

SCORES OF MEN IN MOUNTAINS AFTER ALLENS

Outlaws, Seventeen Strong, are Headed for North Carolina Line, as Fast as Their Mountain Ponies Can Carry Them—Militia Is Out.

Bandits Are Well Supplied With Guns and Ammunition and Desperate Battle is Expected.

HILLSVILLE, Va., March 15.—Pretty Betty Ayers, aged 13 years, called from her home in the Blue Ridge mountains to testify for Floyd Allen, the bandit, died here this afternoon from a wound inflicted by a stray bullet in yesterday's shooting carnival in Judge Massie's courtroom. This brings the list of dead up to four. The list may be increased to five before night, as no hope is held out for Juror Stuart Fowler, who also was struck by a stray missile.

An unconfirmed report from Hillsville says that one of the detectives sent from Richmond was slain in a mountain pass while pursuing the Allens.

It developed this afternoon that Floyd Allen attempted to cut his throat when he was formally arrested. In addition to a broken leg the prisoner is suffering from three bullet wounds. He is not expected to live.

Are After Them.

Armed with Winchesters and sawed off shotguns the Allen gang who held a carnival of death in the court yesterday at Hillsville today are dodging in and out of the vastnesses of the Blue Ridge mountains with scores of determined men in full pursuit. The posse are composed of members of some of Virginia's first families, including the Lawlers, Howletts, Faddis, Kaness and Marshalls, who are determined to avenge the bandits' courtroom slaughter.

Reports here today say the outlaws, 17 strong, are racing for the North Carolina border as fast as their rugged mountain ponies can carry them. Hundreds of citizens and deputy sheriffs are scattered along the border line and it is not believed that the bandits can get by them without a terrific struggle.

Militia Is Out.

Two companies of state militia will leave here today for the scene of the shooting. Hillsville is literally shaking with terror because of a report that the Allens intend doubling on their tracks and return here to rescue Floyd Allen, who lies dangerously wounded in the jail here. The Hillsville authorities have wired Governor Mann asking that one of the companies remain there to protect the residents.

Yesterday's shooting was started by Floyd, Sidney and Jack Allen, brothers, and 14 mountaineer friends. All but Floyd escaped, although it is believed that Sidney Allen, leader of the gang, was severely wounded.

The bandits are known to be well supplied with ammunition, and a meeting between the outlaws and the deputies is almost certain to result in more casualties.

MAY ABOLISH NEW COMMERCE COURT

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—By a vote of 11 to 8 the house interstate and foreign commerce committee today decided to report favorably on the bill of Representative Sims of Tennessee abolishing the United States commerce court.

Tacoma to Practice.

TACOMA, Wn., March 15.—With Ike Butler, battery coach, expected to arrive Sunday with a bunch of young hopefuls from California, the Tacoma Tigers will start baseball practice Monday afternoon instead of waiting for March 20 as planned. Captain Mike Lynch is optimistic over reports received about the new men he has signed.

INTERESTS CLUBWOMEN IN HER NEW SOCIETY



MISS THEORA CARTER.

WAS HE STUNG OR HAS HE COMPANY AT WASHINGTON?

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—Society women of this city are lending great aid to Miss Theora Carter, of Seattle, Wash., who is organizing branches of the Society of Good Cheer throughout the country. It is her intention to interest the club women of Washington in the society of which she is the founder and president, and to form in the nation's capital a branch of this organization of cheerfulness, sunshine and happiness.

In the above dispatch one of the bright young men of the Mail Tribune, and the Mail Tribune has several, sees Vindication spelled with capital letters. For months he has patiently borne the jibes of his co-workers, hoping against hope that time would prove that he was not a victim of a snipe and a clever press agent stunt.

Readers of the Mail Tribune will remember that some months ago this paper one day published a story having to do with the organization of a local branch of the National Good Cheer society by a Miss Theora Carter of Seattle. They also will remember the publication of a story in the following issue of how the leading lady in the "In Old Kentucky" show troupe put one over on a news sleuth who should know better. For it developed that the organizer of the Good Cheer society was an "actress." But despite jibes and jokes at his expense for "falling for it," the pencil pusher maintained that Miss Carter was sincere in her great work of organizing the society.

