

FEDERAL AND STATE ACTION IN ILLINOIS

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Orgy of Brutality Revealed in Report—Gauntlet of Death Run—Ropes and Stones Used to Kill—Epithets for Dead From Crazy Throats—Outrage Condoned.

HERRIN, June 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—"Bloody" Williamson county, so-called because of many acts of violence in recent times, most of them accompanied by numerous fatalities, today was preparing for what official action is expected in connection with the massacre at the Lester strip mine when between 27 and 45 persons were slain after striking union miners had stormed the 69 or more strike breakers operating the mine.

Inquest into the deaths was expected today, Coroner McGowan saying that he hoped today to have time to get to this feature of the affair. There was no indication that a grand jury would be summoned, although this was a possibility, for it was said that officials doubted if they could obtain evidence which would be of any value.

So far as the number of dead was concerned, there still was little but speculation. A score were in morgues; newspaper men previously had counted 26 bodies in the woods and roads; one man died in a hospital; Frank Farrington, state president of the miners, announced that his official reports showed 44 killed; citizens still brought in reports of bodies lying around the country, but through all of it there was not way of fixing a definite number.

In the wounded list there were 16 in the Herrin hospital, three reported in the Carbondale hospital and a number of others—union striking miners—believed to be lying in their homes. There was little question that the exact number of dead never will be known.

A dozen or so were believed to be at the bottom of a pond. No one seemed inclined to drag the pond. No searching parties have been organized to seek bodies in the woods. All reports, whether from miners or from strike breakers or mine operators—agree that the killings really were a massacre—that the victims were shot down in cold blood after they had put up the flag and surrendered themselves and their arms to the attacking forces.

Many persons in the county uphold the slaughter as a rightful act of judgment. Citizens gathering on street corners last night and today laughed and joked over the affair and proudly boasted that "some of these days people will realize that it doesn't pay to try to break a strike in Williamson county."

In the morgue, women and children, as they passed through commented on the accuracy of the shooters who brought down these victims.

Brutal Boasting
Men who openly boast that they were in the attacking force related with apparent pride the stories of what in war times would be called brutality. The story of the attack on C. K. McDowell, strikers' superintendent, was related by many. McDowell, with only one leg, was beaten to death with stones before being riddled with bullets, according to persons who say they were eye witnesses. He refused to march with the other prisoners who were tied together and told to run down the road between

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SEEK MORE WIVES VICE CRUSADER,
PHOTOS GIVE CLUES TO MARRIAGES

LOS ANGELES, June 23.—A private detective agency has begun a nation-wide search for still more women who may have gone through marriage ceremonies with Donald Duncan Stewart, unfrocked clergyman and vice-crusader, who is alleged to have taken four known women as his wives, and who is held here pending extradition to Boston

A. Conan Doyle New
Convert to Prohibition
Notes Change in U. S.

NEW YORK, June 23.—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, author, who leaves tomorrow for England on the Adriatic is a convert to prohibition. He declared today he would work to bring prohibition to his homeland, although he would have to forego public speeches on the topic because of his psychic investigations.

LUTHERANS ASK
"REAL WINE" IN
COMMUNIONS

Resolution Calls for Strict Observance in Face of Popular Disfavor Or Persecution—Interpretation 'Fruit of Wine' Disputed.

SALEM, Ore., June 23.—A resolution which declares that "the worthy celebration of the Lord's supper" makes necessary the use of real wine in its observance, and that "we must regard it as commanded by our Lord that we abide by the use of real wine in the sacrament, even in the face of popular disfavor or persecution," was this morning adopted by those in attendance at the Washington-Oregon Lutheran district convention here.

The resolution points out that "since the worthy celebration of the Lord's supper must be based on the positive assurance that it had if the Lord's words be interpreted contrary to the spirit of reverence for the historical situation, we must conclude that the seemingly indefinite term, 'fruit of the vine' is not indefinite at all, but is the specific expression of our Lord used to designate that which his disciples regarded as the natural interpretation, namely, real wine."

