

schools, which are good ones; and it owns nearly all of the houses in which the men live. Where houses are built by the men themselves they are built on company land and on a lease that runs from year to year.

The man who was elected sheriff of the county is named Cruse. The real sheriff is James A. Waddell, head of the Waddell-Mahon strikebreaking agency of New York.

He told Walter B. Palmer, statistician for the Department of Labor of the federal government, in the presence of several newspaper men, that he has 108 strikebreakers on duty in the county; and that forty per cent of them are ex-policemen from New York, who have served 20 years on the New York department and are drawing pensions of \$57.50 per month each from New York.

The company or the county pays Waddell \$5 a day for each deputy or gunman. Waddell pays the men \$3 each. In addition Waddell is paid all the expenses of the men, and no limit was placed on the expense.

Sheriff Cruse told me there were 1,200 deputies, known up there as gunmen, on duty; and that 400 of these were what he called company men.

There are also 12 Burns detectives on duty as sleuths for the Calumet & Hecla, one big Burns bull being the personal body guard of General Manager James McNaughton. There are numerous deputies guarding McNaughton's home.

One sleuth sits behind the desk in the small hotel where all strangers go, and gets a line on every man who registers. A report goes at once to Calumet & Hecla headquarters. The hotel was crowded the night I got there, and President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners permitted the clerk to put a folding bed in his large room so I should have a place to sleep.

As McNaughton hadn't invited me out to his house I jumped at the chance to occupy Moyer's room until I got one of my own. The report went at once to company headquarters that I was living with Moyer.

The man who sat back of the clerk's desk most of the time was Richard Emmett O'Grady, who made no bones of the fact that but a few months ago he was released from a South Dakota prison, after doing a bit for arson at the Homestake mine.

O'Grady told me I would find his mug at the Harrison street station in Chicago.

While Moyer was in Europe O'Grady represented himself at Calumet as Moyer's personal representative. But when Moyer got to Calumet he repudiated O'Grady in a public speech.

A swell club in Calumet is owned by the mining company, and the militia officers have cards to the club and do much of their eating and drinking there.

One day this week six deputies were released on \$10,000 bail each and the bail was provided by the mining companies. Four of them were Waddell gunmen. They were charged with killing a man and a boy, and they fired through the windows of a miners' boarding house to do it.

There were 12,700 people in the funeral parade when the murdered miners were buried.

The Quincy Mining Company has started proceedings to evict miners on strike from company houses. An agent of the companies told me they would evict only the ones they wanted to get rid of.

Pending the attempt of Special Agent Moffitt to bring about a settlement of the strike, there is a general calm throughout the mining district. It is believed, however, that if Moffitt's mission fails, there will be real war,