

Weather.

Washington, Aug. 23—Forecast for North Carolina for tonight and Tuesday: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday.

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TERRIBLE CONFLICT BETWEEN STRIKERS AND ARMED TROOPS

Half Dozen Dead, Another Half Dozen Fatally Wounded and Score Hurt

SITUATION ALARMING

Day Opened Dark and Gloomy at McKees Rocks, Where Long Drawn-out Dispute Between the Pressed Steel Car Company and Striking Workmen Has Added Another to Many Black Spots That Have Soiled Allegheny County's Industrial Record—Every Car From the City Held Up and Searched For Strike-breakers.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 23—With a half dozen dead, another half dozen fatally wounded, and a score more seriously hurt as a result of two collisions between strikers and troopers during the night, the day opened dark and gloomy at the town of McKees Rocks, where the long drawn-out dispute between the Pressed Steel Car Company and its striking workmen has added another to the many black spots that have soiled Allegheny county's industrial record.

At least two score men and children are suffering from bullet-wounds and from injuries received from clubs and stones.

The practice of the last few weeks of firing into the air has been abolished, and from now on "shoot to kill" is the order.

Everyone within the strike district is stopped by the police and searched for weapons.

The force of state police which recently took charge of the strike situation at the Standard Steel Car Works, Butler, Pa., has been ordered here.

The attorneys for the Steel Car Company will ask the sheriff today to have troops sent here by the governor, according to report from McKees Rocks this morning.

The situation is very threatening and the slightest word may bring on another battle at any minute. The strike-breakers in the plant are wild with fear and anxious to get out, but it is said the bosses are keeping them inside for fear of further infuriating the crowd.

During the battle at the bridge they shuddered and cringed in abject terror and begged frantically to be taken back across the river to Bellevue by the armed guards.

The dead: Deputy Sheriff Exler, 54 years old, married; beaten and stabbed to death while defending himself from attack in the first riot.

Trooper John L. Williams, of the state constabulary; lived in Philadelphia; shot dead during second riot when rioters attacked street car.

Unknown striker, check No. 778; killed in riot following attack on the second car.

George Millhose, 26 years old; single; striker; died from bullet wound in lung while being taken to Ohio Valley Hospital.

Adam Cumberland, 29 years old, of Orchard street, Schoenville; shot four times during second riot; died at Ohio Valley Hospital.

Unknown strike-breaker; shot; body hurried away to Schoenville by companions.

Probably fatally wounded: Trooper John C. Smith, 21 years old; shot in left side.

Trooper Patrick O'Donnell; shot through the body.

Trooper Lucien Jones, of Morgantown, W. Va.; shot in side and badly stabbed.

Mike Tysowski, 22 years old, striker; Schoenville; shot three times.

George Henska, 24 years old; employe of Star Enamel Company; shot through back.

Adolph Stahl, 31 years old; striker; shot through left lung.

The conflict between the strikers and the troops is the worst in the history of Allegheny county since the bloody Homestead riots in 1892, in which more than 40 were killed, and one of the bloodiest in the history of the state.

The two battles during the night were the climax of a series of engagements that have occurred almost daily between the strikers and troopers or strike-breakers since the inauguration of the strike five weeks ago.

After a comparatively peaceful

Sunday in Schoenville the strikers began to assemble in the evening at the Schoenville end of O'Donovan's bridge. The men seemed ugly and sullen. Suddenly it was rumored that a number of strike-breakers were being brought from the city into the plant. Pickets were immediately doubled and messengers sent scurrying through the strike zone and soon a large crowd of men, armed to the teeth with revolvers, clubs, black-jacks, bars of iron, and rocks, assembled.

Every car from the city was held up and searched for strike-breakers. This procedure had been going on for two hours when a car carrying Deputy Sheriff Exler came along. He had been to the city and was returning to the steel car plant. The strikers held up the car at the Schoenville end of the bridge.

A revolver was placed at the motorist's head and he promptly stopped. A crowd of strikers suspected the deputy sheriff of being a strike-breaker, as he was carrying a bundle of clothing under his arm. He was approached and ordered to leave the car. The deputy drew his revolver and said:

"Get away you —, or I'll kill every — one of you."

"Get off that car! Pull him off!" came from various determined voices in the crowd.

Exler opened fire. Apparently all his bullets were ineffectual. When all his cartridges were exploded and while the strikers were still firing he alighted and begged for mercy.

"I'll give in boys! For God's sake don't shoot; don't kill me!" He fell under the shower of stones and bullets.

The passengers in the car fled and the strikers withdrew.

The motorist and conductor took Exler, who was not dead, to Dr. McKinnon's office, but he died as they entered the door. He had been shot through the forehead and besides was terribly mangled and beaten with the stones and clubs.

