HORRORS OF MINING CAMP

"Mother" Jones Tells of Mine Guards Brutality---Women Kicked and Turned Out in the Cold-Senators Debate Peonage and "Russianism."

Washington, May 16.—Further communications regarding peonage and "Russianism" in West Virginia reached Senator Kern yesterday. presented harrowing pictures of pre-vailing conditions and pleaded for an investigation by a Congressional Com-

Legal experts in the Senate devoted an hour and a half to discussing the situation. No conclusion as to mar-tial law and the power of military tribunals was reached. The matter

went over until tomorrow afternoon.

Mother Jones sat in the gallery of the Senate and listened to the dis-cussion of affairs in West Virginia. In describing the brutality witnessed by her in West Virginia, she said: MOTHER JONES'S STORY.

"I saw a woman named Sylvia, who had been so terribly kicked by the mine guards, when she was about to become a mother, that her child was

"I saw three married women and one single girl of seventeen years penned up in the military bastile of the free state of West Virginia while guards marched outside. These women were in mortal terror. They were submitted to indignities that are almost in conceivable in this free

"I saw women and their babies thirty or more of them—driven out of their miserable mine company shacks at Marcy, which go under the title of homes, forced to sleep under the sky in cold weather, until we, the miners organization, got tents for them.

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by the guards.
"Outside the bull pen, in which I was until last week, I have seen hus-bands; I have seen children weeping in their mothers' arms, pleading for a chance to speak with their fathers. But the guards turned a deaf ear to all the entreaties and sent the women

away.
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"Big, strong men have come to me pleading for help. They came by nightt, for they knew that the mine guards would blackjack them in the

"I have known of cases of boys shanghaied for mine work. I have seen the asylums fill because of the terrible system that sapped soul and

"I know that the authorities have "I know that the authorities have threatened to arrest two newspaper men if they came within the martial law zone, but I do know that this story is now going out to the civilized world, and that the press cannot be blocked by such methods.

SAYS WOMEN WERE SHOT IN FIGHT. W. R. Farley, in outlining condi-

"I found only a few weeks ago in the Paint Creek district the case of a 25 at all stores. seventeen-year-old girl, named Clay-pool, forced by the guards to wade an ice-cold stream rather than take a road to the bridge a short distance

away.
"I saw another woman, whose feet had been shot by the guards. She will be a cripple for life. She was hidden behind her own door in a back room. Her husband, a miner in the Paint Creek district, had hidden himself in the cellar. Baldwin guards deliberately fired on the house. The bullets ricocheted through four rooms, struck a Bible and a table and finally offense was nothing. Hers was-the Lord knows what.

"I know of still another case where the guards in the Paint Creek district were beating a husband to death when the wife interfered. They turned on her. She was in a delicate con-When her child was born it was dead.

"I know that for years the mine guards have been stopping strangers as they got off the trains throughout the coal field districts. They asked the visitor's business. If he did not answer, or if the answer was unsatisfactory, he was told: Get back on the train, or, if the train had moved on he was ordered to keep going down the track and 'to be d-d sharp about it.

"The stranger kept going because every few miles another guard warn ed him that he must continue his

"I know the homes of the mine companies are shacks unfit for human Williams. beings to dwell in. I know this because I have lived in them. I know that the guard system, which is only now coming to light, has been in force for years. I know that the bru-

that the miners of West Virginia are earning far less than the miners of any other section. They are extremely poor. There is never a penny left over after the brass checks have been turned in at the company stores for food under penalty of dismissal if any trading is done elsewhere."

"Generally debilitated for years. Had sick headache, lacked ambition, was worn out and all rnn down. Burdock Blood Bitters made me a well woman".--Mrs. Chas. Freltoy,

For Dying Cantaloupe Vines.

The home grown cantalouph vines.

The home grown cantalouph is a favorite article of food with most persons, but fruit growers have difficulty in producing it to perfection because of the dangers of diseases. Many persons have written to State Zoolejat.

