

A PASSIVE VOLCANO.

Which, However, Is by No Means Extinct, and Only Awaits a Fit Moment to BURST INTO AN ERUPTION.

Conservative Labor Leaders Have a Hard Struggle to Restrain the Hot Heads.

ALL EXCITED BY THE EVIDENCE

Protected at the Inquest Tending to Show That the Shooting Was Without Strong Provocation.

MONSTER MASS MELTING POSTPONED.

Coke Operators Express Fears That the Trouble Will Be Worse Than Ever if the Military Is Reluctantly Withdrawn.

ADJUTANT GENERAL McCLELLAND ON THE SCENE

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

T. PLEASANT, April 3.—The Connellville coke region is still in a state of uncertainty as to the outcome of the great strike, which has stagnated the trade for so many weeks. That portion of the coke region in Westmoreland county is now under military control, and will remain so until there is positive assurance that no repetition of Thursday morning's tragedy will occur.



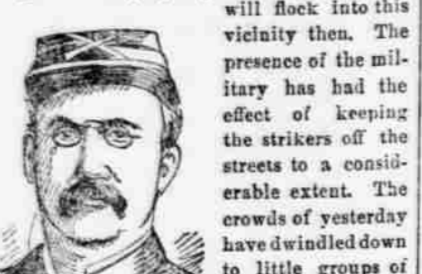
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troops in and about Mt. Pleasant has not entirely relieved the anxiety of the people. While the soldiers are here, no further trouble is anticipated at Morewood, or any of the nearby works.

When serious trouble is feared, but a few days of the present, quiet may

on the more conservative policy of the heads of the labor organizations. Secret emissaries are at work all through the county among the men at the various works. Mt. Pleasant has been decided upon as a center of operations, and only the persistent appeals of the labor leaders prevented the gathering of a great army of strikers here to-day. All manner of rumors are current to-day about what the strikers propose to do, though nothing definite is known.

Sunday May Not Be a Day of Rest. Sunday is looked forward to with some apprehension, as it is expected that workmen in sympathy with the strikers will flock into this vicinity then.



Colonel Smith, of the Eighteenth.

There are no longer any loud arguments heard about the correct status of the full situation of affairs the prospect would appear as favorable as could be desired; but to others who understand the full situation this sudden subsiding of the demonstrative element is not regarded as a favorable omen.

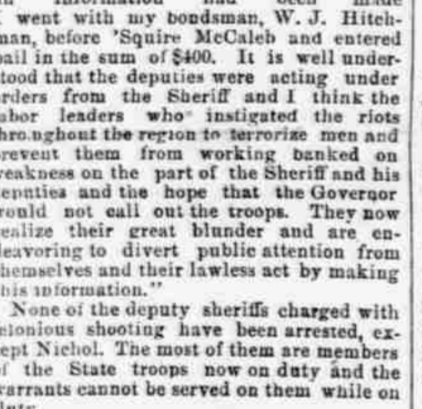
The testimony taken before the Coroner has not tended to support the arguments of those who look for a cessation of hostilities. The evidence has gone largely to show that the shooting of the strikers at Morewood was not necessary to protect the company's property. A crowd of the strikers' friends has listened to all the testimony, and the news is carried quickly all over the coke region.

Operators Not at All Confident. The operators themselves are anything but confident of the outlook. General Manager John Brennan, of the McClure Coke Company, was here to-day. He stated that he had just notified Sheriff McCormick, of Fayette county, that the company no longer felt it necessary to protect the county authorities for protection to the county authorities.

Should any damage be done to the works Mr. Brennan says the firm will hold the county responsible for it. "When we find that we cannot protect our own property," said he, "the county should stand responsible for it. In Westmoreland county our work is under the protection of the State and will remain so until the serious aspect of the strike is past. General Manager Thomas Lynch, of the Frick Company, was asked this afternoon what he thought of the outlook. "I cannot say anything about it," he replied. "No, I was not arrested. When I read in the papers this morning that an information had been made I went with my bondsmen W. J. Hitehman, before Squier McClelland and entered bail in the sum of \$400. It is well understood that the deputies were acting under orders from the Sheriff and I think the labor leaders who instigated a riot throughout the region to terrorize men and prevent them from working banked on weakness on the part of the Sheriff and his deputies and the hope that the Governor would not call out the troops. They now realize their error and have been endeavoring to divert public attention from themselves and their lawless act by making this information."

None of the duty sheriffs charged with felonious shooting have been arrested, except Nichol. The most of them are members of the State troops now on duty and the warrants cannot be served on them while on duty.

Will Not Be Admitted to Bail. "Square McClelland states, however, that they will be arrested as soon as the troops are called off. He will not admit them to bail and they will all have to go to jail to await court trial. Mt. Pleasant to-day has the aspect of a besieged city. A regular patrol keeps guard over the place while on every hand companies of soldiers are marching



THE SCENE OF THE SLAUGHTER.

of the Tenth, and has his headquarters at the log house where Company C is stationed. The headquarters are snug enough, but the other soldier boys on guard feel rather blue over the prospects of not sleeping much. Companies B and I are in the engine room, and about the time anybody feels like sleeping the freeman decides that it is time to leave in a little while. It is expected that to-morrow better preparations will be made for the accommodation of the guard. The Morewood company has made no attempt to do any work since the trouble yesterday morning, but Superintendent Morris Ramsey says they will probably do some work to-day. However, if any movement is made by the strikers they will doubtless postpone it until Monday.

