

Dr. Peacock Sawed Himself Out Of Cell in State Insane Asylum

HE LEAVES A NOTE OF REGRET TO HIS KEEPER BEFORE TAKING FLIGHT

Officials Are Unable To State How He Came In Possession Of The Saw.

\$400 REWARD IS OFFERED

Every Effort Is Being Made To Capture Prisoner Who Shot Chief Taylor.

RALEIGH, Aug. 30.—With a \$400 reward chasing him and everything at the state prison trying to pick up tracks, Dr. James Walter Peacock, most distinguished prisoner in the penitentiary, is free today.

The physician who slew Chief Taylor of Thomasville more than a year ago, was acquitted of murder on the plea of insanity and sent to the criminal insane department for life, sawed himself to liberty early this morning. In getting away he made as complete a job as he did when he put the courageous chief of police away. Evidently impressed with the unscrupulous elements in his escape, he wrote on an envelope a small apology to his keeper regretting the necessity for taking a vacation just at this time and indicating a stay of many months, perhaps until next spring. With his devoirs fully paid, Dr. Peacock tore the sheets and blankets into improvised ropes, let himself down from the third story to the brick wall surrounding the prison, then climbed down the ladder to the outside. Not a track has been seen indicating where he jumped off.

An Ideal Prisoner.

Superintendent George R. Pou and Warden Sam Busbee testified today to the good behavior of Dr. Peacock. No better prisoner ever was cared for by the state. "None had made a nobler effort to prove his sanity. He was anxious to get out in the legal way and he believed that he would escape through legislation or jurisprudence. When this paper announced that there was an organized effort to free him, Lexington citizens denied the story and the city repudiated it. But for all that the prison physician had been quoted as convinced that Peacock is now sane, the attorney general had knowledge of a possible habeas corpus proceeding and well-known physicians of the state had been asked to sit on the commission which would pass on Dr. Peacock's sanity. It had been no secret here that the legislative net to free Peacock had been discussed and abandoned on the discovery that this statute was pronounced unconstitutional about 20 years ago.

The escape of Peacock is hardly to be charged to anybody connected with the legitimate propaganda to get him away. The course that the doctor took is fair testimony to the effort that has been made. Warden Busbee said this afternoon that the prisoner has been greatly discouraged by recent turns and that he had been much set-up by earlier efforts. Dr. Peacock had every reason to believe his friends could free him.

He showed his characteristic impatience. He was restless when his garage burned to make an investigation to determine whether Taylor had anything to do with it or not, so Peacock armed for hostilities. He was too impatient when he saw Taylor and shot him with buckshot, to await to result of an attack from ambush, but followed this assault with an army automatic. These were awful symptoms of impatience.

NOT GUILTY.

ATHENS, Ga., Aug. 31.—A verdict of not guilty was returned in the Walton county Superior Court late yesterday in the case of Joe Johnson, Monroe policeman, charged with attempting to murder Orlin Hawkes and Charles A. Atkinson, of Athens, when they fired at a car in which they were riding last August, resulting in serious injuries to both of the young men.

COTTON MARKET

Receipts 2 bales Price 23 1/2 cents

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Cotton futures closed barely steady; spots quiet, 10 points down. July 22.25; October 22.45; December 22.62; January 22.46; March 22.52; May 22.45. Spots 22.70.

North Carolina Has Highest Birth Rate

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The Birth rate is declining and the death rate increasing, according to statistics made public today by the Census Bureau, covering the first quarter of the year.

The birth rate in the states from which comparative figures were available showed an average of 25.3 for each thousand of population in the first three months of 1922 against 25.3 in 1921, while the mortality average in the registration area in the first quarter this year was 13.7 against 12.6 in the same period last year.

North Carolina, with 29.2 reported the highest birth rate for the three months this year, and the state of Washington, with 16.5, the lowest. The District of Columbia has the highest mortality rate, with 17.6, and Wyoming the lowest, with 9.6.

RHYNE REUNION HELD AT HOME OF PETER S. RHYNE WAS NOTABLE OCCASION

Hospitable Home Was Thrown Open—Number Of Visitors And Kin Folks Spend The Day In Pleasant Association Together.