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"The other cause of the sudden wilting of cucumbers and melons is the larva or grub of the striped cucumber peetle eating away the surface of the roots- This causes the entire plant to wither almost suddenly as if scalded. The leaves remain green but dry like hay. They do not become black and discolored as in the case of the case of the disease known as the blight, and the body of the vine itself

bullets ricocheted through four rooms, struck a Bible and a table and finally wounded the woman. Her husband's offense was nothing. Hers was—the

tality of these guards is beyond de- Should be kept in every home. 25c

Considered Simplest Grip in Wrestling Business.

Champion Frank Gotch Won American Title First Time by Means of This Combination—Gives Powerful Leverage.

HE half nelson is the primal hold in wrestling. It is considered the simplest grip in the business, yet it is important, for an infinite number of combinations may be secured in conjunction with it. The most important of these is the crotch,

been cautioned to avoid—the toe hold—but that proved his downfall. When



Over the State

Johnstown.—In spite of the recent heavy rains, the water situation in the northern part of the county is growing acute. The Northern Cambria. Water Co.'s system, which has its source in the newly constructed reservoir at Nicktown, is said to be nearly a complete failure for some reason, many consumers having been without water for weeks. The Miners' hospital at Spangler is one of the places seriously affected by the prevailing shortage. There is talk of abandoning the reservoir system and drilling wells for a supply. The newly organized Citizens' Water Co. will investigate the feasibility of the plan. Philadelphia.—Caspar Knobel, last Johnstown .- In spite of the recent

Uniontown.—Louis Eberhart, aged 97, who died at Monongahela township, Green county, Pa., spent his life, according to relatives, on his farm. He was never on a train, steamboat or street car, although he lived a mile and a half from the Monongahela river and the same distance from the Monongahela railroad. A log house was his home the greater part of his life.

The Senate passed the Jones bill prohibiting shooting rife bullets but those inade of soft lead, except on Properly protected rife ranges.

The McNichol bill prohibiting daming or ebstructing of streams without the consent of the State Water Supply Commission, also passed finally.

Tax Receiver Bill Fails.

By a vote of 13 to 8 the Senate townships and laid it over fer future action.

The bill regulating legal advertising in newspapers in counties of less than 50,000 population was dropped from the calendar.

The House passed eighteen bills on first reading, including the Clark bill, establishing commission government for third-class cities, and the Wildman bill for a commission to study government.

HOME RULE BILL PASSES SENATE

Authorizes Each City to Adopt and Amend Its Own Charter

FORBIDS DAMS IN STREETS

Keren Bill from the House to Prohibit Shooting of Quail Defeated-Would Not Result in Increase of Number

Monongahela railroad. A log house was his home the greater part of his life.

Pittsburg.—Patrick Butler, aged 45 of Garford Hill, went to see his sister, who lives in Millvale avenue, near the Pennsylvania railroad, and while there met John Carney, aged 38, who had come from Ireland several days ago. It is said Butler and Carney were enemies in the old country and they renewed hostilities. Bricks were used it is alleged, and within a short time a crowd was about the house and on the Ben Venue bridge. Butler and Carney were arrested.

Kittanning.—J. Raymond Pacovsky, former manager of the Foreign Exchange bank of this place, who was convicted in 1910 on charges of embezzlement in the Armstrong County courts, and who was confined in the Western penitentiary, was released by Judge Lubn H Pather. The application of receiver and their administration of receiver and their administration of receivers and their administration of receivers.

give counties \$2,300,000 every two years, the share which the State is new receiving. He added that the House had already passed the Mess bill to give the State but 5 per cent

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S. B. Scott, Philadelphia, called attention to the fact that 5 per cent was generally used up in expense so that the effect of the bill would be to give counties 100 per cent.

The companion bill, relating to indebtedness to be created by first class cities for public improvemen.s, was postponed.

Fee Abolisher Out.

The Irwin bill, to establish salaries for county efficials in all counties having less than 150,000 population, was put on the calendar notwithstanding negative action by the committee on

for third-class cities, and the Wildman bill for a commission to study government in such cities and report to the next Legislature.

The administration "blue sky" bill, regulating-sales of stocks and bonds, passed by 153 to 3.

Other bills passed included:
Requiring affidavits of price paid to be made to deeds for real estate in Philadelphia.

Changing certain main highway routes.