

31 MINERS SLAIN ILLINOIS RIOT

Coal Strikers Blamed for Massacre.

INJURED RELATE FIGHT

Non-Union Workers Are Said to Have Been Shot Down in Cold Blood.

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them bore no identification marks. Officials of Williamson county today expressed deep regret over the affair, as did many miners; but several of the latter said that while it was regrettable, "no other course could have been taken."

The feeling could be no higher if half a dozen more miners had been killed and on every hand a determination is expressed to back the miners in their strike. The county is 100 per cent union.

Half a dozen wounded men, some of them lying on deathbeds, tonight gave an Associated Press correspondent the first actual eyewitness accounts of the mine fight last night and this morning, which brought dozens of casualties when 5000 armed striking miners attacked the Lester strip mine, near here, which was being operated by imported workers and guards.

The substance of the statements by the wounded, who were among the besieged men, was that not a mine worker was injured during the fighting, but that the numerous killed were shot down in cold blood after they had surrendered themselves and their arms. There was nothing from the union miners to contradict these claims.

Several of the men imported to work the mine absolved the strikers from blame, saying that the ones responsible were those "who sent us here under false promises that there would be no trouble" and that "the miners would not object."

Some of the wounded interviewed were in the hospitals here. Others were located in their homes through secret channels.

Joseph O'Rourke of Chicago, commissary clerk at the mine, gave the most vivid account of the fight. His story was related as he tossed in pain from a half dozen bullet holes through his body.

"I was sent down here by the Bertrand Commissary company in Chicago," he said. "I had no idea what I was running into. I don't blame the miners much for attacking us, for we were knowingly being used as dupes to keep them from their jobs. We were given arms when we arrived and a machine gun was set up at one corner of the mine. Guards were with us all the time and most of the guards were tough fellows sent by a Chicago detective agency."

"I understand the miners sent us warnings to leave town or we would be run out. We never got them; perhaps the bosses did. When we saw the miners approaching yesterday afternoon we did not know what to do. The guards prepared for fight. Most of us workers wanted to surrender."

"Through the night the bullets rained in on us. We sought shelter as we could, the miners climbed upon the coal piles and earth embankments and we were unable to see them. The guards kept firing, but most of us hid."

"Then the miners blew up our pumping station. We had no water and our food supplies were in a freight car in the hands of the miners. About sunrise we put up the white flag. The miners poured in and we surrendered our arms."

"Up to this time not one of us had been injured that I know of, although I understand that several of the miners had been shot. The miners spread around quickly and tied us together in groups of three and six. The tied men were then rushed off in different directions. Some of them tried to run but they were shot down as fast as they moved."

"One miner asked who was the machine-gun operator. Some one pointed him out and he was shot in his tracks and his body laid over the machine gun. They tied five men with me, took us out on the road and told us to run. We ran and hundreds of bullets followed us. We staggered on but finally threw off our group fell, pulling the others with us, tied down, several bullet holes being in me already."

Shots Fired Into Bodies.
"I laid there while men came up and fired more shots into us from three or four feet. Then everything went blank. I woke up later and begged for water but there was not any. I remember being dragged along the road but I don't know what by. Then they brought us to the hospital."

O'Rourke's story was confirmed by E. P. Williams and Ed Green of Chicago, two of the men tied with him who are still alive. The other three were killed. These were the six found by the Associated Press correspondent this morning and whom he tried to take water, only to be refused permission to help them.

James E. Morris of Johnstown City, Ill., a young miner in the attacking forces, told the correspondent the attack had been spontaneous and that when the men went to the mine they did not really stop to think of the bloodshed that might follow.

5000 Reported in Gang.
"I was on my way to Herrin," he said, "when I met a gang of fellows. They said they were on their way to run out those scabs at the strip mine. I joined them and others kept joining us until there must have been 5000. Most of us were armed, but those who were not soon got their guns. When we got to the mine we spread out around it. We had no real leaders, every one was working for himself. It was just one big mob out to get the men who were running that mine."

"I am not sure who fired the first shot, but after it was fired there was real war. The fire kept up for hours, I guess, and several of our men were hit. Late in the evening I was shot in the arm. The wound was not serious and I walked back to where a group of our men were standing and they sent me here in a car. I wasn't there but I understood most of the killing was done after the mine surrendered. It was terrible, I know, and I'm sure some of those scabs really were innocent men. It's just the old story of a mob getting started."

Other miners confirmed Morris' statements.

O'Rourke is not expected to live. He is one of nine men in the hospital, Morris being the only miner, and seven of the imported miners are expected to die, physicians said. The hospital was carefully guard-

ed, all doors being locked to prevent any possible attack on the wounded men. Only persons who could prove they had business in the hospital were admitted.

Women Encourage Murders.

Young matrons and girls encouraged their men in the slaying of captive mine employees. "Let's make soap of them," one of the women suggested as six men banded together with a rope were escorted with one man.

Examination showed that one of the six still breathed. An executioner, with a ready knife, completed what the bullets had left unfinished.

One of four men found under a tree in Harrison woods, where the body of a fifth was suspended from a branch, offered a gold watch and \$25 to his tormentors when he saw all was about over for him.

"You're a good scout," taunted one of his tormentors. "Make a run for it."

The fellow was shot down by the man who jeered at him.