Now it appears that either Miss Carter is sincere, or the bright young man of the Mail Tribune has company, and at Washington, D. C., too.

SOCIALISTS EXPECT TO CARRY NEVADA

CHICAGO, March 15.—The socialist party expects this fall to carry its first state. We are confident that Nevada will be the first state to elect a socialist governor and legislature.

This statement was made today by Morris Hillquit, acting chairman of the socialist national executive committee.

"Harper's" Called Down

TACOMA, Wash., March 15.—Apologizing for printing a 10-year-old picture of Tacoma's down town district in a series of articles on western cities, Harper's magazine will print a new one of the city as it looks today. The commercial club protested against the old picture.

SNOW IS AN AID TO FLEEING CONVICTS

LINCOLN, Neb., March 15.—Hampered by an eighteen inch fall of snow armed posses today continue in pursuit of convicts Morley, Taylor and Dowd who escaped yesterday from the Nebraska penitentiary at Lancaster, three miles south of here, after assassinating Warden James H. Delahanty, Deputy Warden Charles Wagner and Usher A. S. Heilman. As

PROSPECTS FOR LARGE FRUIT CROPS BRIGHT

Never Has Outlook for Large Crop Been Better in Rogue River Valley—Blossoming Period Has Been Satisfactory.

Cool Weather at This Period of the Year Means Everything to the Fruitgrowers.

Aside from a few orchards where some injudicious pruning has been done on apple trees the present fruit indications were never better than they are now. In fact there never has been a time in all of the past fruit producing years of the Rogue river valley when the prospects were as flattering as they are at this time.

The blossoming period has been very much retarded this season because of the cool, not cold, weather for the past ten days. During this period the bloom has made no noticeable advancement, which condition is the best which possibly could be.

The indications, as given out by Prof. O'Gara, are that this cool weather will continue for some days yet and that there will be an abundance of rain during all of this month. The maximum temperature thus far in March this year has averaged 20 degrees lower than March of last year.

The few warm days of February brought out some of the blossom on apricot and almond trees but the cooler weather of March has held these back and no advancement is being made. This is also true of peaches and it would not be surprising if this fruit did not show up in full bloom for ten days yet. Apples and pears will not be out until in April, but there will be lots of them when they do show up and the later they happen along the surer the crop. But why talk or think of losing a crop of fruit by frost with modern appliances for smudging so lavishly scattered through the orchards. The orchardist who loses his crop by frost when it can so easily be saved by smudging is not entitled to any great amount of sympathy.

SAYS T. R. SHOT DOVE OF PEACE

CHICAGO, March 15.—That the "defeat of the peace treaties must be laid at the door of Theodore Roosevelt," is the substance of a statement given out here today by banker David R. Forgan, head of the Taft club of Illinois. The statement is an attack on the motives of Colonel Roosevelt and declares that he "has sacrificed the welfare of the people to promote his own political and selfish ambition."

I. W. W. March on Mills.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 15.—Industrial Workers of the World 300 strong marched on the North Western mill plant at Hoquiam today and persuaded, or forced, a large percentage of the common laborers to leave the yards, and, gathering in numbers at every step, marched on the plant of the Hoquiam Lumber & Shingle company at the other end of the town, scaled a 12-foot picket fence and stopped work in the mill yards, later departing with fully half of the yard force among their number.

J. A. Torney took train No. 14 Thursday evening for Seattle, where he will remain several days looking after business matters.

LITTLE HOPE OF SETTLEMENT IN ENGLAND'S BIG COAL MINE STRIKE.



MEN OF THE GREAT WESTERN COLLIERY PONTYPRIDD, COMING OUT

From present indications there is little likelihood of an early settlement of the coal miners' strike in England. The situation is indeed serious, with thousands of people facing starvation as a result of the big labor war. The government is making every effort to adjust the difference. The accompanying picture shows the workmen of the Great Western colliery at Pontypridd going out on the first day of the strike.

