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STRIKERS SHOT DOWN.

THE SHERIFF OF LUZERNE COUNTY AND HIS DEPUTIES WHEN RESISTED BY THE MARCHING MINERS AT HAZLETON

FIRED ON THE MOB.

Twenty-Three Dead More Will Die.

The strike situation, as was expected reached a crisis at Hazleton, Friday afternoon when a band of deputy sheriffs numbering in all 102 fired into the infuriated mob of strikers. The men fell like sheep. The number of killed is twenty-two while it is expected a few more in the hospital will die. The following is an account of what caused the shooting:

The strikers left Hazleton at 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon announcing their intention to go to Lattimer. As soon as this became known a band of deputies was loaded on a trolley car and went whirling across the mountain to the scenes where the bloody conflict followed. After reaching Lattimer they left the car and formed into three companies, under Thomas Hall, E. A. Hess and Samuel B. Pierce. They drew up in line at the edge of the village, with a fence and a line of houses in their rear.

Sheriff Martin was in entire command and stood in the front of the line until the strikers appeared. They were seen coming across the ridge, and Martin went out to meet them.

The men drew up sullenly and listened in silence until he had once more read the riot act. This finished, a low muttering arose among the foreigners and there was a slight movement forward. Perceiving this, the sheriff stepped toward them and in a determined tone forbade the advance.

Some one struck the sheriff and the next moment there was a command to the deputies to fire. The guns of the deputies instantly belched forth a terrible volley. The reports seemed to shake the very mountain and a roar of dismay went up from the people.

The strikers were taken entirely by surprise and as the men toppled and fell over each other, those who remained unhurt stampeded. The men went down before the storm of bullets like tenpins and the groans of the dying and of the wounded filled the air. The excitement that followed was indescribable.

The deputies seemed to be terror-stricken at the deadly execution of their guns and seeing the living strikers fleeing like wild and the others dropping to the earth, they went to the aid of the unfortunates whom they had brought down.

The people of Lattimer rushed pell mell to the scene, but the shrieks of the wounded drowned the cries of the sympathizing and half-crazed inhabitants.

A reporter who soon afterward reached the scene found the road leading to Lattimer filled with groups of frightened Hungarians. Some surrounded dying companions and others, fearful of pursuit, clung to the newcomer and begged his protection.

At Farley's hotel there were two more lying on the porch. Both had been shot in the head, and one had three bullets in him. His groans and appeals for a doctor or death were heartrending. All along the road the wounded men who were able to leave the field of battle scattered themselves and sought the shade of the trees for protection, but there was no need of that then.

Approaching the place where the shooting occurred, people were met wringing their hands and bemoaning the catastrophe. They could not talk intelligently and it was with the greatest difficulty that information could be gleaned.

Along the bank of the trolley road men lay in every position, some dead, others dying. Three bodies, face downward, lay along the incline and three others were but a short distance away. On the other side of the road as many more bodies lay.

As soon as the news of the shooting reached Hazleton there was consternation. Within ten minutes the streets were blocked with excited people. The Lehigh traction company immediately placed a number of extra cars on the Lattimer line and doctors and clergymen responded promptly.

Amid the excitement the deputies turned their attention to the wounded and carried many of them to places where they could be more comfortably treated.

Martin Roski, an intelligent Hun-

garian, from Mount Pleasant, who was shot in the arm, was seen by a reporter on the car coming over, and gave this version of affairs:

"We were going along the road to Lattimer and the deputies were lined across the road, barring our progress. We tried to go through them and did not attempt to hit or molest them, when they fired upon us. We ran but they kept on shooting on us while we ran. It is all their fault."

While there is a feeling by most people that the shooting was an outrage, by many others it is held to have been lawful. Many of them think it was unnecessary. The fact that the Sheriff was knocked down after reading the riot act is undisputed. This is held to be sufficient authority to shoot. To resist the Sheriff after reading the riot act is one of the gravest offenses known to law. It is held by the friends of the Sheriff that the shooting was entirely justifiable, though it might not have been necessary. In the present state of excitement the exact legal status of the affair is receiving little attention.

The Third Brigade of the National Guards is encamped on every point for miles around, and the place is practically under martial law.

Never in its history has Luzerne county been wrought to its present state of excitement. Enormous crowds have thronged the streets of Hazleton since the shooting. Some of the friends of the miners threaten vengeance upon the heads of the deputies. This, however, is not the universal sentiment, as many people uphold the Sheriff.

No one can be found to assume responsibility for the shooting. If anybody gave the command to fire his name cannot be ascertained. The first shot is said to have been sent crashing into the head of a Hungarian by one deputy, and the others followed in his lead. The foreigners did not retaliate, for they were weaponless.

One thing the strikers have accomplished, it was what they were marching for. The 1500 workers at the Lattimer mines, whom they were on the way to meet to induce them to join the strikers' ranks, have laid down their picks and sworn to do no more work until the demands of the men at all the mines in the district have been conceded.

