

GUARD DESCRIBES MINE MASSACRE; SAVED BY PLEA

Chicago, June 23.—(I. N. S.)—"Boys, I was in the great war, but in this mine war they didn't give us a chance," declared Fred Bernard, Chicago man, one of four guards who escaped death after having been taken prisoner by the enraged union miners of Williamson county, who yesterday horrified the nation when they massacred nearly a score of men after they had surrendered.

Bernard, wearing a hat pierced with a bullet, snatched from the dead body of one of his comrades left dead in the woods, reached Chicago today. His life, he said, he owed to a membership in the Elks.

WITNESSED BEATING

"I saw them beating one of our men to death," Bernard said, "and then, after his body lay motionless on the ground, two men with automatics pumped him full of slugs."

"One of our guards was caught in the wire entanglements; they filled him full of lead."

"I managed to escape by disobeying a command. When the commander of the miners said 'turn right,' I turned left. I plunged headlong forward."

"A hail of lead flew all around me. I fell to the ground. There I lay, more dead than alive, and was recaptured."

"Let's bump him off," said one of the miners.

"I said, 'Boys I'm done for, but my God, let me tell you the truth.'"

CALLS 'EM FIENDS

"I have a union card in my pocket. Go ahead and kill me, but I swear by God that I came down here with the understanding that this was a union job. Go ahead now and do your worst."

"But I say, is there an Elk here?"

"One man stepped forward. I was called to one side, and gave a pass word."

"One fellow said 'I don't know whether we can give you a pass word. There's 10,000 armed men in the neighborhood, and there's only one road that isn't guarded.'"

"They took me away in a little machine. Finally, I got away."

"Those fiends didn't want anybody to get away; they didn't want the story to come from an eye witness."

AUTHORITIES BLAMED

Blame for the Herrin mine horror was placed at the door of the state authorities today by William J. Lester, president of the Southern Illinois Coal company, owners of the mine.

Lester, visibly broken and weak as a result of the slaughter, said he had begged and implored the authorities

IZETTA JEWELL WILL MAKE FIGHT TO GET SEAT IN CONGRESS

(By United News)
Washington, June 23.—Another woman candidate for a Democratic senatorial nomination has appeared on the political horizon in the person of Mrs. Izetta Jewell Brown of Fairmont, W. Va., and formerly of Portland, Or.

Following on the heels of Mrs. Peter B. Olesen's successful campaign in Minnesota, Mrs. Brown has announced she will make the race in her home state primaries for the seat of Senator Sutherland, whose term expires next March.

Mrs. Brown, like Mrs. Olesen, has long interested herself in Democratic politics. As the wife of the late Congressman William G. Brown of West Virginia, she participated in his political affairs, and after his death continued her activity. She was a delegate from West Virginia to the Democratic national convention in 1920, and seconded the nomination there of John W. Davis for president, attracting much attention both for her beauty and for her oratorical ability.

In return for giving them a good meal when they were apparently penniless and hungry, two well-dressed young men took their benefactor, Leonard L. Barnhill, 30, No. 733 Pacific street, into an old barn at Caruthers and Water streets late Thursday night and robbed him after knocking him senseless and tying his hands behind his back.

Barnhill told the police he gave the young men a dinner in a downtown safe after which they wandered into South Portland, where each took a nip at a bottle of moonshine.

One of the pair suggested they go into this barn. They attacked the barn and gagged him, then fled after taking \$4.50 and a new watch. He rolled out of the barn and an old man freed him. He is a telegraph operator.

**Party Headquarters
At Vienna Blasted**

Vienna, June 23.—(I. N. S.)—The headquarters of the Young Hungarian party at Budapest was blown up by a bomb today and one person was killed.

TWO SURVIVORS OF MINE HORROR CHASED BY MOB

West Frankfort, Ill., June 23.—(I. N. S.)—Two haggard, disheveled men, their clothing in tatters, who said they were survivors of the luckless Sappington taken at the Southern Illinois Coal company's mine at Herrin, were escorted out of town today by a volunteer posse.

The two men came into town on a passenger train. No sooner had they descended than they were surrounded by a crowd which, after asking a few questions, marched them north along the railroad tracks to the city outskirts and told them to get out. When last seen, the two fugitives were trudging in the direction of Benton.

