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Non-Union Miners Slaughtered By 5,000 Armed Unionists In Sudden Flame-Up Of Mob Spirit In Illinois

ARE SHOT DOWN WHEN THEY SURRENDER WITH BARBAROUS CRUELITIES

War Ends When Mine Is Cleared Out of Workers, Probably 75 Being Killed.

WANTED TO SURRENDER

Workers Claim They Had no Desire to Hold Mine But When They Did Give Up, They Were Tied, Told to Run, and Shot.

Herrin, Ill., June 22.—Half a dozen wounded men, some of them lying on death beds, tonight gave an Associated Press correspondent the first actual eye witness accounts of the fight last night and this morning which brought dozens of casualties, 5,000 armed striking miners attacked the Lester strip mine near here, the mine being operated by imported workers and guards.

The substance of the statements by the wounded, who were among the besieged, was that not a mine worker was injured during the fighting, but that the numerous killed were shot down in cold blood after they had surrendered themselves and their arms. There was nothing from the union miners to contradict these claims.

Several of the men imported to work the mine absolved the strikers from blame, saying that the ones responsible were those "who sent us here under false promises that there would be no trouble" and that "the miners would not object."

Joseph O'Rourke, Chicago, commissary clerk at the mine, gave the most vivid account of the fight. His story was related as he tossed in pain from half-dozen bullet holes through his body.

Story of Eye Witness

"I was sent down here by the Bertrand Commissary company, of Chicago," he said. "I had no idea what I was running into. I don't want to blame the miners for attacking us, for we were under a false promise, and we were to keep them from their jobs. We were given arms when we arrived and we were to keep up at one corner of the mine. Guards were with us all of the time and the guards were to keep us from being shot by the strikers. I understand the strikers sent us warning to leave the town or we would be run out. We never got them perhaps the boss did. When we saw the miners attacking yesterday afternoon, we did not know what to do. The guards prepared for fight, most of us workers wanted to surrender.

"Through the night the bullets rained on us. We sought shelter as we could. The miners climbed upon the coal piles and earth embankments and we were unable to see them. The guards kept firing, but most of us hid. Then the miners blew up our pumping station. We had no water and our food supplies were in a freight car in the hands of the miners. About sunrise we put up the white flag. The miners poured in and we surrendered our arms.

"Up to this time not one of us had been injured that I know of, although I understand that several of the miners had been shot. The miners spread out quickly and put us together in groups of three and six. They tied men then were rushed off in different directions. Some of them tried to run, but they were shot down as fast as they moved.

IDENTITY OF THE DEAD

Herrin, Ill., June 22.—The death toll in the disaster last night and today, when 5,000 striking union miners attacked the Lester Strip mine, being operated under guard of imported workers, may run past the 46 mark, it was said tonight by those in touch with the situation, although thus far only 27 positively are known to be dead.

In the Herrin hospitals are eight wounded men, only one a miner, and six of them are believed to be fatally injured. There were nine, but one died.

A miner told the Associated Press

correspondent that he had seen 15 bodies thrown into a pond with rocks around their necks today. About 20 imported workers are missing.

Dead Over 75. General Black also had before him the report received by Hal Trovillion, member of the Illinois commerce commission and editor of the Herrin News, who said his manager, Joe Barnes at Herrin, had informed him that the death toll of today's rioting would exceed 75. Mr. Barnes reported, Trovillion said, that the fighting had stopped because all the non-union workers had either been killed or had disappeared.

TREATMENT OF WOUNDED IN MINE WAR MORE BRUTAL THAN EVER CHARGED AGAINST HUN.

Herrin, June 22.—Out in a road near the mine, six men tied together, all of them wounded by bullets and blows, lay in a scorching sun, while hundreds of men and women laughed at their pleas for water.

One of the men, his face bloody and one shoulder shot away, apparently was within a few minutes of death.

"Please, boys, give me a drink," he moaned.

A laugh from the hundreds of spectators was the only reply.

The correspondent rushed to a house for water and when he returned he was faced by a crowd and quickly drawn pistols and was told to keep away.

When the man begged again for water, "for God's sake," a young woman with a baby in her arms, placed her foot on the mangled body and said:

"I'll see you in hell before you get any water."

The men apparently had been dragged down a rock road behind an automobile. Their clothes were torn and pieces of gravel were imbedded in their mangled flesh.