The crowd in front of the doctor's office set up a wild shout when Exler's death was announced. Several other cars were held up but no material damage done. Two hours later a car containing Troopers Kitch and O'Donnell and three foreign strike-breakers arrived. The troopers, who were in citizens clothes, attempted to get the strike-breakers quietly through the crowd, but were finally mixed up in a melee. The troopers stood their ground and emptied their revolvers into the crowd. A running battle ensued between the troopers and their assailants. Word finally reached Lieutenant Smith, the commander of the troopers, and a body of armed horsemen started for the scene. Seeing that help was at hand, Troopers O'Donnell and Kitch made another stand, but soon fell under a shower of bullets as the troopers charged, maintaining a constant fire. After a few minutes, the strikers broke and scattered in all directions and ambulances and morgue wagons were hurried to the scene.

It is believed that dozens of men who were wounded during the night's fighting have not been accounted for. They are strikers who participated in the battle and who, fearing arrest, preferred to suffer at their homes. It is positively known that many more were wounded than have turned up at the physicians' offices or the hospitals.

About 25 arrests have been made. Bullets taken from the bodies of the dead men and cartridges in the revolvers of the men arrested were found to have been "mushroomed", that is, the hard covering of the bullets fled off, leaving the ends flat so that they would spread out, making a more dangerous wound.

There is much talk of calling out the national guard today, but nothing definite has been decided on yet. Everything is quiet at noon, with the troopers patrolling the streets and congregations of men at street corners absolutely prohibited.

TO PROMOTE SAFETY.

Series of Important Experiments to be Made.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Aug. 23—A series of important experiments to promote the safety of passengers on trains will be made by the block signal and train control board, organized by the Interstate Commerce Commission in September.

Two devices for automatically controlling the speed and stopping of trains are now being tested by the board.

A NERVOUS LITTLE WOMAN SHOTS WORTHLESS MAN

Henry Underwood Got His Deserts Near Durham Yesterday Afternoon

SHOT IN SELF DEFENCE

Started Out to Raise a Rough House, Knocking Down His Brother-in-law, Striking Another Man With a Rock and Smashing All the Windows in the House, But His Sister-in-law Was Too Nervey for Him—Man is in No Danger of Death—Other Durham News.

(Special to The Times.) Durham, N. C., Aug. 23—Mrs. Bettie Parton broke a record for bad shooting of women yesterday afternoon, when she put a bullet in the stomach of her brother-in-law, Henry Underwood.

Underwood came here from Raleigh, where he had stopped on his return from Virginia after deserting his wife and proceeded to lift the rough house. He had heard that she had sworn out a warrant against him for abandonment and he met her coming from their home. He forced

her to go back and said he was going to "raise hell" with the whole household. He started out bravely to do it; knocked down his brother-in-law, Will Parton, with a chair, struck Robert Browning with a rock and smashed all the windows of the house. He attacked Mrs. Parton, but she was too nervey for him and drew the pistol, shooting him in the abdomen. This stopped him and he fell.

He was brought here and put in jail. Dr. C. A. Adams extracting the bullet, which hit him squarely in the stomach. Had the weapon been any account it would have killed the worthless rascal. He suffered intensely last night, partly from the wound and more from the hip, it appearing that he had been hurt somewhat.

Underwood, until he drank and deserted his wife, had not been regarded worse than a sorry rascal, though he was known to be mean. Mrs. Parton, the sister of his abandoned wife, has not been arrested and will in all probability not be arrested. It was manifestly a case of self-defense. The racket occurred about two miles in the country beyond the new Watts Hospital. Dr. Adams says the man is in no danger of death.

The closing arguments in the Rawls retailing case in which the proprietor of the Hopkins Hotel was charged with selling whiskey to Detective Mayfield, who was stopping there in July, were made this morning by Viletor S. Bryant for the defense and City Attorney R. O. Everett for the state. The case is the most interesting blind tiger indictment that has ever been tried here. It has consumed two days of last week and will be finished this afternoon. Rawls is charged with maintaining a blind tiger though but one specific sale has been found and that is denied by him. Detective Mayfield came here from Roanoke, Va., and was put on the cases with the result that he found a thirst-slaker at the hotel.

Fernie Foster, the porter at the hotel, was the chief witness for the state and it was through him that Mayfield bought the booze. As soon as he was detected, Foster was caught and bound over. The bond was put up by W. T. Riggsbee and was for \$200. Foster skipped to Richmond and was caught. When brought back here he said he had been carrying whiskey and beer from the near-by stand of Riggsbee to the Hopkins

guests and a warrant was sworn out against Riggsbee, the richest young man in Durham.

