THE VIRDEN COAL RIOT

The Long Expected Rupture Between Miners Breaks Out.

SCENES OF SAVAGERY AND BRUTALITY.

[illegible] Fanner Runs the Gauntlet on the Backs of Horses in Obstructing Full Into the Hands of Maddened Men.

Virden, Ill., Oct. 12.—The little town of Virden is comparatively quiet tonight after a day of riot and bloodshed, the long-expected clash between the non-unionists and imported miners [illegible].

At 12:40 this afternoon a Chicago & Alton special train, bearing 200 negro miners from the South, arrived at the stockade around the Chicago-Virden Coal company's mines and immediately the battle began. The fire at 12 [illegible] which twilight claimed seven dead and eighteen wounded.

DEAD.

[illegible] Springfield.
[illegible] Springfield.
Alfred Smith, Mt. Olive.
[illegible] Mt. Olive.
[illegible] Mt. Olive.
Broad Kenner, Mt. Olive.
J. H. Somerville, Girard.
[illegible] Chicago and Alton brakeman.

WOUNDED.

Jack Athel, Mt. Olive.
Gustav Wrasch, Mt. Olive.
[illegible] Springfield.
[illegible] Girard, shot in leg.
Joe Hunt, Girard, shot in stomach.
William Herman, Girard, shot in [illegible].
Joe Barnett, Mt. Olive, shot in stomach.
Joe Bruno, Mt. Olive, shot in arm.
Harry Tight, engineer C. & A., shot in [illegible].
J. H. Hinton, superintendent Chicago Terminal railway, shot and beaten.

In the two weeks rumors have reached Virden daily that a train having on board from Atlanta would reach the junction of the Chicago & Alton in this city, and the Chicago & Alton has been surrounded day and night by a force of miners determinedly awaiting the arrival.

Today the Chicago & Alton limited, due to pass here at 10 o'clock, shot through on time to Chicago, no hindrance being offered to the fast train. But later in the day a special was following, [illegible] the word was carried and a train was set to remove from the city [illegible], while another crowd collected at the entrance of the stockade, but a mile north of the station. D. H. Kitz, engineer of the Chicago & Alton, detected guards in the switch at the south end of the switch platform to see that it was not tampered with.

FINAL SHOTS.

At 12:40 the special train passed the station, and shots were fired from the south end of the train, announcing the special's arrival. Immediately shots were fired from the south of the train and middle, and the battle was on.

A few minutes after the train had passed the switch where Kirby was stationed and while he was talking with an officer, he threw up his arms and dropped dead with a bullet through his brain. It was the first man killed.

The train continued to the stockade, the miners firing into it all along the route, and the negro passengers responding with a fusillade of shots. The moment the train reached the stockade, the miners opened a fusillade fire with Winchesters, revolvers and Sharpes of all descriptions. The negroes on the train were covered with a steady fire. The engineer and the train were uncoupled in a couple of minutes, and the engine pulled like a frightened [illegible].

Engineer Burt Tyler received a bullet in the arm and dropped from his seat. His fireman, Charles Hunter, was pulled in again, and with a lock the train was pulled round, carrying a load of wounded negro passengers, mostly [illegible]. Hunter was soon shot dead. The train crew escaped at the stockade by the cab door. In the stockade the negroes did not cross the firing line.

The men in the stockade was filled with sharpshooters armed with Winchesters, and they were ready to shoot the moment the crowd of strike miners. For witnesses say the dead miners were piled near the train, had not passed.

FRIGHTFUL CRIMS.

The scalpel and precision stare of the Chicago Virden Coal Company is [illegible] Over the Company's [illegible] company, with headquarters J. P. Rowe is charge. At 2 o'clock after the firing of the stockade had ceased, an attempt was made to get the wounded out of the building. Two men on Kirby's [illegible] ran out on State street, one block west of the depot, which will probably [illegible].

He was sitting in his store when his employee came and he was instructed to go with the wounded to secure place. Time and money, there is no doubt, Rowe jumped into his delivery wagon, and drawing two horses, rushed them to the depot. Two wounded men had been placed in the wagon and one had been shot through the lung, when the cry was heard that the negroes had taken possession of the stores and with him. With a rush a dozen of infuriated miners pressed toward the wagon.