AVIATOR ON TOUR
WESTERN FIELDS

SPOKANE, Wash., June 23.—Captain Lowell Smith, United States army air pilot, accompanied by Sergeant Whitefield, left Spokane today for the coast. He will stop enroute to take field photographs at Walla Walla, Pasco, Yakima, and other central Washington points.

Captain Smith, who is on a flying tour of the west mapping all municipal and other landing fields for use of army flyers, arrived here yesterday from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

SEATTLE, June 23.—C. E. Prest, aviator, who is attempting to fly from Buffalo, New York, to Siberia, arrived here shortly before noon from Spokane, Washington. The trip across the Cascade mountains was made without incident.

Prest expects to hop off from Seattle Monday, enroute to Alaska.

Philippine Commission Loses Plea for Freedom



The Philippine Parliamentary Commission Thursday urged President Harding to grant independence for the islands. Photo shows, from left to right, Captain Devayra, commissioner; Chairman Iuzco, General McIntyre, U. S. A.; Chairman Osmena and Commissioner Gabaldon. The commission consists of the most prominent men and women of the islands.

PORTLAND GETS
1923 MEET OF
UNION LABOR

Gompers Elected President Again Without Contest—Northwest City Wins From Houston, Teas—Sessions To Be Held in October.

CINCINNATI, June 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Portland, Oregon, today was chosen over Houston, Texas, as the seat of the next con-



President Samuel Gompers, who has held his office every year except one since the federation was founded in 1881.

vention of the American Federation of Labor, which will be held in October, 1923.

CINCINNATI, June 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Samuel Gompers today was re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor without opposition. An unanimous ballot was cast.

Eight incumbent vice presidents also were re-elected.

The only contest developed was when Thomas F. Flaherty of Washington, representing the Postoffice clerks' union, was nominated to oppose the re-election of Jacob Fisher of Indianapolis, president of the Barbers' union, as seventh vice president. Fisher, however, was returned to office.

BULLETIN

NEW YORK, June 23.—Yale defeated Harvard by two and a half lengths in their annual four mile rowing race today.

NEW LONDON, Conn., June 23.—At the two mile mark Yale was ahead by two lengths.

ALL ENGLAND
STIRRED BY
DEATH PLOT

Unearth Conspiracy to 'Slay Many Public Officials—Raid Nets 15 Men and Women—Heavy Firing Starts in Belfast—Ulster Aroused.

LONDON, June 23.—(By Associated Press.) The police investigating the assassination of Field Marshal Wilson has come into possession of documents says the Central News today, disclosing a conspiracy to take the lives of a number of prominent persons and conduct a campaign of outrages.

LONDON, June 23.—(By Associated Press.) Fifteen men and one woman were arrested in the raids throughout London last night in connection with the assassination of Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, it was announced in the house of commons this morning by Austen Chamberlain, the government leader.

He stated that every step possible was being taken for the protection of life in Ireland and England, and intimated that a discussion of Irish affairs would be held Monday. Prime Minister Lloyd George, he stated, was now holding a conference on all the matters connected with the assassination of Sir Wilson.

James O'Brien and James Connolly, who were arrested after the shootings, were arraigned in the Westminster police court today and charged with murder.

The assassination of Sir Henry has stirred England to the depths. Mingled with feeling of sorrow and dismay and apprehensions of further outrages. It is understood other members of parliament have been threatened. Field Marshal Wilson, it is learned, had received threatening letters for some time from anonymous and other sources, but he paid no heed to them.

HELFEST, June 23.—(By Associated Press.) The situation here was one of great anxiety today, owing to the high state of feeling over the assassination of Field Marshal Wilson in London. Special precautions were taken in the disturbed area, but the military and police were forced to fire on mobs several times. The casualties by mid-afternoon, were six wounded. The area mainly affected is situated between Grosvenor streets and Falls road.