DALLAS, Aug. 31.—Wednesday, August 30th marked another epoch in the records of family reunions that have been held throughout Gaston county the past several weeks, when Kith and kin three hundred strong, assembled at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter S. Rhyme two miles east of Dallas to spend the day together. This home is beautifully located with a commanding view of a great part of Gaston and of Gastonia, surrounded by lovely shade trees and wide grassy lawn, an ideal spot for such a gathering. Nine years have passed since the last reunion of this Rhyme family and twelve years since the immediate family dined together at the same time at the old home place.

The morning hours were all too short for the many happy greetings; and the merry chatter of voices among both old and young was a sure indication of much to be said and told because of these long years of separation. Many expressed surprise at the youthfulness of those supposedly old and of the number of unusual pretty and handsome babies and children, a general intermingling of Rhynes, Hoffmanns, Linebergers, Stroups, a staunch and progressive clan that count for much in Gaston's forward program.

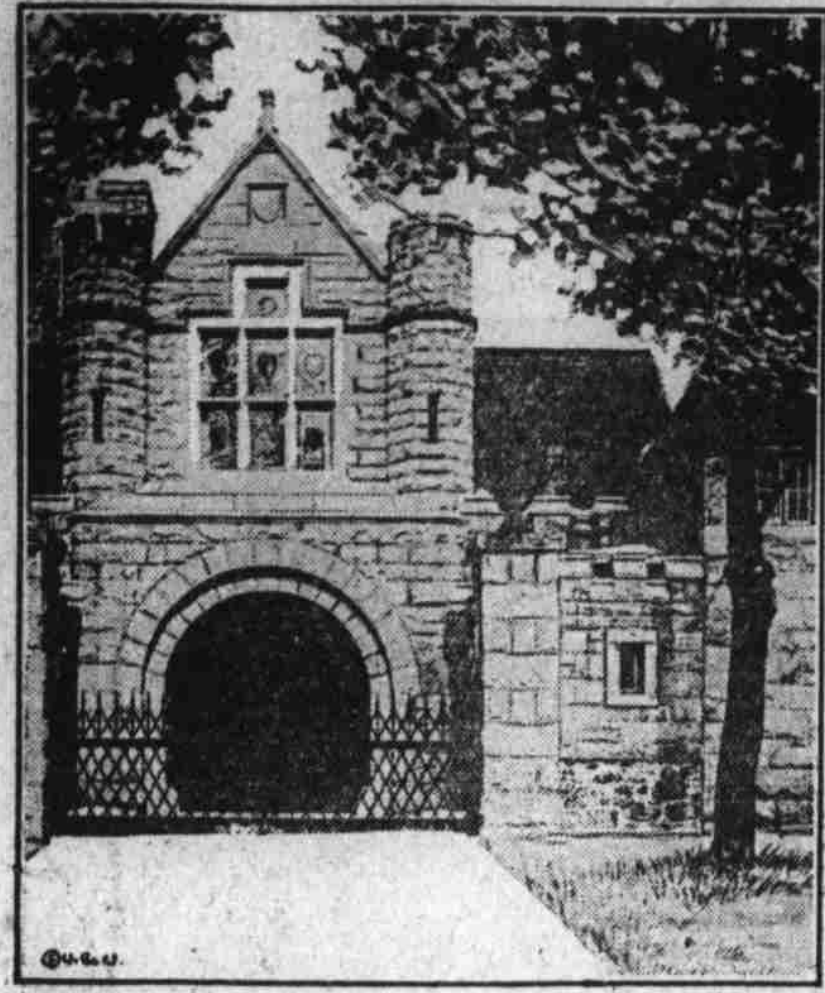
At noon the great feast of good things to eat was spread upon snowy cloths along the entire length of the long table beneath the shade trees made more inviting by center decorations of cut flowers. The discussions of family descendants were silenced for the time being and the more appropriate subject of just how many pieces of fried chicken, of country ham, of 'tess pieces, of various custards and an assortment of cakes could one consistently consume without medical assistance. Following this an enjoyable hour of splendid talks was heard. "What An Incentive This Is," said Rev. G. H. C. Park, pastor of Lutheran Church, "Maintaining The Greatest Of God's Institutions—The Family and Home By These Family Reunions." The interchanging of ideas, of the inspiration to the young people, of what has been and can be done, of the steps made to bring about desired results. If the home is right and properly disciplined there would be no need of courts, jails, chain-gangs and such.