Rowe rushed a member with a revolver to each hand. The miners pressed hard after him, and as Rowe drove through the [illegible] the miners fired a volley at him. He drove to the top of his building and placed behind a chimney, while the wounded men were taken and placed in a safe place. Soon a negro, Chico Ross from the brick chimney, and Rowe ran from cover to the roof of another building, where he stayed hidden for an hour. Then they crawled to the roof of the back of Virden, where he finally was recovered.

Rowe was during from a wound in his side, but with dogged determination, against terrible odds he continued to fight. Jumping to the roof of the bank building above the hatch door, he protected himself behind a chimney from the fire of the building he had just left, and emptied the twelve chambers of his two revolvers.

Then, jumping from cover, Rowe darted ahead and the rain of bullets on the roof of the Wood building, the upper story of which is known as Mozart hall. He other fell, or he dropped through the skylight and landed in the attic of a crowd of miners, who seized him and carried him downstairs to the street. Other hands seized the almost unconscious man, and he was dragged into the middle of the street.

Here the crowd drew back the crowd had formed a ring and the negro stood across the street and laid him on the street. Rowe was unconscious and nearly dead.

In a few minutes he was seen to raise his hand and wipe the blood from his face. Two men sprang at him, and with the frenzy of tigers, began pounding on his body and striking him on the head with clubs. With a fresh angry roar the crowd surged into the center to kill Rowe. The police charged in a body and fought their way to the center of the mob, where they took a stand over the prostrate form of the bleeding man. A carrier was procured and Rowe was taken to the Rudolph hotel. He had been shot through the groin, and is terribly battered up about the head. The physicians say that he has fairly a chance for recovery.

The dead miners were removed from the vicinity of the stockade to Smith and Perry station, and the wounded miners were taken up there to the station and came to Springfield tonight.

BEHIND THE BARRIERS.

An Associated Press reporter secured admittance to the stockade late tonight. The list of dead and wounded inside the stockade follows:

DEAD.

A. W. Morgan, Chicago.

WOUNDED.

H. Gilgesell, shot in shoulder.
[illegible] Rowe, shot in foot and leg.
James Mahlen, Chicago, shot in leg.
Frank Wisler, Chicago, shot in arm.
Thomas McIntire, Chicago, shot in leg.

Two doctors were at work with the wounded, and correspondents with them were prohibited.

The stockade surrounded about twenty acres of ground in a square, and is made of pine boards an inch thick set edge to edge, about twelve feet high. On each of the four sides about midway, is a small hatch, barely sufficient for a guard, armed with a Winchester. There are three entrances, which are closely guarded by half a dozen armed sentries day and night. The fight today centered at the east entrance. There are about thirty-five big strong men stationed inside the stockade to guard, each keeping watch through a loophole. The four towers have been deserted.

Manager Lukens remained at his desk at the office all night, leaving orders to his men. He said tonight: "The blood of every man shot here is on the governor's head. He is absolutely outside of the law, and has no justification whatever in refusing to send troops. His public statement that the miners had the same right to fight for his property, which was his idea, as the mine owners did to protect his property, inspired the men to the action which they took today in firing upon the train as soon as it came into our barricade."

Tonight, Ed Green of Mt. Olive, a miner, died of injuries received in today's shooting. This makes a total of eight dead.

SCENES AT SPRINGFIELD.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 12.—The special train on the Chicago & Alton, which brought the Alabama negroes from Virden, had eight wounded men, all negroes except one, who was a colored miner, who were taken to the Springfield City hospital. Of these, one man died tonight, William C. Carroll, a deputy sheriff. He was shot three times, one bullet passing through his neck from the right side, another passing into the temple in the right side, and the third entered the brain over the eye, crushing the skull. Another train, which arrived at Auburn tonight, brought in six wounded men. One was taken to St. John's hospital. Among the wounded are:

William Clarkson, an inmate of the soldiers' home at Leavenworth, Kan., deputy sheriff, shot in the leg.

H. A. Rymer of Springfield, engineer on train, shot through arm.

William Kanner of St. Louis, deputy, shot through head, shoulder and hands; will probably recover.

James Palmer, deputy, shot in left side of face, arm and side; will recover.

Palmer of Springfield, brother of the above, shot through arm.

Private Ryan, a colored miner from Alabama, shot through his head; will recover.

