

MINGO COUNTY HAS LONG BEEN BATTLE GROUND

WILLIAMSON, West Va., Jan. 10.—Since the early days when first settlers from Virginia fought their way to the western country against bands of hostile Indians, Mingo county, West Virginia, and Pike county, Kentucky, just across its border, have been almost continuous battle grounds.

Mingo county's latest struggle is between the coal operators and the miners, but after a series of outbreaks which attracted country wide attention, federal troops are maintaining order.

After the early settlers had disposed of the Indians, the moonshiners took the field and for years fought and sometimes vanquished the hated revenue agents, protected as they often were against attack in the high hills and deep valleys that cover this section. Then came the famous Hatfield-McCoy feud of the 80's and 90's, which resulted in the practical wiping out of the McCoy family, and which caused two state governors to take a hand in its suppression. For some years after the feud the moonshiners again took the field, and although prohibition is now a law of the land, the "makin' of licker" has never been given up entirely in these hills.

Still another chapter of blood was written in Mingo when efforts were made this year to organize the coal miners. An unhappy climax came about in Matewan, W. Va., on May 19, 1920, when in a fight in the streets ten men were killed, seven of whom were guards of a private detective agency, sent into the district to eject union miners from company homes.

Since the Matewan fight Mingo has been the scene of other disorders and railroad mining properties have been destroyed by explosives. Intermittent warfare between operators' guards and miners and their sympathizers followed in such proportions that recently Governor Cornwall, of West Virginia called on the federal government for troops. When

a provisional battalion was sent to Mingo, martial law was declared here and several other towns and villages.

In the meantime, miners ejected from company houses organized tent colonies, and hundreds of families are living in canvas homes in Mingo. This situation raised a question of sanitation.

In the clashes in Mingo the names Hatfield and McCoy have figured prominently. In the Matewan fight Chief of Police Hatfield took part and later was indicted for murder. His trial is pending. In the week following a McCoy on a lonely mountain road was badly wounded by an unidentified assailant.

These fights have caused old settlers to hark back to the day when the Hatfield clan, following the killing of one of their brethren, under the leadership of "Devil Anse" Hatfield swore what was known as the "Black Oath." The story is told that 20 members of the clan, kneeling around a camp fire in the hills of Mingo county, pledged themselves to the absolute destruction of the McCoy family. As a result men, women, and children of the enemy clan found no mercy, and the feud became known far and wide as one of the bloodiest in the history of the mountains.

Strange to say three of the detective guards who were killed in the Matewan fight this year were descendants of state guards and officers who were sent into Mingo in the early 90's to put down the feud.

With the federal troops in the section, the county, for the first time in many years apparently is in a fair way to obtain peace and calm.

WEATHER RECORD

Hereafter The Herald will publish the mean and maximum temperatures and precipitation record as taken by the U. S. Reclamation service station. Publication will cover the day previous to the paper's issue, up to 5 o'clock of the day.

	Max.	Min.	Precipitation
Jan 1	40	27	—
Jan 2	45	36	23
Jan 3	43	37	—
Jan 4	46	33	—
Jan 5	31	27	80
Jan 6	25	4	—
Jan 7	39	17	—
Dec 8	21	13	—
Dec 9	31	13	—

Big 1921 Sugar Crop Predicted, T. H.

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 14.—(By Mail)—There are prospects for an enormous sugar crop in Hawaii in 1921 with comparatively low prices prevailing according to a review prepared by the Hawaiian Trust company and published by the Honolulu Star Bulletin. According to this source, Hawaiian planters will receive an average price of not more than six cents for next year's crop. On the other hand, says the review there are indications for an increased consumption of sugar next year. The Hawaiian plantations are represented as being on a sound financial basis despite the present depression, but some of them, says the review, will show little, if any, profit next season.

The Hawaiian Trust company's report says that the Crockett Refinery in California, approximately 90 per cent of the stock of which is owned in Hawaii, has suffered a loss of several million dollars this season owing to inability to dispose of sugar at a price in keeping with the figure at which purchases were made. Consequently, the review points out, while many of the Hawaiian planters seemingly have made large profits in 1920, their losses incident to the situation of Crockett refinery have reduced income considerably.

The report adds: "We understand that since July 14, 1920, the Hawaiian sugar plantations under the contracts have shipped to the Crockett refinery in the neighborhood of 120,000 tons of raw sugar. We understand also that the carry-over on December 31, as now estimated, will be in the neighborhood of 80,000 tons."

SEEK TREASURE ON EAST COAST

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 10.—Another search for treasure-trove, a sunken Spanish galleon laden with stolen doubloons, has begun on the Atlantic coast of Florida, between Deerfield and Boca Ratons. Romance has lured this time a group of adventurous men of Deerfield and thereabouts to dig in the ocean's bottom for the buccaneers' pirate ship which tradition says had hauled too close to the treacherous shore when pursued. A syndicate formed for the search has begun operations where the galleon is supposed to have sunk in the sands.

This is only one of the many such adventures off the south Florida coast which in the old days before the advent of lighthouses was the scene of many wrecks. Treasure seekers have brought up a few ancient hulls which had been deeply buried in sand, some dating back five or six centuries. But so far no ship thus recovered has yielded anything except ancient wood. One prospector is said to have spent two fortunes near Stuart before quitting the romantic game.

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Fulford, 11 miles north of Miami, has been the scene of many searches. Tradition has it that a pirate ship escaped pursuers by sailing up a creek near Fulford where the crew celebrated by getting drunk. Seminole Indians boarded the vessel and massacred the crew except one, the story runs, and the escaped pirate succeeded in rescuing the ships treasure chest filled with gold which he buried nearby, making a diagram of the

spot. Unable to return, the pirate is said to have given the diagram to a friend. This has been used by several searching parties, equipped with every kind of a gold finder, but they failed to locate the treasure. A native living nearby says the spot is haunted and that even now the ghosts of the pirates howl and groan when anyone nears it. He says no one is ever going to get the treasure as the ghosts "carry on some-

thing terrible when you get close to it and there's no telling what they would do if they got their hands on it. Anything might happen in that terrible place."

The salary and allowances of the president of the French republic amount to about \$240,000 a year. A coat of dark sea otter fur, claimed to be the only one in Europe, was recently offered for sale at \$25,000.

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