Mr. Hugh Query, editor of the Gastonia Daily Gazette, was then introduced and received with applause. Mr. Query, expressing his great pleasure in being a guest on this and several such occasions which afforded splendid opportunity to converse and mingle with the rural population who are the very back bone of this country and county. He urged the keeping up of these gatherings that aid so admirably in the preservation of local history and family traditions, fostering also a most congenial and social community spirit. The young folks were made better and encouraged, he said, as they talk with the older people of how the Sabbath was spent in their day and time, and the sacredness of the family altar and of the obstacles overcome.

"Uncle Miles," "Cousin Miles," "Hoffman" was the call that followed. Mr. Miles Hoffman, of Dallas, came forward and for a little time discussed his "pet hobby", that of family history, saying in all of his search for kin, but very few lobes and vagabonds were found and that they had reason to be proud of the fact they were neither great nor small, in one sense of the word, but belong to the middle class of straight-forward, hard working, law-abiding and religious citizens which compose the greater part of our country.

Dr. O. P. Rhyme who recently returned from a tour of Europe told of the interesting facts of people, places and things and of conditions as he learned from first hand. Picture taking was next in order; the whole assemblage, family groups, by twos by families, brothers, sisters, etc. with the Peter Rhyme family of four generations—the host and hostess of the day, Mr. and Mrs. Peter S. Rhyme; Mrs. A. B. Rhyme, the grandmother; children, Dr. O. P. Rhyme, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert O. (Continued on page six.)

Farrar May Live in This Castle



Geraldine Farrar, operatic prima donna, is reported to be negotiating for the purchase of this home at Methuen, Mass. It was built by the late Edward F. Searles, multi-millionaire, whose remains are in a mausoleum on the estate. A high wall surrounds the house which is constructed like a feudal castle.

Chicago and Alton Railroad Passes Into Receivers Hands

New Plots Disclosed To Wreck Trains—Several Actual Attempts To Cause Derailments and Blow Up Property—Four Men Held On Murder Charge At Gary, Ind.

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—Passing of the Chicago & Alton railroad into the hands of receivers, disclosures of new plots to wreck trains and several actual attempts to cause derailments and blow up railroad property, were high lights today in the nation's railroad situation.

Dynamite, bullets and fire brands played an important part in developments the last 24 hours. With four men held on murder charges in connection with the Michigan Central wreck at Gary, Ind., August 20, in which two engineers were killed, were preparing to repudiate their alleged confessions as the first step in their defense, Chicago police announced disclosure of a plot to blow up the "Western Express" of the New York Central lines. With the arrest of three men in connection with the alleged plot came revelations of a widespread conspiracy to start a reign of terror on the railroads, the police said. An explosion of dynamite on the main line of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad at Arlington Heights, a suburb of Cincinnati, derailed the ten-car work train. A passenger train had passed a few minutes before the explosion.

An attempt was made to blow up the commissary of the Illinois Central Railroad at Paducah, Ky. The explosion blew a hole in the ground near the building. A fast train on the Chicago & Alton ran into an open switch at Covel, Ill., near Bloomington. Investigators said the switch showed evidence of tampering. Police precautions at Algiers, a suburb of New Orleans, in effect, amounted to martial law in efforts to check disorders which authorities characterized as virtual anarchy. Police reported almost constant firing in railroad districts and between 35 and 40 assaults since the shopmen's strike began. One man was killed by a negro cook who was being beaten.

State troops on strike duty at Salisbury and Spencer, N. C., were ordered back to their home stations today, authorities feeling assured that danger of further disorders in the shops of the Southern Railway had passed. Four men, two of whom were said to be deputy United States marshals, were attacked by a crowd and severely beaten at Sedalia, Mo. Guards on the Northern Pacific at Billings, Mont., were relieved by a squad of deputy United States marshals following an attack on a bunk house where 25 workmen were asleep. Although a volley of shots was fired into the bunk-house none of the sleeping men was injured.

Attempts to blow up the tracks of the Chicago & Alton and a bridge on the same road near Alton, Ill., were discovered when two cans of dynamite were found by a section crew. AIRPLANES USED AGAINST BOLL WEEVIL IN MISS. GREENVILLE, Miss., Aug. 31.—Aerial attack against the cotton boll weevil was under way at Scotts, Miss., near here today in a test undertaken under government supervision, to demonstrate the practicability of the airplane as a poison distributor to rid infested fields of the pest. Today's demonstration was a continuation of a test begun yesterday on a 14,000 acre cotton field with a delegation of Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas planters umpiring the one-sided battle.