NEW BUILDINGS

This is another busy summer for Roxboro, for much building is going on. The New Hyco warehouse is the largest building enterprise, this place meaning an investment of more than five thousand dollars. The new store building which is being erected by Mr. Hank Woods on North Main Street will soon be completed, and the two new residences which are being erected by Mr. J. L. Garrett for Mess. C. C. Garrett and Clyde Allen just South of town will soon be completed. Mr. H. W. Winstead's new residence, probably the most costly home in Roxboro, is nearing completion, and is the admiration of every one. And still there are others.

MR. HARVEY TO BE ON ROXBORO MARKET

In another column will be found a notice of dissolution of the Shields-Harvey Co., but we are glad to say it will in no wise affect Mr. J. Shields Harvey, as he expects to become a full fledged citizen of this good town in a very short while, and will be actively engaged on this market, as he has been for several years.

SOME GOOD WHEAT

The wheat threshers, Mess. Yarboro, Slaughter and Riley, report the following good wheat crops, which they have threshed out: W. T. Wilkerson 224 1/2 bushels, W. H. Turner 158 1/2, Jeff O'Brian and brothers 174 1/2, B. G. Slaughter 170, B. G. Campbell 84 1/2, M. T. and T. E. Slaughter 92. These farmers are getting to live at home and be in shape to sell their tobacco when it suits them.

COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION MONDAY

The Board of County Commissioners were in session last Monday, all members of the board being present. Aside from other matters of little general importance they settled with the Sheriff. They will meet again in regular session on the 1st Monday in July.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The first meeting of The Chamber of Commerce was held last Thursday evening with the president, Mr. M. R. Long, presiding. The following board of directors were named: A. M. Barnes, chairman, E. E. Bradsher, R. L. Harris, W. E. Hambrick and M. W. Satterfield, with Mr. W. A. Sergeant as temporary secretary. It was decided to name the membership dues at \$2.50 a month, every signer joining for the period of one year. At this meeting 88 memberships were disposed of, and a committee appointed to canvass the town, it being further stipulated that unless 200 members were secured, or rather 200 memberships disposed of, any firm or individual being allowed to subscribe for as many memberships as they chose, no one was to be considered bound by the action of the meeting in joining.

A thorough canvass was made and the permanent organization is assured, 187 memberships were secured, which, with quite a number who were out of town to be seen assured that the required number will be secured.

We consider this one of the best moves the town has made and in a very short while the board of directors will go after a suitable secretary who will give his entire time to this business.

REV. RAYMOND BROWNING

Is Drawing Large Crowds at Both Services Daily at The Tent.

For the past ten days Rev. Raymond Browning has been conducting services at his big tent on the school grounds and the congregations have been very large. Services are conducted twice daily, 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The song service in the evening takes about one hour and the large choir is one of the attractions. Mr. Browning is a strong preacher and the interest in his meetings are growing from day to day.

On last Sunday there were about seventy-five people here from Graham, where he held his last meeting, and they reported a crowd of more than one hundred was expected to attend the services next Sunday.

REVIVAL AT CONCORD

Evangelical services will begin Sunday, July 2nd, at Concord Church. Rev. T. A. Sikes of Greensboro will assist Pastor Thompson with the meetings. Services Sunday at 11 o'clock, A. M. daily here service, and Monday at 4 P. M. only one service, but after that date there will be two services daily. The public is cordially invited to attend these services and hear Mr. Sikes, who is recognized as one of the strong preachers.

DOUBLE HEADER

Don't forget the big games on July 4th between Roxboro and Brookneal at Halifax. These clubs have played four games and stand a tie. It will be worth the price to see these games to say nothing of the many other sports which will be pulled off on this occasion.

GLENN-GRISSOM

Miss Effie G. Glenn of Rougemont and Mr. C. W. Grissom of Kirtell, were married at the residence of Rev. R. E. White on Saturday evening, June 17th Rev. M. White officiating.

MASONIC OFFICERS ELECTED

At a meeting of the Masonic Lodge last night the following officers were elected:

C. H. Hunter, W. M.
Wm. Morrill, S. W.
Luther Hall, J. W.
T. B. Woods, Sec.
W. R. Hambrick, Treas.

SAY, MR. FARMER

If you ever had the slightest notion of hauling your tobacco to some other delivery point, forget it. You know if you should decide to deliver your tobacco to some other point you just never could feel exactly right when you come to town. Now, honest, wouldn't you have just a little feeling that there was a little narrow yellow streak somewhere?

