

BIG CANYON FIGHT

Workmen Forcibly Ejected from Their Possessions.

A CLEVER COUP DE GRACE

Persuasion First, Shotgun, Tools and
Demolished Property
Afterwards.

The snow-capped ravines and hillsides of Big Cottonwood canyon have witnessed, during the last few days, a series of exciting and clever soap operas on the part of competing electric power companies. What the next few

days will bring forth beyond laying the foundation for a big contest in the state courts is unknown. In the meantime the three interested companies—of these are three, although the actual possibilities have been confined to but two up to date—are holding their own.

The story of the present strife, so far as it has been possible to obtain facts is stated as follows: Big Cottonwood canyon is known to possess wonderful and very valuable electric power generating possibilities. Persons interested in such enterprises looked upon it as

blinking eyes and proceeded to remove
rights accordingly. The two companies
in heretofore supposed to have ob-
tained them and because Brink in-
stalled with the Big Fishwood
Power company operated by the
Messrs. Jones, George M. Cannon,
Chas. J. W. Donnelly, J. W. Sam-

Utah Power company, with Francis Armstrong as president and general superintendent and A. W. McQuinn, J. E. Dooly, Richard Macintosh, Wm. L. Hage, O. P. Arnold, W. F. Ford and a Mr. Monroe, an English capitalist, as associates. None of these corporations have done a large

amount of work. The farmer expects to be furnishing electric lighting and motive power in late July by the first of April at very shortly thereafter. The latter has cut from 200,000 to 400,000 feet of lumber into fluming and buildings and has or is about to place an order in the

substantiates that it will be able to harness power with which to operate the Ball Lake City Street Railroad cars and have sufficient left to invest in other means for motive purposes. The realization of one of these expectations will do away with the company's present power plant and smoke stack.

The persons constituting the claimants of the third party are headed by Mr. Frank K. Gillespie. Who is teachers are and what the name of his company is could not be ascertained today, Mr. Gillespie being absent from the city.

The Utah Power company, as is well known, has the lion of its operations at the "dams." The Utah Power company started in at the foot of the "dams" about three quarters of a mile below, two years ago and from that time to the present work has progressed continuously. The Utah Power company in

then lumbered upon the tail fins of his Big Cottonwood connector & proceeded in that fabled or clash or trudge whatever. All went as merry as a marriage bell until last week when Mr. Gillespie with a large gang of men commenced putting in a dam on ground claimed by the Elbow. *Elbow, 10/10/1910*

was quickly conveyed to Mr. Armstrong and some of the other members of his company. They held a council of war and determined to resist enragement to the last.

ACTIVE HOSTILITIES BEGIN.

Mr. Armstrong with Assistant

last night reported to the scene on Tuesday evening last. Mr. Armstrong lost no time in notifying his friends, the enemy, that they must abdicate. They refused emphatically and declared they would continue operations, which they did. Mr. Armstrong came down to the city northward and

spent considerable time with the company's lawyers on the day following. The result of the conference was the conclusion that Mr. Gellwase and his men must be ejected if necessary. Mr. Armstrong so informed them in that tone of voice and demeanor which in other days in this city as its chief assembly ground, for labor, the workers

of making business. But the men in possession decided that they would not go, whereupon Mr. Armstrong, believing that the persuasion of force is sometimes better than the force of persuasion, said to his men:

"Very well, boys, we will be under the painful necessity of assisting

The encounter was the occasion for a rush and the Armstrong and Gillespie men were together in a twinkling. Both sides were determined and each had, according to reports from fifty to sixty men. Tosses were raised and firearms in the shape of shotguns and revolvers brought into play, though no firing

ARMYING VICTORIES.

work. The dam and flume were torn out and demolished and their ditch filled up. Not that they still mean business, for telephonic information received from the canyon today was to the effect that they had gone up the stream about 200 feet further last night, put in another dam and were now negotiating the ditch of the flood.

Power company. Mr. Armitage was seen by a News man during the day and said he feared nothing from this procedure, adding that the enforcement this time, as he understood it, was on the grounds of the Big Cottonwood company, but this he later denied to the News today.

through their season coachman. Mr. Jones left for New York yesterday and will be gone about two weeks. The controversy bids fair to develop something more emotional before a settle-
ment is arrived at.