John M. Harlor of Preston, the president of the Illinois district of the United Mine Workers of America, lies at the Cullom home in a critical condition. Mr. Harlor got on the train which he had chartered at Virden early this afternoon and engaged in conversation with one of the colored miners. Some of the deputy sheriffs saw Harlor, and they followed him to the house, North Grand avenue and the north shaft, and was going at the rate of eighteen miles an hour. A [illegible] of the Alabamians, Harlor and pushed him off the train. A man who happened along later in a buggy saw Harlor lying near the track in his shirt sleeves, unconscious, and placed him in his buggy and took him to the Cullom home. He is still unconscious.

Gov. Tanner said tonight that war departments nothing if the Fifth Illinois infantry could not be placed at his disposal for use at Virden. Colonel Culver, commander of the Fifth, has tendered his services and those of the regiment to the governor.

LUMBER STATISTICS.

Big Forest Fires of the Last Thirty-five Years Reviewed.

Washington, Oct. 12.—The annual report of Commissioner Hermann of the general land office, estimates that over 1,000,000,000 feet of public timber have been destroyed by fire in the past thirty-five years, representing in value many millions of dollars. The report says forest fires form the main subject for the attention of the land office, now threatening as they do not only the growing forest but the forest lands, whose productiveness it vitally impairs. The direct effect on the flow of streams and on dependent agricultural possibilities, the report continues, also mine and other industries, is so great that it has been wholly without compensation, for none of the timber has gone to develop the country and its local interests have been benefited largely, as in cases of forest cutting.

Many of our Western forests are reported to be peculiarly liable to fire, the intermingling character of the highly resinous trees in certain portions of the West and the hot, dry climate of those regions combining to make fires frequent and destructive. Under these conditions the magnitude of the task of protecting forests from the wanton fire fiend is seen when the extent of these forests is considered. The matter is clearly one demanding from an economic standpoint measures proportionate to the interests involved.

Sheep grazing is another difficulty in administering some of the preserves and special efforts have been directed toward finding out particular regions in which conditions demand the exclusion of sheep and to determine the dangers of sheep grazing in other regions.

Public opinion is reported to have undergone recently a material change in favor of reservations, and the report is a subject now receiving special consideration with a view to bringing a national system of timber cutting which will secure a supply of timber for forest preservations, at the same time yielding a fair money return to the government. During the year 3,55 cases of trespasses on public lands were reported, involving public timber and its products to the value of $128,182, recoverable to the government. The want of proper legislation and the lack of a sufficient force of special agents has caused serious difficulties in preventing timber depredation.

Discussing land laws in Alaska, the commissioner says it will doubtless be developed that there are large areas of arable lands, amounting to a considerable number of townships in Alaska, but well adapt the system of independent base and meridian lines there, as practiced in other districts where it is important to adjust the rectangular lines over inaccessible portions of the country.

Recommendations made in the report are mainly for the purpose of allowing of witnesses at contested and case hearings before local land officers, legislation for disposition of coal lands in forest reservations, repeal of the timber law of June 3, 1878, and August 4, 1892, withdrawal of lands chiefly valuable for timber for forest reservations, a general law to protect and use timber on unreserved lands and to increase the force of special agents to protect public timber.

Major Bowie Dead.

Washington, Oct. 12.—Maj.-Gen. Wade called the war department today announcing the death of Maj. A. H. Bowie, ordnance officer United States volunteers, who died yesterday of yellow fever at Havana. He was a resident of Thompson, Conn., where his widow lives. Maj. Bowie was a graduate from West Point and was made a major in the ordnance bureau early in the year.

INVALIDED HOME.

Three Members of the Utah Battery Headed for Home.

Manila, Sept. 12.—Via San Francisco, Oct. 12.—The sailing of the hospital ship Rio Janeiro has been scheduled for September 16th. The following sick and wounded will go on the ship for San Francisco:

Geoffrey J. Roth, private Utah artillery, appendicitis.

George Lacey, private battery B, Utah artillery, intermittent fever.

W. J. Robinson, battery A, Utah artillery, dysentery.

RECOMMENDED FOR DISCHARGE

The men so far recommended for discharge and transportation home are as follows:

Albert A. Arthur, private Company H, First Wyoming.

Frank Lockhart, corporal Company I, Thirteenth Minnesota.

Wm. A. Norman, corporal Company L, Thirteenth Minnesota.