Virtually every member of the Ulster government is under police protection.

Heavy rifle fire broke out in the Cullin Tree road district today while the curfew was still in effect. A wide area was soon affected and despite the efforts of a large force of military and police to dislodge the gunmen, the firing continued.

NEW VIOLENCE
THREATS MADE
IN MINE BELT

Illinois National Guard Ready to Move—Gov. Small Told Action Dangerous—Situation Well in Hand Says Sheriff Thaxton.

CHICAGO, June 23.—New threats of violence have been made in the Williamson county mine field within the last 24 hours, Dr. F. C. Honnold, secretary of the Illinois coal operators association declared today. He said pumpeun at three mines of the Madison Coal company had been threatened that unless they quit work they would "get the same dose we gave the strikebreakers in Herrin."

CHICAGO, June 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Mobilization of the 132nd Infantry of the Illinois national guard, ordered by Governor Small in a midnight message from Waukegan to hold itself in readiness for duty in the Illinois mining region, began early today at the old Second Infantry armory on West Madison street.

The governor's order included a call for mobilization of the machine gun companies of the 130th and the 131st infantries. This placed nine machine gun companies under arms ready to advance on the scene of the mine massacres. The 132nd Infantry also has a howitzer company.

At 9 o'clock, 500 men were equipped and ready to move at a moment's notice. Although it was expected that the full force of 19 companies specified in the mobilization orders would be ready to move by noon, officers did not anticipate orders to entrain today. No word from Governor Small or news from Herrin, Illinois, scene of the mine troubles, had been received to indicate that the mobilized militiamen would be called to the mine zone.

MARION, Ill., June 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Sheriff Melvin Thaxton of Williamson county today replied to Governor Small's request for an official report on the mine war by telegraphing the governor that "the situation is well in hand, there is no danger of further outbreaks and there is no need for troops."

Robert Medill, state director of mines, arrived from Springfield and immediately went into conference with State's Attorney Duty. Mr. Medill was accompanied on his trip by A. W. Kerr, chief counsel of the Illinois miners.

Every attempt to locate J. W. Lester, owner of the mine, to obtain his version of the events leading to the disaster, failed.

HERRIN, June 23.—A recommendation that orders for mobilization of Illinois troops at various points for possible duty here be called for was telegraphed to Governor Small today by Robert Medill, state director of mines, who is here officially investigating the mine massacre. Mr. Medill

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Dempsey Given Until
July 10 to Accept
H. Wills' Challenge

NEW YORK, June 23.—The New York state athletic commission today set July 10 as a time limit for Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion, to accept or decline the challenge of Harry Wills, New Orleans negro.

Dempsey must accept Wills' challenge by that date or his title will be thrown open to competition in this state, an official of the commission explained.

Should Dempsey accept, it would not prevent his carrying through other fights already planned, the official said.

SENATE STARTS
PROBE OF RISE
GASOLINE PRICE

Questions Sent to All Companies Returnable By July 15—Ask for Supply On Hand Data—LaFollette's Kin Is Active.

WASHINGTON, June 23.—Plans for the senate investigation into gasoline price increases moved forward a step today with the employment by manufacturers committee of Gilbert E. Rowe, Madison, Wisconsin, as counsel and decision by the committee to submit questionnaires to all oil interests on gas and oil holdings. Mr. Rowe is a former law partner of Senator LaFollette, republican, Wisconsin, chairman of the committee.

The questionnaire was understood to ask for data on the stocks of gasoline, crude oil, and other petroleum products held by the various interests on various dates during the last three years and information as to prices on various dates of the products mentioned.

The questionnaires were made returnable by July 15 and it was deemed unlikely that further action of importance by the committee would be taken before that date.