Under the plan airplanes, flying low, spread a spray of calcium arsenate over from 200 to 500 acres an hour with the dusting process from above held to be more thorough and effective than ground spraying. To solve the problem of initial cost of equipment community action is proposed.

NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS AT SPENCER ARE ORDERED TO HOME STATIONS

DR. O. P. RHYNE TELLS OF TRIP THROUGH EUROPE

Lenoir College Professor Tells Crowd At Rhyme Reunion Of Impressions Gained From Trip Abroad This Summer.

An interesting account of post-war conditions in England, France and Germany was given Wednesday by Dr. O. P. Rhyme, of the chair of German and French at Lenoir College, Hickory, who had returned from the old country just in time to attend the annual Rhyme reunion at the home of his father, Peter S. Rhyme. Dr. Rhyme is a graduate of Lenoir College and of the University of North Carolina. He took the degree of doctor of philosophy at a German university several years ago. After teaching in Atlanta and at the University of North Carolina he returned to his alma mater at Hickory in May of this spring, landing at Plymouth, England, spent a few days in London, at Canterbury, Dover, Calais, Paris, Amiens, Rheims, Verdun, Metz, Strasbourg, etc. The greater part of his stay was spent in traveling around through Germany. It was much cheaper, he said, to travel than to remain long in one place, although living conditions are remarkably cheap in view of the low rate of exchange. An excellent four-course dinner, with soup, two meats, dessert, etc., can be had for 104 marks, which is worth about 12 1/2 cents in American money. Foodstuffs are the cheapest, although other commodities are reasonably low.

Dr. Rhyme is of the opinion that sentiment is strong in Germany against the monarchical system. The great mass of people are against Kaiserism and all that pertains thereto. Only a few of the nobility and former army officers advocate Kaiserism. The assassination of Dr. Walter Rathenau was engineered by the monarchist faction. Dr. Rhyme said. Most of the German people, the students, the working classes, etc., are forever against the Potsdam regime. They accuse the former Kaiser of cowardice, and of not being intelligent enough for the position he held. "It is hard for the new German republic to get on its feet," Dr. Rhyme declared, and the enemies of Germany are not helping the cause of democracy in their policy of retaliation. It is hard enough at best to establish a democracy without having to fight outside battles. "The French are pursuing an insane policy of retaliation which will do them no good and be productive of much harm. They are attempting to Gallicize the province of Alsace-Lorraine by colonization. The population is 90 per cent German, and France is trying to make it French all at once. In the University of Strasbourg they have replaced all the German professors with French. All the German customs have been thrust out and French systems substituted."

"There are 2,000,000 men out of work in England," said Dr. Rhyme. "That is one man out of every 20. Conditions are much worse than they are over here."

FINAL VOTE ON SOLDIER BONUS BILL TODAY

Some Time Before Measure Reaches The White House Where It Will Probably Be Vetoed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—A final vote on the soldiers' bonus bill before adjournment of the senate today appeared to be reasonably certain. All pending amendments had been disposed of and general debate begun before the recess last night. As far as leaders were advised only three or four senators planned to deliver prepared addresses, but there was likelihood of another general discussion which has featured each of the seven days the bill has been under consideration. Passage of the measure was regarded as a foregone conclusion, but whether it would reach the statute books was conceded by friends and foes alike to be another question. They held that this probably would depend upon President Harding since it was regarded as very doubtful that there could be obtained in the senate the necessary two-thirds to pass the bill over an executive veto.

MINERS GO TO WORK FOR FIRST TIME IN MONTHS

Lamp Lights Flickered In Homes Of Thousands Of Miners In Western Pennsylvania As They Return To Work.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 31.—(By The Associated Press.)—Lamp lights flickered early today in the homes of thousands of miners in western Pennsylvania as they joyously started to the mines to work for the first time in six months. They grouped about the mine mouths and all expressed satisfaction at the settlement of their strike, which was made complete yesterday when the lone remaining producer—the Pittsburgh Coal Company—accepted the Cleveland agreement. Before dawn broke over the mining villages hundreds of mine laborers were entering the pits to make way for the remainder of the 45,000 men who are now assured employment. Five hundred mines were being cleaned out today. Some of these will be hoisting coal next Monday, miners believed. Union leaders today were hustling to the mines to unionize the unorganized men. The agreement signed with the operators yesterday provided that non-union men be discharged. Operators were already demanding of railroads their supply of cars to insure prompt movement of coal. The Pennsylvania Railroad promised adequate service, but other carriers were uncertain as to their ability to meet the needs. Striking shopmen expressed the belief that the demand for cars could not be met.