They escorted the two fugitives out of town, the crowd went to the shanty of four Mexican section hands near the coal chute in the northern part of town and ordered them to leave town.

Three of the Mexicans obeyed. The fourth clambered to the top of the chute and jumped off. The fall killed him.

**NO PROSECUTION EXPECTED
FOR COAL MINE MASSACRE**

Herrin, Ill., June 23.—Twenty-five 'scabs' are dead, nine are in the hospital and the mine is closed. The striking miners' prayer is answered.

These words, crudely scrawled on a sign, are conspicuously posted in a barber shop on the main street a short distance from the morgue that houses the bodies of the victims of the massacre that prevailed late Wednesday and throughout most of Thursday. It apparently typifies the feeling prevalent in this district.

There is no apparent apprehension that a day of punishment will come to those responsible for the outbreak of violence, which killed 20 and injured 20.

MANY MISSING

The disposition here today seems to be to let the affair as a closed incident. Outside of the crowds that are pouring in to gaze and snoop upon the victims in the morgue everything is quiet.

Many miners are still unaccounted for and the dead may reach 50. Of those known to have been killed 20 were striking miners and 18 were workers at the mine of the Southern Illinois Coal company, where the outbreak centered. The injured include both three union men.

Reports continued to come in today of dead bodies lying in fields and in woods through which the attacking forces marched their victims after the surrender at the mine.

Everything about the mine that could be destroyed was wiped out by dynamite.

GUARD BLAMED

Wounded in the hospitals told of acts of barbarism, and their stories find apparent confirmation in the bodies of the dead.

The outbreak has set a new mark for lawlessness in Williamson county, which for years has been known as a bloody Williamson.

The question of responsibility for the riot probably will not be settled until some outside investigating body comes into the district. Union officials put the blame upon the officials of the Southern Illinois Coal company for trying to operate with strikebreakers in 100 per cent union territory and for hiring guards that invited trouble.

They claim the trouble was started when a miner by the name of Guy Hudgins was shot by a guard while on his way to Herrin on a business trip.

ADVISED SHUTDOWN

Their claims are partly borne out by Sheriff Melvin Thaxton, who tells of a conference with W. J. Lester, owner of the mine; Delos L. Puty, state's attorney; C. K. McDowell and Colonel Samuel N. Hunter, of the Illinois National Guard, in which he urged that the mine be shut down. He declares that Lester stated that he bought and equipped the mine for the purpose of mining coal and that he proposed to do it.

Colonel Hunter, who arrived in Marion Sunday to look over the situation as a representative of Adjutant General Black, said he had kept in constant touch with the sheriff and was advised by the sheriff that he had the situation well in hand.

On Sunday, Colonel Hunter said, he was advised of possible trouble in the district around Herrin and Marion. He notified the state's attorney and the sheriff to arrange a conference with all sides represented. It was at this conference that he urged Lester to shut down the mine, as he regarded it as a menace to the community to attempt to operate it under existing conditions. On Monday and Tuesday, Colonel Hunter said, he spent the time investigating and was assured by the sheriff that the situation was well in control.

**MINERS OWNERS LAUNCH LEGAL
BATTLE TO OPERATE BUSINESS**

Indianapolis, Ind., June 23.—(U. P.)—Mine owners prepared their first legal action toward ending the coal strike today.

Suit for injunction to restrain officials and the 650,000 striking members of the United Mine Workers from interfering through violence with operation of mines will be filed in federal court here late today or tomorrow in behalf of the operators.

"It's going to put an end to this conflict," an operator's attorney said, but he would not simplify his statement.

**MINERS' PRESIDENT BLAMES
DETECTIVES FOR MASSACRE**

Cincinnati, Ohio, June 23.—(U. P.)—"The United Mine Workers are not in any degree responsible for the unfortunate occurrence at Herrin, Ill.," John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, declared today in a formal statement issued here.

"The organization has never encouraged and does not condone lawlessness of any character. The officers of the organization are shocked and greatly deplore this tragedy," Lewis blamed "agents provocateur" for the trouble.

"We are not unmindful of the fact,"

HALL EXAMINING ELECTION SHEETS; MAY ASK RECOUNT

Investigations preparatory to a demand by Charles Hall for a recount of the vote of Multnomah county, or certain specified precincts, cast at the primary election of May 19 for governor, are being carried out at the office of the county clerk by a force of clerks, supervised by attorneys representing Hall.