JOINTISTS APPEAL
FAILS TO WIN

OLYMPIA, Wash., June 23.—An attempt to bring about a reversal of a conviction on jointist charges on the ground that the instructions to the jury were erroneous failed in the supreme court today. Exception was taken by G. Rossi, the defendant, to the instructions of Superior Judge Chapman of Pierce county in which he used the word "incriminating" in regard to evidence introduced by the state. It was maintained that the burden of proof was shifted to the defendant. The objections were overruled today.

BRUMFIELD CASE
NOW IN ARGUMENT

SALEM, June 23.—Arguments on the appeal of Dr. Richard Brumfield, sentenced to hang for the murder of Dennis Russell, near Roseburg, are being heard by the supreme court here today.

CHICAGO, June 23.—William ("Sailor") Friedman, pugilist and William "Fred" Cohen, taxicab driver, today were convicted of murder and sentenced to 14 years in the penitentiary.

The pair was tried for the murder of Abe Rubin, who was shot in an altercation in a saloon last April 9.

SLAUGHTER
BLAME ON
OPERATORS

Labor Secretary Promises Vigorous Prosecution—Lewis Absolves Union—County Officials Lax—Fear New Outbreak When Militia Comes.

WASHINGTON, June 23.—Declaration that those responsible for the southern Illinois mine disorders should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, was made today by Secretary of Labor Davis in a statement issued after consultation with President Harding.

WASHINGTON, June 23.—The coal strike situation and particularly the mine disorders in southern Illinois, was understood to have largely occupied the attention of the cabinet at today's meeting.

Secretary Davis conferred with President Harding for some time after the meeting and it was indicated that the department of labor would have a statement to make soon with regard to the mine disorders.

HERRIN, Ill., June 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Official investigation of the mine war which killed from 27 to 44 near here began here today in response to insistent demand from Governor Len Small for action by local authorities, when Coroner McGowan announced that an inquest would be held immediately and States Attorney DeLoe L. Duty stated a special grand jury would be convened from the inquest to investigate the massacre.

Mr. Duty said the disaster could be blamed directly to the operators who imported non-union strikebreakers, when they knew that such action would lead to war.

"This massacre was due entirely to these efforts to go against the known feelings of this county," he said. "There have been many disorders here in the past. There have been many mine troubles. All have resulted in bloodshed. It is well known that a strike cannot be broken in Williamson county. Yet, non-union strikebreakers were sent in here."

It was believed the inquest would be given only a formal start and that it then would be adjourned for a week or so.

The state's attorney expressed doubt that any definite results would be obtained through the investigation, saying that it was virtually impossible to obtain evidence. He insisted, however, that every possible step would be taken and telegraphed Governor Small an official statement to that effect.

CINCINNATI, June 23.—John L. Lewis, in a statement here today, declared "the United Mine Workers of America is not in any degree responsible for the unfortunate occurrence at Herrin, Illinois."

He said the organization of which he is president never encouraged or seconded lawlessness. "Sinister influences," Mr. Lewis declared, had been at work among the miners to "incite and inflame the spirit of violence." Coal companies, he asserted, had employed "thousands of detectives" to work among striking miners.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., June 23.—Governor Len Small, at noon today, received a telegram from Colonel Samuel N. Hunter, representative of the adjutant general's at Herrin, placing the blame for the rioting which led to the massacre of more than 25 non-union workers on the shoulders of the Williamson county officials.

Colonel Hunter, who was sent to Herrin a week ago to report to the governor and Adjutant General Black on the situation, told the governor in today's message that he at

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PUGILIST WEEPS BEFORE JURY WHEN
FOUND GUILTY FOR AVENGING SISTER

CHICAGO, June 23.—William ("Sailor") Friedman, pugilist and William "Fred" Cohen, taxicab driver, today were convicted of murder and sentenced to 14 years in the penitentiary.

The pair was tried for the murder of Abe Rubin, who was shot in an altercation in a saloon last April 9.

Friedman claimed his sister had been injured.

The verdict caused a tumult in the courtroom.

"Is that the judgment for taking care of my sister?" Friedman cried, stretching his hands toward the jurors, as tears streamed down his face.