18,000 GO BACK TO WORK IN LAWRENCE MILLS LAWRENCE, MASS., Aug. 31.—The Lawrence textile strike today became a thing of the past and virtual peace reigned between workers and employers for the first time since March 27. The two remaining mills which still had held out for lower wages, the Methuen and the Pemberton, capitulated to the demands of the strikers and announced that on September 5 the wage scale in effect before March 27 would be restored. Most of the 18,000 textile workers normally employed in the mills of this city, are expected to be back at their places early in September and already the wheels in several factories are in motion.

MINE EXPLOSION KILLED NINE MEN

CUMBERLAND, B. C., Aug. 31.—Nine men were killed and seventeen injured yesterday afternoon by an explosion in mine number four of the Canadian Collieries Dunsniere, Ltd. The cause of the explosion has not been determined. Of the 17 injured men seven are in a serious condition. The dead include three white men, the rest being Orientals. An investigation is to be made.

Decides To Accept Belgian Compromise

PARIS, Aug. 31.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Allied reparations commission has decided to accept the Belgian compromise on the German moratorium proposition as a solution of the present crisis, it was learned this afternoon. A formal vote will be taken before the day is over, it was stated. The British, Italian and Belgian members are declared unequivocally to favor this settlement. The attitude of M. Dubois, the French member was not definitely known when the early afternoon session of the commission adjourned.

50,000 SOUTH CAROLINA VOTERS FAILED TO VOTE

Whole State Is Anxiously Awaiting Result Of Second Primary To Be Held September 12.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Aug. 31.—Approximately 50,000 of the enrolled voters of the State failed to vote in the primary of Tuesday and the entire State is now on the excitement bench, awaiting the second primary of September 12 when Thomas G. McLeod and former Governor Cole L. Blease will be the contestants for the Governor's chair, and when State Superintendent of Education J. E. Swearingen and J. H. Hope, of Union, his closest opponent, out of a field of six will run again for the position. Never before has the State known such a large number of its enrolled voters to fail to cast ballots, especially where there was such keen interest in the outcome. McLeod's total this morning was 63,685. Blease's was 75,483. George K. Laney's vote was 20,961. Duncan, Cauty and Coleman had received together 6,397. Eighty nine boxes are missing out of a total of 1,510.

There is also keen interest in the race for Attorney General. Sam M. Wolfe appeared on Wednesday's returns to have won out in the first primary over two opponents, D. M. Winter and Harold Eubanks, both Columbia attorneys. This morning Wolfe's total, however, gave him such a small lead as to make this race a matter yet of doubt. In the race for Superintendent of Education Hope is only a few thousand behind Swearingen. The interest in this second race is an intense one. Wolfe's vote of the four defeated candidates, Mrs. B. Wallace, Mrs. Bessie Rogers Drake, O. D. Seay, and Cecil H. Seiger. The State Democratic Executive Committee will meet next Tuesday to canvass the results of the first primary.

IMPRISONED MEN IN MINES NO NEARER RESCUE

Rescue Teams Are Still Battling Furiously To Open Up Routes Of Escape From Underground Prison.

JACKSON, Cal., Aug. 31.—(By The Associated Press.)—Fire in the shaft of the Argonaut gold mine, in the lowest reaches of which 47 miners have been imprisoned since Sunday, is out, but that fact brought no nearer hope for releasing the men alive. The heat in the shaft is so intense that flames may break out again at any moment, and at the earliest it would be five days before entrance to the mine could be gained through it. Rescue teams still battle furiously today to open up three routes of escape from the pitch-black, smoke-choked underground mine drifts to the sunlight and open air where tortured lungs might drink sleep of fresh breezes. Two were through passages which workers were endeavoring to cut through from the Kennedy, an adjoining mine, while another was through the shaft of the Argonaut itself.

A second rescue squad on a level 3,000 feet below the group that has worked since Monday, borrowing from the 3,900 foot level of the Kennedy mine toward the Argonaut 4,600 foot level, today had made perceptible progress. It will be a long siege, through 500 to 600 feet of loose dirt before a 148 foot wall of solid slate rock is reached. Three hundred feet above them toil the half naked workers who have drilled in brief shifts since Monday to cut through more than 700 feet of loose dirt and timbers and thirty feet of hard rock. They struck a cave-in last night, slowing their progress. They estimated there would be between 90 and 100 feet more of rock and dirt to be cleared. Hope that the miners still are alive was firmly held by the consulting experts.

