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MITCHELL DEEPLY REGRETS THE RIOT

Reports Appear, He Says, to Have Been Much Exaggerated. Operators Think That the Strikers Have Played In to Their Hands.

(By the Associated Press.) Shenandoah, Pa., July 31.—Twelve hundred State troops are encamped tonight on a hill overlooking Shenandoah. Down in the town where rioters and policemen fought the bloody battle last night all is quiet and the indications are so long as the military remain the peace of the community will not again be broken.

The riot, which caused the soldiers to be sent here, came like a flash and was over almost as quickly as it had started and since then there has not been a single case of violence reported. The tens of thousands of idle men and boys in this vicinity who had been gathering in large numbers and marching from place to place, did not repeat their demonstrations today and the authorities consequently had little or nothing to do.

The arrival of the citizen soldiery proved to be a great attraction for the large army of unemployed and no end of men and boys came to town to see the troops.

The first companies to arrive came to St. Clair at 6:30 a. m., and from that hour up to 3 p. m., when the governor's troop of cavalry disembarked and galloped up the main street, Shenandoah presented a lively scene.

General Gobin, of the Third regiment, in command of the troops, and his staff were on the scene early. The camp is located on a very high hill just outside the town proper and commands a full view of the town. Within the camp lines are quartered two full regiments, the Eighth and Twelfth, two companies of the Fourth regiment and a troop of cavalry.

General Gobin expressed himself as highly pleased with the rapidity with which the camp was established. The commander and his staff are quartered at the Ferguson hotel, but it is the General's intention to get under canvas with his staff as soon as circumstances will permit.

Beyond the presence of a group of soldiers here and there on the principal street, Shenandoah does not show any evidence of having passed through a trying ordeal. The large number of persons who had been attracted to the place by the coming of the militia led during the afternoon and the town presents its normal appearance.

THE FOREIGNERS RESPONSIBLE. The major portion of the population is made up of foreigners and as a rule, they kept close to their homes during the day. It is claimed by the citizens of the town that the foreign element was solely responsible for the trouble. Most of the curious persons gathered in the vicinity of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad depot where the riot broke out.

Contrary to popular belief, Shenandoah is not under martial law. The local authorities and the sheriff of the county have not relinquished control of the town or county and they remain in as complete control of their respective affairs as they did before the troops reached here. The soldiers are merely in camp in the outside of the town. It was deemed advisable, however, by the brigadier general to establish the provost guard in certain parts of the town. Major Norman S. Farquhar, of Pottsville, is the provost marshal. So long as the situation remains as it is at present there is no likelihood that the regimental companies will be scattered through the mining towns of Schuylkill county. It is the intention of General Gobin to have the troops occupy their time by going through drills, target practice and general camp routine.

General Gobin spent a busy day in forming himself of the situation throughout the country. He had a personal interview with Sheriff S. Rowland Beddall in the forenoon. The General also received messages from various parts of the territory. In an interview with the correspondent of the associated Press tonight, General Gobin said:

"The general situation is very quiet. There were no incidents during the day, worthy of note, except the arrival of 500 or 600 men on freight trains. It seems that a lot of idle men for want of something better to do jump freight trains and ride from one town to another. They call such rides 'Johnny Mitchell excursions.' I have received dispatches from different parts of the country which tell of meetings, parades, attacks on individuals, violation of the law and the refusal of local police authorities to en-

force the law. Upon these dispatches I am not yet ready to act. What I will do depends largely upon what the sheriff is going to do. We are here to give him support in his efforts to enforce the civil law. We were called here because of his inability to do so. The National Guard has no opinion to express as to the merits of the question agitated by either side to the controversy, as that is not within its province."

WANT THE TROOPS WITHDRAWN.

The mine-workers are greatly incensed over the calling out of the troops. They assert that this action was entirely unwarranted and is an unjustifiable expense on the State. The strikers, through their officials, are making an effort to have the soldiers withdrawn. The first step in this direction was taken this afternoon when the following telegram was sent from here to Governor Stone:

"We, the officials of the Ninth district of the Miners' Union, believe that the request made to you to send troops to Shenandoah was based upon exaggeration; and as we are confirmed in this belief we respectfully request you to send a personal report into this town to investigate the conditions and after such investigation believe that you will learn that the presence of the troops in this town is unnecessary and that the order should be revoked."

It is said the mine-workers officials intend to circulate among the citizens of the town for signatures a petition calling upon the governor to withdraw the troops. Miles Dougherty, National board member of the United Mine-Workers, from this district, told the Associated Press representative tonight that Deputy Sheriff Thomas Beddall, who is a nephew of the sheriff of the county, and who was escorting workmen along the street, which action led to riot, was wholly responsible for the trouble. Mr. Dougherty said Beddall had no good reason to shoot, as no one was making an attack on him. The firing of the revolver he said, angered the crowd, which soon got beyond the control of the peace-makers. Beddall's brother, Joseph, who attempted to go to his rescue, was badly beaten by some of the crowd. Mr. Dougherty said, because he was carrying several boxes of cartridges to his brother, Thomas.

It is not improbable that the strikers will call upon the county officers to fix the responsibility for the shooting of the deputy sheriff.

Of the twenty or more persons who were beaten with clubs or struck with bullets during last night's rioting, one man, Joseph Beddall, who last night was reported to have died, is still living but is in a critical condition. The physicians at the miners' hospital at Fountain Springs, where some of the wounded were taken, fear that Beddall will die. The four policemen who were shot and the strikers who were also hit by bullets will recover. Most of the wounded strikers claim they were merely on-lookers.

The district attorney and the sheriff are prosecuting an investigation with a view of placing under arrest all those who participated in the riot. Several of the wounded strikers called at the miners' hospital today to have slight injuries dressed and after the doctors got through with them they were arrested and taken to the Pottsville jail.

One Grievance Removed.

(By the Associated Press.) Hazleton, Pa., July 31.—G. B. Markle & Company, operating the Jeddo, Ebervale, Highland and Oakdale Collieries, issued a notice today that on and after August 1 no money will be collected through their offices for the maintenance of the company doctor. This removes one of the grievances of which the miners have complained for some time.

Deputies Ordered Out of Town.

(By the Associated Press.) Pottsville, Pa., July 31.—Some excitement was occasioned at New Philadelphia today when twenty-two deputies with guns on their shoulders marched into town to secure the release of a number of men who were not permitted to return to work at the Silver Creek colliery of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company.

Their arrival caused indignation among the citizens, who declared that the presence of the armed men would tend to incite a riot.

Chief Burgess Walters and Constable Anstok ordered the deputies out of town and they left and returned to the colliery.

MITCHELL IS DEPRESSED.

Operators Think the Riot Will Lead to a Resumption of Work.

(By the Associated Press.) Wilkesbarre, Pa., July 31.—The riot at Shenandoah last night has had a depressing effect at strike headquarters. President Mitchell was up early and asked for the newspapers. He said he was very sorry that this had happened, but declined to make any comment until he had heard from District President Peter. Later, after receiving an official report, President Mitchell issued the following statement:

"Complete and authentic reports furnished by national officers of our organization, located at Shenandoah, show that the stories of the riot at Shenandoah were greatly exaggerated and the facts much distorted. It develops that no one was killed or fatally injured and that the entire trouble might have been averted had the deputies kept cool and used greater discretion. While I greatly deplore acts of lawlessness by any one, particularly by those on strike, I am naturally pleased to learn that the trouble is not as serious as first reported. I have repeatedly warned the strikers that any violation of law on their part would militate against themselves alone, and I am hopeful that there will not be

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