DR. HARVEY WILEY "PURE FOOD MAN" RESIGNS HIS JOB

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—Dr. Harvey Wiley, the "pure food man," who officially is chief chemist of the bureau of chemistry in the department of agriculture resigned today.

Wiley handed his resignation to Secretary Wilson. "Wiley has resigned," said Wilson, "that is all I can say now."

A powerful manufacturers' lobby has been attacking unanimously Wiley, but his friends have been standing staunchly by the "pure food man."

On learning today that Wiley had resigned Congressman Victor Murdock of Kansas said: "No single individual in the country has stood so long, so persistently and so successfully against the special interest. Special privilege has hampered him more than any other."

NEW YORK, March 15.—Managers of the Goodhousekeeping Magazine announced here today that Dr. Harvey W. Wiley had accepted a position as "director of a department of food, health and sanitation," which that magazine will establish at Washington. Wiley, the magazine announces, will remain at Washington where he will have his own library and be free to pursue his work in whatever manner he sees fit.

PEACE REIGNS AT LAWRENCE

LAWRENCE, Mass., March 15.—With strikes ended at six of the textile mills of the city, prospects are bright today for an early establishment of industrial peace here. At seven of the mills the strike is still in effect because the owners of those mills while affecting an increase in wages did not make the details of the advance sufficiently clear to satisfy the strikers. About 7,000 operatives will return to work Monday.

PORTLAND PLANS CONCERT TO GREET NEW YEAR

PORTLAND, Ore., March 15.—Musicians and others today are planning to usher in 1913 with an operatic concert. The tentative plan calls for the drilling of a chorus of 1000 voices. It is proposed to erect a huge grandstand in a central downtown point and to stretch a canvass over the streets from skyscrapers to protect the chorus and populace from "possible" showers.

Marries Step Sister.

PALM BEACH, Fla., March 15.—Roy Ensworth Pierce, son of Henry Clay Pierce, oil magnate of New York today has as a bride his step sister Miss Virginia Burrows. The two eloped from here and were married at West Palm Beach. The elder Pierce raised strong objections when he learned the couple were married.

MIDDLE WEST IS TIED UP WORST BLIZZARD OF YEARS

CHICAGO, March 15.—Practically the entire middle west is tied up today in the worst blizzard of the winter. All traffic on the big railroads centering in Chicago is practically at a standstill while all suburban traffic is completely paralyzed.

Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois and parts of Oklahoma, Iowa, Minnesota and the Dakotas are being swept by a terrific gale, accompanied by a heavy fall of snow. Officials of the transcontinental lines have abandoned efforts to start more trains and are endeavoring to get relief to passengers marooned on stalled trains. No east-bound trains due early today have been reported up to now.

The weather bureau is unable to promise any relief, predicting a continuation of the storm until at least tomorrow. A terrific gale is sweeping over the Great Lakes, and it is feared that many craft will be unable to weather the storm.

LINCOLN, NEB., March 15.—Many trains are stalled throughout Nebraska today and traffic is paralyzed. Mrs. William J. Bryan is a passenger on a train of the Missouri Pacific which is held up 15 miles east of here. The passengers passed the night on the coaches, obtaining food from nearby farm houses. Hundreds of laborers are at work today in an effort to shovel away the snowdrifts blocking the train.

NEW YORKERS MAY EXPRESS CHOICE

NEW YORK, March 15.—In an effort to enforce a presidential primary in this state, a non-partisan presidential primary league, with Norman Haggood as its president, has opened headquarters. The league will back the Robinson bill which provides that voters at the coming primary may write the name of their choice for the presidential nomination on their ballot.

Mayor Locked Up.

TACOMA, Wash., March 15.—"Help, help," rang a voice from the fourth floor of the city hall shortly before midnight last night. "He ought to have left the stuff alone and he wouldn't get the 'D. Ts.," mused Nightwatchman Lincoln.