Henry Sullivan, corporal Company I, Thirteenth Minnesota.

L. M. Darby, private Company A, Thirteenth Minnesota.

Wesley D. Downs, discharged for expiration of service, is sick in hospital at Cavite.

Alfred E. Wells, private Company D, First Montana.

Raymond Lowrent, private Company F, First South Dakota, sick in hospital.

Conrad N. Rose, private Company L, Thirteenth Minnesota.

Wm. Shifler, private Company L, Thirteenth Minnesota.

Wm. Travis, private Company L, First Wyoming.

Jas. W. Wiseman, private Company H, Second Oregon.

Rufus F. Vassar, private Company H, Twenty-third infantry.

HYMEN AND GOLD.

Millionaire Howard Gould Weds a Well Known Actress.

New York, Oct. 13.—The Tribune says: Miss Viola Allaire Cummins, the actress, was married in the Holland house on Saturday afternoon last to Howard Gould, a son of the late Jay Gould, and brother of George J. Gould. The ceremony was a simple one. There being no bridesmaids or best man. The bride wore a dress of white satin trimmed with point lace. No member of Mr. Gould's family were present, the only guests being Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Kingsbury, and Mrs. John Kimball, Capt. W. J. Sheridan of the "Seguranca," Mr. Hoagland's yacht, Mr. Bogardus and Mr. and Mrs. Searles.

After the ceremony supper was served in gold room of the Holland house, which was decorated with palms, lilies of the valley and American beauty roses. The wedding cake was distributed to the guests, and the happy couple left for Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. Gould will be found on board the "Nourmahal" last evening, and will shortly start on a three weeks' cruise to Southern waters.

Mrs. Gould is the wife of Jay Gould's youngest son. It is said that if any one of his children marries without the consent of his mother, he will be cut off from all participation in the fortune which comes to him under the terms of the will. Whether or not the other children will insist upon this forfeiture in the case of Howard remains to be seen. Their absence from last night's ceremony was taken as signifying that they have not relented their opposition to the union of their brother with Miss Cummins—if, indeed, they were aware of it.

Rosebery on Upper Nile.

London, Oct. 12.—Lord Rosebery, the liberal leader and former premier, gave one speaking at an agricultural dinner at Epsom, referred to the critical situation on the Upper Nile.

After mentioning the unanimity of Maj. Marchand's instant position, Lord Rosebery said: "These considerations and not to lose that the incident will be peacefully settled in a conciliatory manner, but France must understand that there can be no compromise of the rights of Egypt."

Hot Sides of West Point.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 12.—Frank H. Mason, a graduate of West Point, has pleaded guilty to burglary in the criminal court today and was sentenced to serve the years in the penitentiary. He is 41 years of age and was arrested for stealing a watch and chain from the home of a local physician.

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MLLE. GALLOIS' VISIT.

The Cables Say that She is Going to Try to Renew Her Acquaintance with the Czar.

The reviews of this newspaper will remember the sensation created when the Czar of Russia made his visit to Paris, and, according to the cables, he greatly admired the French actress, Mlle. Germaine Gallois, that he almost [illegible] upon introduction. Rumor also went so far as to say that he [illegible] a very expensive bracelet in a case which contained a miniature [illegible] of the imperial crown of Russia, and presented it to the actress.

GERMAINE GALLOIS, ACTRESS.

It is Said That Her Visit to Russia Might Create a Scandal Which Might Even Reach the Ears of the Czarina.

But the public Parisian beauty was even more resplendent for the sent the magnificent provided ornamented by her jewelry, along with the card of presentation and had it displayed in the window. The Russian ambassador was asked, who is the board of the incident, and immediately went to the jeweler and ordered the gift removed from the view of passing spectators.

Mlle. Gallois is a striking [illegible] French beauties of recent years, [illegible] she smiles. The majority of her admirers of her type have considered it an act to look saintly and sad. Germaine Gallois is plump, has a creamy, warlike complexion, blue eyes and an almost perfect profile. Her graces are marvels of beauty and entertainment, and she sets many a fashion through her daintiness and [illegible].

It is said that his majesty is private, is greatly gratified and is doing everything in power to prevent the scandal which the coming of Germaine will create. It must be remembered that the czar is a well-meaning young monarch, and his life has been singularly free from the [illegible] which have marked the career of many a crowned head.

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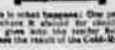

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