Foster was entertaining. He said in an affidavit before the recorder's court, that City Attorney Everett had promised him to grant him immunity from punishment if he told where he got his whiskey. This affidavit is figuring in the most bitter of legal fights the city has had in a long time. Solicitor Everett did not reply to the affidavit until he had told Foster that he knew Foster was the go-between and that he was not seeking to punish him greatly but to catch the men responsible for violations of the law.

The defense was rather bitter towards the city attorney, saying his method of extracting testimony is dangerous in the extreme, putting bad men always on the lookout for liberty and good men forever in danger of those very bad ones.

The remains of Walter Pickard, Jr., who died Saturday evening in a Richmond hospital, reached Durham yesterday morning and an escort of city firemen met the body in Greensboro, taking it from here to Chapel Hill, the home.

Young Pickard, but twenty-two, was taken to Richmond six weeks ago for treatment of an organic heart trouble. He showed improvement and his death was a great shock here, where he came almost daily. He was the first chief of the Chapel Hill fire department and served it until his death. He was manager also of the Chapel Hill-Bull City automobile line and the son of W. W. Pickard, proprietor of the Pickard Hotel of Chapel Hill. The funeral services were held this afternoon.

Frank Allen, a young negro, was detected almost in the act of firing the Brewer-Rand livery stable yesterday morning and locked up immediately.

Allen's grouch is unknown and he is not talking. At 2:15 the officers turned in a fire alarm but the blaze in the livery stable was put out before the firemen reached the place. Allen was immediately suspected and was almost on the spot when seen. He will be given a preliminary hearing tomorrow.

Furman Yates, a seventeen year old boy living here, is believed by his father, L. S. Yates, to be wandering in Richmond, where he was known

Scenes in the Recent War Games.



Gen. Pew, Gen. Alden White, and Aide Blyden, studying a road map, as they plan a defense against the invaders in the war game which was recently played in Massachusetts. Below is a sketch of the innovation of Gen. Bliss—a taxicab, with a New York chauffeur. The lower picture shows the marching army of the invaders transporting food through the streets of a small town.

CANADIAN TOUR CONTEST CLOSES THURS. AT 1 P.M.

Four Days in Which to Land Enough Business to Make You the Winner

MISS DEMENT LEADS

Great Contest Will Come to a Close on Thursday the 26th, at 1 O'clock P. M.—The Contestants Must Have All Their Subscriptions and Votes in the Big Ballot Box at That Hour, as the Judges Will Take Charge and Render Their Decision. Thousands of Votes Are Being Issued and Home-stretch Will be Interesting.

Just three more days after today, then some lucky contestants will receive the two magnificent Canadian trips. If you are to be one of the fortunate two now is the time to put forth every effort. Many a race has been lost in the home-stretch. Just a little more effort on your part the remaining three days may mean that you will be a winner, while if you do not put forth the additional effort it may mean that you will lose. The leaders in this great contest are so close together that it is an impossibility to begin to pick the winner. Really if some of the contestants knew just how few votes would cause them to lead they would not cease work night or day until the close.

In order that the two successful contestants may have plenty of time in which to prepare for these two great trips the Contest Manager has decided to close the contest at 1 p. m. Thursday, August 26, and if possible to announce the winners the same afternoon. Each and every contestant should be on hand to watch the count made, or have some representative.

The key to success the remaining three days of the contest is Work. Work every minute of the three days, right up to the last minute of the contest. Remember that one year's subscription might cause you to be the lucky winner or one year's subscription might cause you to lose.

Today Miss Dement, of Raleigh, continues to lead in the entire contest, while Mrs. McFarland, of Wilson, is second, and Mrs. Amos, of Reidsville, is third.

The question of the hour is, who will be leading next Thursday at 1:00 p. m.?

Table listing names of contestants and their vote counts across various locations like Raleigh, N.C., Wilson, N.C., Reidsville, N.C., Goldsboro, N.C., Lillington, N.C., Roxboro, N.C., Kinston, N.C., Rocky Mount, N.C., Greenville, N.C., Washington, N.C., Durham, N.C., Henderson, N.C., Morehead City, N.C., Dunn, N.C., Elizabeth City, N.C., and Beaufort, N.C.

AERIAL MAIL ROUTES BEFORE MANY YEARS

The following item taken from the Cleveland Plain Dealer will be of interest to Raleigh people: Toledo, O., Aug. 19—Postmasters from every state in the union assembled here today to attend the twelfth annual convention of the National Association of Postmasters. The convention is to be addressed tomorrow by Postmaster General Hitchcock, who will arrive late tonight. That aerial mail routes will be a part of the postoffice service before many more conventions of postmasters are held was the prediction made by Postmaster Willis G. Briggs, of Raleigh, N. C., before the convention today.