Be one of us, keep moving and ask no questions, seemed to be the order in the theater of operations about Herrin. A few women ventured to take camera snapshots. Their cameras were trampled under foot and the women were roughly handled.

17 Bodies in Herrin Morgue.

In the morgue here tonight were 17 bodies, some riddled with buckshot and others minus various parts. In the morgue at Marion, 12 miles from here, lay the body of C. K. McDowell, superintendent of the imported strikebreakers.

The Associated Press correspondent and other newspaper men saw with their own eyes 17 bodies in different parts of the county and one man later died in the hospital here.

What has become of the bodies not in the morgues was not known. Several freshly spaded piles of dirt were noticed in the woods. Usual solemnity of death was lacking in the local morgue. Hundreds of persons filed past the lines of bodies today, frequently commenting on their mutilated condition. Children laughed, women pointed and the men chuckled.

Dead Men Are Robbed.

Most of the bodies of the victims bore absolutely no marks of identification, the empty pockets indicating, county officials said, that the bodies had been looted.

Colonel Samuel Hunter of the adjutant-general's office declared that at one of the conferences he called in an effort to prevent the outbreak, W. J. Lasker, owner of the strip mine where the outbreak occurred, when asked if he would close the mine, replied:

"I'll be damned if I will."

Mr. Lasker was reported to be in Herrin tonight but could not be located for a statement.

A checkup at midnight of the casualties showed the following: Dead in Herrin morgue, 27. In Marion morgue, 1. In private homes here three. Six other bodies which were seen by the Associated Press representatives were believed to be still in the woods.

Governor Small tonight ordered 1000 state troops mobilized at once and held under arms to be sent to Herrin if needed.

GOVERNOR GETS REPORTS

Truce Is Alleged to Have Been Violated by Union Men.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., June 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Twenty-four men are known to have been slain today in rioting between striking coal miners and non-union men at Herrin, Ill. Carlos Black, adjutant general of Illinois, reported to Governor Len Small at 8 o'clock tonight. This was the first report the governor received on the trouble from General Black.

General Black reported to the governor that Colonel Hunter, his representative who has been at Herrin for several days, reported tonight that a disorganized, irresponsible mob of strike sympathizers waylaid and massacred the non-union men this morning in violation of a truce entered into last night.

Under the truce the non-union workers were to quit work this morning and leave the mine field. Shortly after daybreak Colonel Hunter reported, a mob, inflamed by home-made liquor, attacked the strikebreakers' camp and shot down the men as they tried to flee.

The governor has received no request for troops from the officials of Williamson county and said that, in fact, the officials did not want troops sent to the scene.

While the governor was talking to General Black over long-distance telephone he received a telegram from Sheriff Melvin Thaxton of Williamson county, in which the sheriff reported he had 29 to 30 deputies at work and that everything possible was being done to restore and maintain order. Everything was quiet at the time the message was filed, the sheriff said.

Despite the fact that Colonel Hunter, Major Black, Robert Modill, director of mines and minerals, and other state officials had been sent to Marion and Herrin to watch the situation and assist in peace negotiations, the only report the governor received all day of the massacre was that furnished him by the Associated Press over the telegraph wire to the courtroom here, where he is on trial.

When shown the first dispatches telling of the shooting and how women and children jeered at dying men as they begged for water, Governor Small was inclined to believe that they were exaggerated because his own observers had reported nothing.

The governor telegraphed Brigadier-General Carlos E. Black, adjutant-general of the state, to assemble the 132d infantry and the machine gun companies of the 130th and 131st infantry with such other companies as necessary to make a force of at least 1000 men and hold them at the 132d infantry armory in

Washington, D. C., June 22.—The lowering of the 5 per cent re-

duction of the federal reserve bank of Minneapolis, Kansas City and Dallas was said today at the treasury to be expected as a result of what was regarded as a general reduction from the present level now under way in the rest of the system.

BOSTON, June 22.—The federal reserve bank of Boston today reduced its rediscount rate from 4½ to 4 per cent. The old rate had prevailed since November 4 last.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 22.—The first explosion occurred at the home of Charles Fisher, a dynamite bomb thrown into the yard broke windows and shook the dwelling. A short time later an unidentified man set a bomb in the yard of J. M. Smiley's home, near the Fisher residence. Windows were broken. The state police are investigating.

Fisher and Smiley have been working at the Wynn plant of the H. C. Frick Coke company.

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New Outbreaks Held Faced.

CHICAGO, June 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—That a spirit of lawlessness still prevails in Illinois mining regions and that new outbreaks are threatened, despite "the frightful fatalities" at Herrin, Ill., yesterday, was asserted in a telegram sent by the Illinois Coal Operators' association to Governor Small tonight.

ALASKAN TRIP CANCELED

Departmental Work to Keep Secretary Fall at Capital.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 22.—Plans of Secretary Fall of the department of the interior to visit Alaska this summer have been abandoned, the secretary advised senators today during conference at the capitol.

Mr. Fall's cancellation of his trip, it was said, had no connection with the abandonment of President Harding's contemplated visit to Alaska but was determined by a number of department affairs, it was said, together with the possibility that he might be needed by the senate committee ordered to investigate private leases in the naval oil reserves. The interior department secretary, it was learned, had fully decided to make the trip until a few days ago.

FEDERAL BANK RATE CUT

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