Another important event on Saturday was the issuance of warrants for the arrest of Sheriff Martin and the 102 deputies. These were issued at the instance of the United Hungarian Societies. They were made out in the name of Joseph Mehalte, president of the St. George Society, of which nearly all the dead miners were members. Robert P. Riley, manager of the Anthracite Detective Agency, took charge of the documents. Sheriff Martin, who spent Friday night at his Wilkesbarre home under a strong guard, went to Hazleton Saturday morning with the Ninth Regiment of the Third Brigade. His presence in the town was not known until late in the day. Then it was found that he was still under the guardianship of the soldiers, and he could not be reached.

Saturday afternoon Constables Airey and Gallagher made an effort to arrest A. E. Hess, who led one company of the deputies Friday night, but he had sought shelter within the military lines kept by the Ninth Regiment, and they refused to permit the constables to pass the guard. The warrants charge murder, assault and battery and threatening to kill.

The miners held a big mass meeting at Harwood Saturday afternoon, and adopted resolutions expressing sympathy for "our murdered brothers who were shot down at Lattimer," and continuing thus:

For years we have been oppressed by C. Pardee and Company by the payment of starvation wages. They have deprived us of our liberty by compelling us to deal in their company store. They have forced us to purchase powder at five times its actual value and have otherwise tyrannized us in ways too numerous to mention, so that we are no longer free men, but slaves. We assembled together peacefully and to seek redress for our grievances. Not one man among us was armed. Our mission was not to take human life nor to destroy property, but to go and meet our fellow-employees of the same company at Lattimer, who were in sympathy with us. We were opposed on the public highway and without provocation were shot down like dogs.

"Resolve, That we deplore such resistance to the right to assemble and march. That we look upon such shooting as unprovoked and uncalled

for and that if such slaughter is not murder in law it surely must be before high heaven. That we denounce such action by the Sheriff and his deputies as cruel and willful and cowardly murder.

"We place ourselves before the bar of public opinion and appeal to the good citizens of this State and county and ask them if there was justification or warrant in such assassination.



Portrait of C. H. Fowler.

C. H. Fowler.

Bishop Fowler's Great Lecture.

One of the events of next week connected with the dedication of the new Methodist Episcopal Church will be Bishop Fowler's great lecture on "Abraham Lincoln." It is strongly and unqualifiedly endorsed by the best known men and newspapers of the nation. It is the opportunity of a life-time to hear this great lecture and we feel confident that the Bishop will have a large audience to hear him.

Special Railroad arrangements have been made for those living in nearby towns. Persons from Berwick and Danville and all intervening points will be returned home after the lecture on the D. L. & W. R.R. by special train. Persons living in Benton and all intervening points will be returned after the lecture by a special train on the Bloomsburg and Sullivan R.R. Fare for the round trip as follows: Benton, 50cts; Orangeville, 40cts; Light Street, 25cts.

A Good Scheme.

We clip the following from the Lock Haven Democrat, which, if adopted by the local management, might assist them in placing a team in the field next season. It is as follows:

"Considerable interest is being manifested as to what plan has been adopted to maintain a base ball club in this city next season. The plan is this: To issue shares worth twenty dollars to subscribers. Those purchasing shares can pay the one-twentieth part every week from October 1 until March 1. From assurances already given, and judging by the number of supporters who hold guarantee tickets this season it is believed that from 100 to 150 shares will be taken. If this belief is realized, there will have been paid into the treasury by March 1 from \$2,000 to \$3,000. This sum, with the gate receipts, will support a club next season without any further soliciting. To ascertain how many will take shares, solicitors will probably make the rounds next week, or shortly after, and will interview our citizens. If the proper assurances are given, an organization of shareholders will be effected about October 1."

It is likely that Milton will adopt the same method.

Court Proceedings.

A short session of Court was held Monday morning. President Judge Ikeler and Associate Fox were on the bench.

George Fenstermacher appointed guardian of Ralph, a minor child of Eudora Fenstermacher.

Danville Stove Works vs. Anna M. Berninger. Rule granted to show cause why judgment should not be opened.

J. W. Christman vs. Keystone Foundry & Machine Company. Judgment for want of an affidavit of defense for \$380.55.

Adjourned till next Monday at nine o'clock a. m.

While Dennis Brink was driving Miss Annie Jameson to the D. L. & W. Depot, to meet the 12.27 train Friday afternoon, a bolt holding one end of the shafts came loose, allowing it to drop down and touch the animal's heels. This served to frighten the horse, and while jumping around the carriage was upset. The driver still held the reins, but was unable to stop the horse at once and they were dragged along the road for a considerable distance. The two occupants received several scratches, but were not seriously injured.

The regular September term of Court will commence one week from next Monday.

School Clothes for Boys.