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Kentucky Governor Endorses Co-operative Marketing For Tobacco Growers.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FRANKFORD

EDWIN P. MORROW GOVERNOR.

May 31, 1922.

Dr. L. M. Massey,

Zebulon, N. C.

My dear Sir:

I have your letter asking me for information concerning the Co-operative Marketing Association in Kentucky. By this I suppose you mean what we commonly refer to as the Tobacco Marketing Association.

I do not know directly the bookkeeping facts of the association. I do know, however, that the tobacco growers of the State are very happy and thoroughly delighted with the operations of the Association thus far, and that they have the most joyful confidence in its success. The sales, prices, etc., have been entirely satisfactory to the growers, and from every indication the Association seems destined to make a great success. I know that the people have pledged and delivered their tobacco, as a whole, are highly satisfied.

Most sincerely yours,

EDWIN P. MORROW,

Governor.

FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND SHOPMEN TO WALK OUT SATURDAY

Chicago, June 27.—A strike of the 400,000 railway shopmen of the country will be called for July 1 unless the mineheads agree to stay the \$80,000,000 wage cut due to shop workers on that date and to restore certain working conditions formerly in effect. It was made known tonight through a telegram from B. M. Jewell, head of the shop crafts, to the association of railway executives.

Decision to call a strike came late today after lengthy discussion by the executive committee of the six shop crafts unions, based on the strike vote of men thus far tabulated.

Should the rail heads arrange an immediate conference, agreeing meanwhile to continue present wages, restore working rules modified by the railroad board and discontinue farming out railroad work, however, a walkout can be halted, the telegram said. Otherwise "a sanction of withdrawal from employment on July 1, 1922, as voted by the employees will be unavoidable."

READY BY OPENING OF MARKET

Mess. J. C. and W. T. Pass, who are building the mammoth fire proof warehouse to be known as the New Hyco, will have everything in readiness for the farmer by the time the market is opened. There will be few markets which can offer the farmer as much in protection and convenience as the New Hyco and it is predicted that the tobacco tributary to this market will be sold at the New Hyco.

FAMILY REUNION

The children of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Featherston gathered here last week in a family reunion. The following were here: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Featherston and one child of Abingdon, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Featherston, and three children of Lynchburg, Va.; and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers and one child of route 2, Roxboro.

AFTER A YEAR'S ABSENCE

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Newbold and children arrived last Friday night from New York where they have been residing during the past year. Mr. Newbold is connected with the educational work in North Carolina and spent a year's leave of absence studying for a degree in Columbia University.

REVIVAL SERVICES AT HURDLE MILLS

I wish to give notice that revival services will begin next Sunday, July 2nd, at Hurdle Mills school house, 11 A. M., and every evening at 8 P. M. Rev. R. E. Henderlite of Rougemont, N. C., will assist in the meeting. The public is cordially invited to attend and take part in the services.

W. O. SAMPLE.

BISHOP CHESHIRE HERE LAST SUNDAY

Bishop Cheshire of Raleigh was here last Sunday and occupied the pulpit at the evening service, when three candidates were confirmed.

AT HOME

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Newell returned home last Monday night after a ten days visit to Washington, New York, and Niagara.

NORTH CAROLINA REMAINS RICHEST SOUTHERN STATE

RALEIGH, June 24.—Governor Morrison doesn't like recent published reports on the individual income taxes paid to the federal government by North Carolinians. The reports, lacking the figures on taxes paid by corporations, created the impression that the state fell far down in the line of southern states in the amount paid.

As a matter of fact, the governor points out, North Carolina still tops the list of southern states in the total amount of income tax paid to the government. The individual tax has never been large in this state, but the corporations turned over immense sums.

The reports prompted recent editorial comment to the effect that the state was not so wealthy as the people had thought it. Complete figures on the tax do not change the state's status, but keep it at the top as the wealthiest of southern states.

ONE OF THE OLDEST

We enjoyed a call yesterday from our good friend, Mr. H. T. Clayton. Mr. Clayton is one of The Courier's standbys, for he has been a subscriber for more than thirty years. He laughingly asked us how long a man would have to subscribe to The Courier before he went on the pension list. It was a question we had not thought much about, but we told him we would make it a rule to send The Courier to every man who had been a subscriber for fifty years the balance of the time we can. He subscribed now if you want to on the pension roll.