For several days now a number of girls, working under the direction of Hall's attorneys, have been going over the tally sheets of the primary election, checking the vote cast in the various precincts with the poll books and otherwise delving into the records of the gubernatorial primary insofar as may be possible without an actual recount and an order from the presiding judge of the circuit court directing the opening of the ballot boxes and a check of the tally sheets in them and their comparison with the results shown on the tally sheets.

MAY DEMAND RECOUNT

Rumor, close from the Hall camp, has it that the Cooch Bay senator will file a formal demand for a recount of the vote, but that he will not do so until the last possible moment before the expiration of the 20-day limitation under which the actions may be begun under the statute.

The law provides that any demand for a recount of the vote in the contest over the governorship, United States senator or congressman shall be filed within 20 days of the date upon which the official proclamation of the results was issued.

The official count of the primary vote was completed and the results announced on Friday last, June 16. The 20-day period expires on Sunday, June 25. It is anticipated, therefore, that Hall's petition will find its way to the desk of the filing clerk of the county clerk's office about that time.

Senator W. W. Banks and John B. Coffey have launched a recount to determine whether they were, in fact, defeated by filing demands that the ballot boxes be opened and a check of the vote be had as to their contentions. Their petitions will come on for hearing on Monday morning, June 26, at 10 o'clock, before Presiding Judge Robert Tucker.

PETITIONS IDENTICAL

Both the Banks and the Coffey petitions are identical in their general allegations. The Banks petition sets out that he was a candidate for senator against W. J. H. Clark, that the count showed he had received 17,418 votes and Banks to have received 17,717; that a true count would show Banks to have received 18,000 votes; that in the event of a recount, a large number of ballots were cast in favor of contestant which the judges and clerks failed and neglected to tally for contestant; that the judges and clerks erroneously called Clark's name while making the count while Banks' name should have been called, and that recount of the ballots would show Banks to have been nominated and not Clark.

The Coffey petition is directed against R. R. Kirkwood, L. E. E. R. Campbell and Herbert Gordon. It sets up the same general allegations as those of the Banks petition.

Rumors current about the city that fraud used in compiling and counting election returns from the recent primary are given by W. W. Banks as his reason for filing a protest. Banks was a candidate for state senator. He and John B. Coffey, candidate for nomination as representative from Multnomah county, both filed papers contesting their respective counts. The case will be heard Monday before Circuit Judge Tucker.

"I am not interested particularly in the nomination, but I believe when rumors of this kind are current, the matter should be investigated," said Banks. "I feel that I am obligated to call for this investigation. If there anything wrong with this election the public is entitled to know it, and if there is anything illegal about the ballot, it should be rectified."

W. J. H. Clark is named by Banks as contestant, and Louis Kuehn, E. R. Campbell and R. J. Kirkwood are named by Coffey as contestants.

he said, "that sinister influences have for some time been at work among our membership to incite and inflame the spirit of violence. The ranks of our strikers are infested with thousands of detectives and secret service operatives, whose employment by coal companies depends upon their ability to provoke violence and disturb public tranquility. We have frequently called attention to this fact before investigation committees of congress and have cited innumerable instances where outrages and murders have been committed by these irresponsible and lawless agents of the coal operators."

**ATTORNEY GENERAL SAYS HE
CAN'T PROSECUTE SLAYERS**

Waukegan, Ill., June 23.—(U. P.)—Lack of funds will prevent any state aid in investigation of the "bloody" Williamson mine war massacre, Attorney General Edward J. Brundage said today.

"The attorney general's office is the only one empowered to conduct an investigation and prosecution if local authorities are unable to do their duty," the attorney general said.

"The appropriation for funds for such an investigation work was voted by Governor Small and in case the Williamson officials need help I will be unable to send it. No other department of the state government can participate in such work."

The attorney general is here in connection with the prosecution of Governor Len Small on charges of conspiracy to defraud the state.

FORMER FREIGHTER DIES

Baker, June 23.—Louis E. Turman, Baker pioneer, died at the home of his son, George Turman, near Parma, Idaho, Tuesday. In the days before the railroad he was engaged in freighting with his father between Umatilla and Idaho City, later becoming a rancher.