VOTE TODAY ON COAL DISTRIBUTION BILL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The house was expected to reach a vote today on the administration coal distribution bill which stood unchanged in the face of attempts to put through various amendments. After every change proposed had been either thrown out on a point of order or decisively defeated, yesterday, Chairman Winslow, of the Interstate Commerce Committee, who was in charge of the measure, predicted it would go through as framed. A veto on the bill yesterday was prevented by an unexpected flood of debate late in the day.

GOV. WARNS STRIKERS THAT OTHER DISORDERS WILL RETURN SOLDIERS

Scott Is Assured By Leaders That Good Order Will Be Maintained.

PICKETS' GUNS ARE TAKEN

Colonel, With Troop Of Cavalry, Surprises Spencer People In Early Morning.

RALEIGH, Aug. 30.—Following a conference with Governor Morrison, Adjutant General Metts tonight ordered the eight companies of national guardsmen stationed at Spencer to return to their home stations. They will leave tomorrow morning and all are expected to be demobilized by tomorrow night. Conditions about the Southern Railway shops and in Spencer and Salisbury were considered to be satisfactory by the governor and adjutant general, justifying the removal of the troops. Before issuing the orders returning the soldiers to their home stations, Governor Morrison talked over the telephone with Col. Don Scott, in command at Spencer, who assured him that conditions there were peaceful with the outlook encouraging for the prevalence of order. In calling the troops from Spencer, warning was issued by the executive that overt acts would send them back again. No lawlessness will be tolerated, it was explained, and the removal of the soldiers merely leaves it up to the cool heads in the strike zone to see that the law is respected. Governor Morrison's direction for the removal of the troops is in line with his order for the removal of companies stationed for similar reasons in Rocky Mount, Rockingham, Raleigh and Aberdeen. Absolute quiet prevailed in the strike area and no further good, it is stated, will be accomplished by holding the force of 500 guardsmen at Salisbury. The removal will be accomplished by noon Thursday, according to Adjutant General Metts.

SALISBURY, Aug. 30.—At the conclusion of a conference tonight with representatives of the Southern and of the striking shopmen and prominent citizens, Col. Don Scott announced that his 500 troops, on duty here for nearly two weeks, would be moved home tomorrow. Colonel Scott had assurances from the strikers and the men inside the shops that they could control the situation. Colonel Scott this afternoon withdrew the soldiers who have been on duty in Salisbury for the past 10 days, and tonight they are camped with the 500 at Camp Morrison, a mile west of the courthouse.

Colonel Scott tonight held a conference at the federal building with representatives of the striking shopmen, representatives of the Southern Railway and Postmaster Boyden and Assistant Postmaster Ratz, for the purpose of continuing the troops at Camp Morrison or sending them home.

SPENCER, Aug. 30.—A troop of United States cavalry, headed by Col. Don Scott, surprised the people of Spencer and East Spencer by marching around the picket lines encircling the railroad shops shortly after daylight this morning, making a search for guns, both among workers entering the shops and among the pickets in the day. A statement issued later in the day Colonel Scott said he had a tip that considerable rough picketing was going on, especially along the "Hindenburg line" in East Spencer, particularly Tuesday morning.

He was informed parties on both sides to the controversy threatened to appear early this morning prepared to finish the "differences." This brought Colonel Scott and a company of mounted cavalrymen into the strike zone. Men entering the shops for work were searched for arms, but Colonel Scott says none was found. Later the soldiers turned to the pickets and found two guns, which are said to have been taken in charge by the cavalrymen.

Late today representatives of the shop crafts were in conference with Colonel Scott, who is making a determined effort to stop all the gun toting both inside and outside of the shops. He declares that this shall be his object while here, to preserve order and secure a pledge from the strikers and Southern Railway employees that all guns must be left at home. He says he has no axe to grind. That he is merely a go-between, a mediator between the two factions, and his highest ambition is to bring about a happy settlement of the controverted points agreeable to all concerned. It is estimated that about 50 new men entered the shops last night and today for service, mostly white men from points north of Washington. It was also noted that an almost equal number of men left the service during the last 24 hours, many of whom stated they were inexperienced in mechanical work. Conditions are very quiet and strikers do not hesitate to converse freely and peacefully with men leaving the service.

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Friday, no change in temperature.