The Hardships of the Eighteenth. At an early hour this morning the members of the Eighteenth Regiment tumbled out of their improvised beds—or no beds at all—in the coaches on the Baltimore and Ohio and had breakfast. Campfires were soon alight on either side of the railroad, and large coffee pots set near to the coaches as the pickets would allow them. At the little brook dozens of the spidier boys bared their heads and took a drink of the cold water bath; apparently they were enjoying themselves. They acted like a lot of school boys out for a picnic, rather than men who had just been called upon to face a mob of a thousand strikers.

The members of the Eighteenth took to the soldiers' life like veterans, and before 7 o'clock they were sitting on the ground, and wood was being chopped for more. Through some lucky chance, perhaps somebody else's mischievous company, a lot of a hard-boiled headquarters secured another, so that there was not much want of good eating for dinner. Company F, Captain William A. W. Linn, did guard duty to-day, and as a consequence missed the first dress parade, which occurred promptly at 5 o'clock.

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To-day at the time of the proposed meeting the Eighteenth was prepared to move, at a moment's notice, but there proved to be no cause for anxiety. Company I, of the Eighteenth, the McKeesport company, arrived this forenoon under command of Captain O. C. Cunningham, and the Eighteenth Regiment remained in its train all day.

The noon train brought Adjutant General McClelland, who came direct from Chicago on the Governor's order. He contradicted the rumor that the troops were only supplied with blank cartridges, stating that they were fully equipped with ball cartridges. At 2 o'clock a conference was held at the National Hotel, at which Brigadier General Wiley, Adjutant General McClelland, Colonel Hawkins, Colonel Hamilton, ex-Governor Latta, General Manager Lynch, of the Frick Coke Company, and several others were present. After a talk over the general situation it was decided not to distribute the troops about the works in this vicinity without further developments. The Tenth Regiment is doing the active duty, while the Eighteenth lies in wait for future orders.

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puties in a peculiar manner. The majority of the men about the Morewood coke works were made Deputy Sheriffs and went about armed. Now that the military is in possession there is no use for the deputies, and of course there is no use now for the strikers to be armed. Weapons will be issued for all these men known to carry revolvers, or knives, on the charge of carrying concealed weapons. "That is the way we will settle the matter," said District Master Workman "Wise" to a DISPATCH reporter to-day. "Not one of the dead men or one of the strikers who were wounded was found to be armed, and we don't propose to go out daily and see our enemies armed while we are not."

"Nobody but cowards will arm themselves in times of this kind, and it is not well for any of our men to be found carrying weapons of any sort. Just as soon as possible we propose to have the other side disarmed, and murder will not be so easy. The stories about knives and broken guns stuck found on the scene of the trouble were made from whole cloth, as nothing but canes or clubs were found there, unless the deputies put them there themselves."

WORK AND MOVEMENTS OF THE BRAVE SOLDIER LADDIES. Some of Them Find Difficulty in Securing Quarters and Provisions—Everything Proceeding Very Smoothly for the First Day on Duty.

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Mt. Pleasant, April 3.—The military is in complete control at the Frick Company's works at Morewood, and blue-coated sentries pace to and fro in every direction. Five companies, averaging about 50 men each, are on duty there. Companies B and I are at the main station of the works under command of Captain Laird. Companies D and H are located down at the lower shaft, and C is in the old log house just beyond the Morewood store, on the road to Stonewille. Colonel Hawkins has charge of this division

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WILLING WITNESSES

Testify That the Victims Were Shot Down Without Provocation.

THE PROGRESS OF THE INQUEST.

Sheriff Clawson Represented by Ex-Governor Latta as Counsel.

ALL THE SYMPATHY WITH THE COKERS

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Mt. Pleasant, April 3.—At 8 o'clock this morning the Coroner's inquest over the bodies of the dead strikers was continued.

At the opening the attendance was not great, but it gradually increased until the hall was crowded to its utmost capacity. The men were decidedly in sympathy with the strikers, and all testimony tending to go against the deputies was received with nods of approval and sometimes applause. The labor leaders and their attorney, Mr. Deacon, were present when the inquest opened, and later Sheriff Clawson and his counsel, ex-Governor Latta, of Greensburg, appeared.

The first witness called was John Row-baker, now employed at the works. He was not present at the time of the trouble and his only testimony was that he has never been disturbed by the strikers.

Witness said he heard no command to fire, and as he crawled under the bridge to escape the bullets, Donn said he had no intention of joining the mob, but some of the strikers named in the report had entered his house about 2 o'clock and compelled him to get out of bed and go with the crowd.

Grant Barr, of Stonewille, the first man to see the shooting, testified that he was at Morewood with the strikers as they came from Donnelly and Stonewille. He says they were two or three shots fired while the strikers were in the crowd.

He heard no threats and had heard some strikers caution them to keep off the company's property, but he was not fired upon. For half a minute after the firing the deputies ran. He saw four dead and one wounded man. He came to town for a doctor for the injured man, but he died before he reached the hospital.

Witness says the strikers did not shoot. He saw the flash come from the direction of the crowd, but he did not see any firing. He saw no damage to the company's buildings. The crowd was taken entirely by surprise. He had no arms on him, and the strikers had no arms, he says.

After the shooting, he was halted on the public road by Mr. Ramsey, as one of the guards, whom he told he was going to Mr. Pleasant's house.

Guards and Guns on the Road. The guard carried a gun and was standing on the sidewalk 100 yards from the store and opposite Mr. Ramsey's house. There were two other men with Mr. Ramsey, all of whom he saw. He did not know which Ramsey it was, but knew it was not Morris Ramsey. The man wore a sandy beard. He heard one deputy say that there was no shooting, but that the strikers had taken the crowd.

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