Contest Period Closes Without Move From Hall

Salem, June 23.—The five day limit in which Charles Hall, defeated candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, was permitted for the filing of his notice of contest having elapsed with no action having been taken, statehouse circles are today satisfied that the threats of contest, which have been emanating from Hall's headquarters in Portland, will never materialize.

The state law provides that notice of contest of a primary nomination must be served within five days after the nomination has been claimed.

Governor Olcott's formal acceptance of the Republican nomination was filed Saturday, the five day limit therefore expiring at midnight Thursday, it is pointed out.

**Woodyard Is Urged
To Keep Worthless
Idlers From City**

The value of the woodyard as a means of separating the worthy from the worthless unemployed is the contention of the Salvation Army Industrial Home at the session of the Social Workers' association of Oregon at Central library.

Free meals and lodging for the unemployed will bring the professional "traveler," who seeks the cities where he is best cared for, from all parts of the country, while opportunity for employment will drive him away, according to Heisinger.

Portland could take care of its homeless men in a generous manner, said Heisinger, "but the mere fact that it is done seems to bring in an army from outside cities. The real wanderers will stay in the city that treats them best. The woodyard is a wonderful thing for men of that kind."

The subject of the morning session was "Homeless Men." W. L. Brewster presided. Other speakers were J. C. English, Dr. H. H. Cliff and Arthur W. Jones.

At noon the social workers met with the City club where they were addressed by Dr. E. T. Devine on "Fundamentals of Family Social Work."

Tonight there will be a joint session with the University of Oregon summer school, addressed by Dr. Devine.

**Inquiry Ordered of
Oil Stock Prices**

New York, June 23.—(U. P.)—New York stock exchange officials today ordered an inquiry into the price fluctuations of Mexican Petroleum which has gained 53 points in the last few days. Brokers charge the stock is being manipulated in anticipation of preparing for a corner. This is the second inquiry of Mexican Petroleum within a year.

TROOPS READY

Chicago, June 23.—(U. P.)—One thousand troops were mobilized here today on orders of Governor Len Small and held in readiness to move into the Williamson county coal mines district in case of further rioting.

PAROLE MAN WHO FORGED CHECK TO PURCHASE FOOD

K. P. Mikesell, 23, whose wife is ill at her father's home in Yacolt, and who has two small children to support, was paroled today after being sentenced to six months in the county jail by Circuit Judge Tucker on a charge of forgery. Mikesell was paroled at Broadway and Washington street, was given a judgment of \$1215 by a jury in Circuit Judge Stapleton's court Thursday afternoon in a suit brought to recover damages from the Apperson Motor Car company on a claim the company sold him a defective automobile. Mikesell told the jury the car was a new one but was not as represented to him by the company. G. F. Horn, local manager of the company, was nominally named defendant.

**JOE HARTY, LEGLESS NEWS
BOY IS AWARDED DAMAGES**

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YEAR FOR NON-SUPPORT

Bert Tindel, who was found guilty after the shortest trial ever conducted in Judge Stapleton's court, was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary today on a charge of non-support. The clerk of the court began drawing a jury at 10 o'clock Thursday morning and before 11 o'clock Tindel had been found guilty. Tindel will be released on \$1000 bail pending an appeal.

NURSE ASKS PAY

Katherine Edwards filed suit in the circuit court today seeking \$480 for personal services as a trained nurse during the illness of Maria J. Baker for 27 months. The suit was brought against the estate of Mrs. Baker who died some time ago.

**Chinaman, Accused
Of Assault, May Be
Deported in July**

Lai Gwong, arrested a few days ago in Salem by Inspector R. P. Bonham of the U. S. immigration service, after being reported by his countryman whose wife he assaulted, and who was found to have been formerly deported from the United States, had his hearing before Commissioner Frazer this morning.

Facts in Lai's case show that he appealed his former case to the U. S. circuit court of appeals, after having been ordered deported in both the commissioner's court and by Judge Wolverton. He was first arrested in Portland and the immigration service in 1905 and was deported in 1907. He stayed a few years in China and then went to Canada by paying a head tax of \$500. He then paid a smuggler \$400 to get him over the border into the United States again.

Gwong probably will be reported early in July, according to Bonham.



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