

LIKE REAL SLAVES.

Colored Laborers Near Wilkesbarre Are Held to Their Tasks

AT THE MUZZLE OF REVOLVERS.

They Say Their Employer Broke Faith, and They Want to Quit.

DRIVEN TO VIOLENCE BY CREDITY

New York, Sept. 5.—A Wilkesbarre special to the Herald says: Serious trouble is threatened on the Wilkesbarre and Eastern Railroad about eight miles from Easton and 25 from this city, with 300 negroes who are under contract as day laborers.

The scene of the trouble is in the heart of a mountainous, sparsely settled district, thickly wooded, and though but eight miles away from a large city, there are few evidences of any civilization and no communication with town except by the railroad itself, cut through gullies and ravines and along the precipitous sides of the mountains over narrow paths, former Indian trails.

Unless the men know the route it would be a hard matter for them to find their way out to Pittston, Laffin or Overa, small towns within 15 or 20 miles.

The railroad company has let out contracts for leveling the forest and preparing the route for the track. The work is very arduous, much of it being on the mountain side and is necessarily slow.

The one at the bottom of the trouble, Contractor Thomas Conway has charge of the building of about ten miles of the route, and he is the man who has caused the trouble.

Three months ago, when work was begun near the point where the trouble is, Conway brought up from Virginia these negroes to work for him. The men say they were attracted to the place by the alluring promises of the contractor. He said he would give them \$1.50 a day, pay their fare to Wilkesbarre and feed and clothe them until they were able to pay him back in small monthly installments.

Under these promises, and after signing contracts for six months, the men came here. They say they were compelled to walk eight miles back into the mountains, carrying heavy tools with them. When they arrived at the camp, one biscuit of hard-tack and a tin cup of weak coffee were given to each of them for their supper.

At night they were lodged in long, dirty wooden sheds with no bed but the hard floor and no bed clothing at all.

The next day at 5 o'clock in the morning they were awakened, and after a breakfast like the supper which had been served, they were put to work. At the end of the first month there was an outbreak about the question of wages. Instead of \$1.50 a day they were paid \$1.25, and the contractor wanted to deduct from \$10 to \$20 from their salaries for getting them there.

Held to Work at the Pistol Point. As this announcement was made several of the more decided men threw down their shovels and pickaxes and refused to work any longer.

A show of pistols and bullets was made by the men, and they were retired to their sheds. While they were holding a consultation the foreman hastily sent a messenger to Pittston, and warrants were sworn out before Squire Zeigler, of Smithville, for the arrest of several of the leaders of the laborers. The charge was assault and battery.

With the warrants and five men armed with Winchester and Remington rifles, who had been let from among street loafers, the messenger returned to the camp. The warrants were held over the heads of the leaders with the threat that if they did not go to work the next day they would be jailed.

That night 12 of the men deserted the camp. The foreman and several assistants, mounted on mules, gave chase and headed off the deserters near Overa, and they were taken back to the camp. One of the laborers had a revolver concealed about him, and as they neared camp he drew it and fired on the foreman. Several bullets passed through Contractor Emerson's clothes. The pistol was taken away from the laborer and he was taken away, and, it is said, severely punished.

The Negroes Break Out in Rebellion. When the colored man's companions learned of the harsh treatment he had received, they became greatly enraged. They gathered and started to break their way to the foreman. He had a revolver, and when they approached he commanded them to disperse and return to work. A volley of sticks and stones and several shots, accompanied with a revolver, were fired at them, and they fled.

From that time on to the present the outbreaks were frequent, and several men managed to leave the camp and escape, without wages or any remuneration, for the work they had done except the poor food they had managed to exist upon.

THEY ARE STILL FIGHTING.

Young Mrs. Perry Yesterday Enters Suit Against Her Aged Husband. Kate Perry entered suit before Alderman Donovan yesterday charging her husband, Thomas Perry, with assault and battery.

It is a continuation of a family quarrel that has been fraught with many sensational features and numerous cross suits. He is 65 years of age and she is only 23 years old. He is jealous of her.

The two live at 4435 Penn avenue. He is quite wealthy. She is already under a charge of assault and battery preferred by him, she having struck him in the face with her clenched fist at the conclusion of a hearing in Alderman Kerry's court. She alleges after their little set-to she followed her home and gave her a beating. He gave \$300 bail for a hearing Thursday.

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THEATER EMPLOYEES STRIKE!

Several of the Stage Hands at the Duquesne and Alvin Quit Work—Their Places Filled and Both Houses Made Non-Union—Varleys Held for Court.

The united unions of theatrical employees tried last evening to prevent the raising of the curtains in the Duquesne and Alvin theaters, but failed, and have made both of those houses non-union. To each house a number of the stage hands quit work, but their places were at once filled.

David Henderson, the lessee of the Duquesne Theater, came to the city to look after the opening of the house, and yesterday the scale of the American Federation for the ushers, lithographers, juniors and treasurer was presented to him. He refused to sign it and renewed his offer to submit the theater to the committee. In the evening, when the time came to prepare the stage for the opening of Keene's Richard III, the stage carpenter, the property man and the scene shifters walked out of the house. Their action had been forestalled, and the other men were ready to take their places.

The play is a best one, with many changes of complicated scenery, but there was no hitch during the evening, and the audience had no idea that there was anything unusual going on behind the curtain.

At the Alvin Theater the unions again demanded that Mr. Davis should sign the scale of the K. of L. for the stage and the Federation for the front of the house. He refused to do so, and in the evening three of his stage hands quit. Their places were filled, and the production of "The Charity Ball" was not interfered with.

The result is that these two leading houses are non-union. They will probably remain so. Mr. Henderson said last evening that not one man who went out would be taken back.

John and George Varley, the bill posters who were arrested on complaint of Mr. Keene's manager for tearing down lithographs, were given an hearing yesterday morning by Alderman McKenna. They were held for court under \$300 each. They secured bail.

PARADE AT KENSINGTON.

The Young City Celebrates Labor Day in Grand Style.

Despite the inclement weather the firemen's picnic and parade came off at Kensington. The parade started about 2 o'clock. At the head was Chief Marshal J. S. McKean, followed by a troop of horsemen. Next came the police force, led by Chief Badham, and then followed the Emerald Band, of Pittsburgh, leading the Millvale Fire Department, under Chief Scott, the Sharpsburg Band, and the two fire companies under Chief Meyer, the Kensington Fire Department, numbering 30 men, led by Assistant Chief Sands, the Kensington Band, the carpenters in charge of Horton and Reed, and the painters, under J. H. Downing, followed by a number of artisans, who brought up the rear.

Went Out to See and Was Seen. George Chadwick, an Allegheny bricklayer, complained yesterday to Alderman Braun that a fellow boarder known as "Shorty" Tetzal had robbed him of \$36 while the two were taking in the town during the preceding night. Tetzal was arrested and sent to jail for a hearing this morning. No money was found on him.

Two Boys Charged With Theft. Frank and Frederick Wild, boys from Soho, were arrested yesterday by Inspector McLaughlin and looked up in the Fourteenth ward station charged with larceny. It is alleged by the inspector that the boys stole a lot of copper from a Baltimore and Ohio freight car at Soho several weeks ago.

Allegheny Police Work.

During August the Allegheny police made 324 arrests, of whom 43 were sent to jail, 204 to the workhouse, 10 to jail for court trial, 94 were dismissed, 124 paid fines and 1 gave bail for court. The fines and costs collected amounted to \$1,117.50.

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