Mothers, we've made extremely good preparations for your boy who is ready to start to school. We've gathered together from the leading makers of the Best Clothing Manufacturing Centers in the Union, [New York, Rochester, Philadelphia,] what we consider is unquestionably the strongest line of Boys' Suits in north eastern Pennsylvania. As strong as this statement, we're ready and willing to back it up if you but give us the opportunity. Cloth and labor, as you well know, have been and are advancing rapidly. Fortunately for you, and as we placed our orders early in the summer at the old prices, hence are able to sell to you the same way while the first shipments last. We've already been notified that later duplicates will not be filled at old prices. The Boys' Suits are here, at least first shipments of certain lots, and it'll surprise you what little money can do in the way of boys' Suit buying.

Some Hints are Here.

Boys' suits of neat grey mixed goods, double breasted, sizes 4 to 14, (4 to 8 with large sailor collar) were made regular \$1.50 grade, at

98 cts.

BOYS' SUITS of all wool fancy plaid cloth, strongly made nice fitting, sizes 4 to 14 (4 to 8 with beautifully braided sailor collar) a regular \$2.50 suit at

\$1.98.

A special lot of Boys' Fancy Plaid Suits, ages 4 to 14 (4 to 8 with braided sailor collar) well made, perfect fitting, goods that command \$3.50 at any store, this lot

\$2.50.

Largest, Finest and Best Clothing House in this section. Retailers of Everything to Wear for Men or Boys.

GIDDING & CO.

Nearly Opp. Court House.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

SUPPOSED MURDER.

The Lifeless Body of Bent Cole Found in His Mother's Barn at Benton.

The village of Benton with its population of about one thousand was thrown into a great fit of excitement on Sunday morning over the discovery of the dead body of Bent Cole, a young man aged about twenty-two years, lying at the foot of the steps in his mother's barn with a gaping bullet hole in his stomach.

Young Cole was last seen alive on Friday. He came down to Bloomsburg on that day, and went home on the up train in the evening. After he arrived home he was seen in the store of Alred McHenry; that was the last seen of him alive. Where he went to after he left the store, no one is able to say.

The body was found by J. F. Wright, a brother-in-law of the dead man. There were no signs of a struggle, and it is the universal opinion of the people that he had met with foul play, that he had been murdered somewhere outside and his body carried into the barn, to prevent discovery.

A. W. Wilkinson, Justice of the Peace, empaneled a jury consisting of George Yost, C. L. Davis, W. H. Smith, S. S. Harvey, J. D. Fullmer, and D. E. Keeler. They made a thorough examination of the body, and the premises, and after hearing what evidence there was concerning the case rendered a verdict that the young man had met his death by a gunshot wound in the stomach by the hand or hands of some person or persons unknown.

Young Cole was a son of George Cole, who died last fall. He lived with his widowed mother, and was employed as a section hand on the Bloomsburg & Sullivan Railroad.

It was rumored on Monday that a man suspected of having committed the crime had boarded the early train for Bloomsburg. This however was found to be untrue.

There are many theories or clues advanced, but if the case is one of murder as it is generally supposed to be, the murderer, whoever he is, has to all appearance effectually covered up his tracks.

The funeral took place from the home at two o'clock, Monday afternoon.

FUNERAL OF BISHOP RULISON.

In anticipation of the arrival of the body from Europe, the announcement is officially made that the order for the burial of the dead will be said over the remains of the Rt. Rev. Nelson Somerville Rulison, D.D., late Bishop of Central Pennsylvania in the church of Nativity, at South Bethlehem, Pa., tomorrow, the seventeenth at two o'clock p. m. Should there be any delay in the arrival of the body notice of postponement will be given in the Philadelphia morning papers.

Prof. Coles of Kingston, in his *Storms and Signs*, for September, makes the following prognostications: "Strange phenomena will occur in the heavens this month and several awe-inspiring sunrise and sunset scenes. A very pretty sight will be that of Venus and the moon within two degrees of each other in the early morning on Thursday, the 23d instant. There will be several fine meteoric displays and the falling of one large meteor to the earth. Strange phenomenal electrical displays, caused by the magnetic current, will cause consternation in some localities. On the 22d the sun enters sign Libra and autumn then begins. Earth now being in the 'Heaven of Religion,' may cause religious wars, terrible massacres, riots and panics."

The Veterans, Sons of Veterans and all friends of the soldiers are solicited and expected to convene at Catawissa on Saturday 25th inst. We expect that Berwick, Bloomsburg, Espy, Light Street, Millville, Orangeville and the soldiers of the county will be at the veteran town of Catawissa, and as many of the Sons of Veterans as possible. We should not forget the Ladies' Relief Corps and Daughters of Veterans. It was the heroines—mothers, wives and daughters—who made us heroes and instilled within us courage to go forth to battle for the Flag, the Union and the welfare of our Country. We hope the skies will be bright on that day. Come one. Come all.

VETERAN.

The trouble at Hazleton seems to have quieted down, but the troops are still there, and will remain until all danger of an outbreak shall have passed.