirely quiet, but a further explosion is expected within the next twenty-four hours.

Reports from the late to-night are to the effect that 3,000 strikers from the lower end of the Fourth Ward are marching on Slickle Hollow to-day, for the purpose of storming the works, regardless of consequences, but these reports have not been verified.

None of the dead except Kennan have been identified. It is impossible to learn about the others who are dead. Fear makes the survivors and the living men in the city.

John Troy, of Fayette city, was badly wounded and will die. He is a prominent citizen of that place.

STRIKERS DESTROY PROPERTY. Many of Them Arrested and Threats Made That They Will Be Released.

CRESTADLE, Ill., May 24.—Five hundred strikers marched from the Du Serna and the St. John's mine arrived in this city to-day and proceeded to the Big Four mine operated by Pottinger & Davis, in the northern limits of the city, where they forced the miners to quit work.

They demolished considerable machinery, filled the shaft with about fifteen feet of debris, and destroyed \$5,000 worth of property.

After the strikers here completed their work of destruction they left the city and two miles north separated into two groups, one party going to Sandoval and the other to Odin.

The mines are running at Odin, and it was expected that destruction of property would follow their arrival there.

Sheriff Helms swore in 125 deputies, and after arming them, chartered a train and started for Sandoval, where the gang was overhauled already headed for Odin.

The train was quickly transferred to the Baltimore and Ohio track, and the deputies, each armed with a revolver, were taken to Odin a few minutes in advance of the two sections of the mob. The strikers were surrounded and a few shots fired, but no harm was done.

CADETS AFTER RED RIBBON

High School Soldier Boys Begin the Struggle for the Prize.

Second Battalion Opens It

FIVE COMPANIES IN COMPETITION YESTERDAY.

Drilled in Spirit of Rain and Mud—Excellent Showing of the Boys in Blue—Some of the Errors They Made.

The mock battle between the several companies of the high school cadets general for the prize flag was commenced yesterday afternoon at the baseball park, in the presence of the most enthusiastic and fairest audience that has graced the pine board seats of the grounds for some time.

As soon as the people began flocking toward the scene of the contest, big black clouds gathered in the west, threatening to destroy all the beauty of the scene, but this did not scare away the hundreds of representatives of the separate schools, who had come to yell themselves hoarse in spurring their favorite company on to success.

It soon began to rain, and the time the drill was to begin the grounds were muddy and slippery, and the rain settled down to steady business.

Five of the nine companies drilled yesterday. They compose the second battalion and represent the branch schools.

A number of heroic climaxes were reached, especially when the cadets unflinchingly fought down in the west and muddy ground at the command "lie down." These acts brought forth prolonged applause.

To the accompaniment of a mighty howl from the people of the audience, Company E, Capt. Robinson, wheeled into the expense of wet grass. The steadiness of the company was commendable, but five men fell from an error of snafu in drill.

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