LA FOLLETTE SCORES TAFT AND TEDDY

MANDAN, N. D., March 15.—Hot shot for both Taft and Roosevelt for their failure to cripple the trusts in their former periods of office is being poured out through this state by Senator La Follette of Wisconsin in personal speeches which are a feature of a sizzling fight for the republican delegates which is at its height today.

WITH 4,000,000 SUFFERING COAL STRIKE IS SERIOUS

LONDON, March 15.—A conference here today between the coal operators and representatives resulted in absolute failure, neither faction manifesting a willingness to make concessions. It was announced tonight that government officials would have the minimum wage scale bill introduced in parliament probably next Monday.

LONDON, March 15.—With 4,000,000 persons throughout the United Kingdom already directly affected, and the suffering rapidly increasing, the great coal strike situation grew more serious today.

Striving desperately to settle in some way the industrial war before the millions of sufferers are materially increased in number and their hardships augmented Premier Asquith today brought the operators and the miners' representatives together with him for further conferences. The restlessness of the miners is increasing and it is feared that clashes may occur.

OREGONIANS ARE SEEING THE TOWN

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—Oregonians, having finished their work of selecting a site for the state building at the Panama Pacific exposition, today are giving themselves up entirely to suiting their individual tastes and "sightseeing" of a different nature. Nevada was a close second to Oregonians to the selecting of a site for her state building, selecting ground adjoining that taken by Oregon.

Mills to Start.

LAWRENCE, Mass., March 15.—The strikes at the Atlantic and Kunhardt mills here were called off today by the textile workers and operation in these establishments will be resumed at once. Minor differences have prevented a settlement at the Arlington, Pacific, Uswooc and Everett mills. The men employed by the International Paper company are still out.

It is expected that all the difficulties will be adjusted in time for the operatives to return to the mills on Monday.

NEGOTIATIONS AT END; STRIKE SEEMS CERTAIN

Operators and Committee Representing Miners Announce Determination to Make No Further Concessions.

Original Demands on Part of Miners Still Stand and Hope of Adjustment Ends.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Practical certainty of a strike in the anthracite coal district came here today when negotiations looking to a settlement of wage differences were abruptly ended. Both the operators and the committee representing the miners announced their determination to make no further concessions. This means that the strike will begin at midnight, March 31, unless one of the factions weakens.

After a brief meeting between the miners' representatives and the operators today their conference adjourned sine die. President White of the miners' organization presented an answer to the refusal of the operators of their demands.

After hearing the answer of the miners, the operators announced that the original refusal of the men's demands still stood.

TEDDY URGES POPULAR LAWS

NEW YORK, March 15.—Theodore Roosevelt in the current issue of the Outlook has an editorial entitled, "Conservation of Business—Shall We Strangle or Control It?" Roosevelt says in his Columbus speech that he tried to make two things clear—one, that the people must govern themselves and secure social and industrial justice through genuine popular government; and the other, that business must be controlled, not strangled.

Roosevelt asserts that though the average American business man is thoroughly honest, when it comes to making trade agreements he is puzzled lest he unwittingly transgress some technicality in the laws. He asserts this is all wrong, and maintains that the law should be made clear, and there should be a competent administrative body to do for the world of industrial production what the interstate commerce commission does for industrial transportation.

Big business must be controlled by the nation or state, and there should be laws enacted to prevent over-capitalization and flagrant abuse of power in exploiting people generally for the benefit of the few.

Roosevelt says he does not believe in making the mere size in itself criminal, but the size implies potentiality for wrongdoing, and that there should be laws providing for the strict supervision of great concerns. He says what the people want is that the evils of big business be eradicated and their advantages preserved. It is a hard question to solve, but Roosevelt says the people of this country can and they must solve it by insisting on not only just but thorough control.

RATES LOWERED IN CALIFORNIA

SAN JOSE, Cal., March 15.—California shippers today are rejoicing over the action of the Southern Pacific railroad in making 10,000 reductions in rates. The reductions are prompted by the new clause in the railroad law bearing on the long and short haul. The cutting of rates is aimed to eliminate the system by which a lower rate was granted for a long haul than for a short haul contained within the former. The commodities affected include nearly all varieties of California products.