

A SUDDEN CLASH

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the depot, because he wanted to go there and see Mr. Moyer arrive. I stepped back a pace from Haywood's side, when I saw him advance to shake hands with Moyer. Just as Haywood stepped forward to grasp the hand of his chief, he was struck by a soldier. I did not see the first blow. In fact, everything happened so quickly that I hardly knew what was going on.

"In a minute there was a general melee. Haywood had been struck over the head and was partially knocked down. As soon as he got on his feet again, half a dozen soldiers began to grapple with him. He struck out with his fists. He received several blows from guns and revolvers during the fight.

"Then in the hotel he was crowded back toward the wall and ordered to sit down. He refused and some one, I believe an officer, struck him over the head with the butt of a revolver. I tried my best to get up with my prisoner but they had him entirely surrounded and would not let me get near him. I told several of the officers that he was my prisoner, but they paid no attention to me.

"Then I returned to the court house and laid the matter before Justice Hynes."

Sheriff Will Hold Haywood.

Justice Hynes said that he at once sent Deputy Constable James Connelly down to General Bell with a formal demand for the prisoner. Connelly was given no satisfaction and was told by Bell that it was none of his business what the militia did with the prisoner.

"If you take Haywood you will have to go through that line of troops there," was the remark of Bell.

Connelly reported to the court. Last week Haywood secured a continuance of ten days in his trial before Justice Hynes on the charge of desecrating the United States flag.

After Connelly had made his demand upon Bell for the delivery of the prisoner, an order was received from Governor Peabody to turn Haywood over to the sheriff.

Haywood's Story.

When asked for his own story of the melee at the depot, Haywood said:

"It is a difficult matter for me to make an absolutely correct statement of happenings that transpired so unexpectedly and almost instantaneously but the facts, as I believe them to be true, are as follows:

"I was anxious to meet Mr. Moyer, and felt that I would like to be at the depot to see him when he arrived, particularly in view of the current reports that he had been suffering from severe illness. I thought he would like to see some of his friends at the depot to greet him when he came in. So I got up early, and in custody of Constable Kendrick, who has been in charge of me, I went to meet the train.

"I did not have the remotest idea of there being any trouble or I would never have gone to the depot. When Mr. Moyer, accompanied by guards, came walking up the platform, there was a detachment of militiamen, both in front and behind him. He was walking alone. I stepped in when he came abreast of me, grasped his hand and was walking along, his hand in mine, when one of the officers, whom I think was Captain Wells, violently pulled me away by the arm or shoulder, and at the same time he made a motion as though he was going to strike me. He never uttered a word, nor did I, so far as I can remember.

"This action on the part of the of-

ficer seemed to have been a signal for the militiamen to make an assault, which I regard as entirely unprovoked. I had said or done nothing to provoke the attack. When one of the soldiers started the attack by striking me over the head with his gun, I then struck out to resist, and to defend myself. I did not strike Captain Wells to my knowledge and belief, though I cannot be absolutely positive, since I was engaged in warding off the blows that were being rained upon me by as many militiamen as could surround me. I was then wedged in between two cars, and the soldiers were striking and jabbing me repeatedly with their gun butts.

"When they had satisfied themselves, they dragged me out from between the cars and General Bell came up and ordered his men to place me between the two squads with Mr. Moyer, saying:

"Just have him fall in behind that other man; that's where we want him."

"Then the detachment walked me up the street into the Oxford Hotel. Wells told off the soldiers, and a detail was instructed to take me back into the recess. I was standing where I had been ordered, whence someone commanded me to sit down. I replied that I did not want to sit down. Then he drew his revolver and attempted to strike me on the head.

"Ten or twelve soldiers surrounded me, and nearly all of them, so far as their cramped position would allow, were trying to jab or strike me with their guns. Several had their guns leveled, and would probably have fired upon me, but some officer, whom I did not recognize, said:

"Don't shoot him! Don't shoot him!"

"By this time Walter Ganley, who was one of the nearest to me, got room to swing his arm, and struck me over the head with his heavy revolver, knocking me down the steps that lead to the basement. When I came up, the officer told the men to fall back.

"Extremely weak and exhausted from loss of blood from this murderous attack by the military, simply because I did not want to sit down, I sank into a chair, while further negotiations for my disposal were pending."

Martin Lawlor, of Bethel, Conn., vice-president of the United Hatters of North America, has been selected as secretary of that organization, vice John Phillips, deceased. Frank P. Shalvoy, of Newark, N. J., has been chosen to succeed Mr. Lawlor as vice-president. The headquarters of the organization and Secretary Lawlor's office will be at 11 Waverly Place, New York, in the future.

Another British town has fallen into the grasp of the workers. The election of an Independent Labor party member to a vacant seat on the Nelson (Lancashire) Town Council gives the Labor party a clear majority of the elected members of that body, they now having 10 out of 18 seats.

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