

# AMERICAN ANTIQUITIES

### Senate Orders Favorably Reported a Measure for Their Preservation.

ARCHAEOLOGISTS INDORSE IT

**Persons Appropriating, Injuring  
Or Destroying Historic Monu-  
ments Liable to Heavy Fine.**

### Heads of Executive Departments May Issue Permits for Examination of Ruins and Excavation of Sites.

Washington, May 24.—A measure for the preservation of American antiquities which has the endorsement of a score or more societies in this country has been ordered reported favorably by the senate committee on public lands. The proposition has been before Congress in various forms for several years, but always some objections were urged against it, until the present Congress, when Senator Patterson introduced a measure previously endorsed by the archaeological and anthropological societies interested

Under the bill ordered reported an person who shall appropriate, excavate, injure or destroy any historic or prehistoric ruin or monument, or an object of antiquity situated on land owned or controlled by the United States, upon conviction shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment for not more than six months.

It is intended that the president or chairman shall declare historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures and other objects of historic or scientific interest that are situated upon the federal government lands to be national monuments. Such declarations shall be issued by the heads of the executive departments for the examination of the ruins, the excavation of archaeological remains, the preservation of ancient remains upon the lands under their respective jurisdiction. It is provided, however, that such examinations shall be undertaken for the benefit of reputable scientific or educational institutions recognized scientific or educational institutions with a view to increasing their knowledge of such objects, and that the material gathered shall be for the permanent preservation in public museums.

WAR IS ON IN THE  
EASTERN OHIO COAL FIELD

Smithfield, Ohio, May 24.—The war in the eastern Ohio coal fields is on. After a night of almost constant firing in the hills the Plum Run mine was opened this morning for the first time in seven weeks. The non-union min-

ers, 125 strong, marched down the hill toward the pits under heavy guard. They were greeted by a fusillade from the bushes. The bullets whistled among the trees and imbedded themselves in the coal carts on the Cleveland and Pittsburg railway siding. The strikers hurried to cover. The union men, worried by the unexpected opening of the mine, hurried from the settlement and gathered on the slopes above the mine. Their women folk who were picking up coal about the pit entrances were ordered away. After the women had gone, here and there from among the bushes sounded the crack of revolvers. The men be-

A correspondent of the Cleveland News, driving into camp, was fired on from ambush outside the dead line of the settlement. The bullets went high.

The fact that the hollow in which the mine is situated is heavily over-

If there is to be an actual battle will scarcely be before night, when the non-union men leave the mine. All preparations are being made for active

hostilities. Two great navy search lights have been put in place, one at the guard tent and the other at the coal tipple in the hollow. They will command three miles of surrounding territory and are so arranged that they

cover the sweeping of the Maxim gun. It is remarkable that there was no loss of life in the darkness of last night. Revolver bullets pelted among the leaves of the undergrowth where the guards were placed, until near daylight 4 pairs of guards stationed at a post

A party of guards stationed at a cottage where 39 non-union miners were sleeping, discovered a group of sevens crawling through the high grass toward the dwelling. They emptied their revolvers and rifles and signalled for help. The men had vanished before the searchers found their trail. The guards declare they were warned that an attempt would be made to dynamite the cottage. The four guards were dis-

"We gave orders that there should be no shooting until an actual attack is made," said Capt. Cox. "We are straining every nerve to preserve peace."

Two mysterious strangers have joined the guard at the company's quarters. Unusual conduct on their part has convinced the company that they are spies and they are under surveillance. Charges and counter-charges of spying are being constantly interchanged.

### PENNSYLVANIA PROHIBITIONISTS

who was elected state treasurer as a Fusionist, last November, was named for governor; Homer L. Castle, Prohibitionist of Pittsburg, was nominated for lieutenant-governor; Representative William T. Creary, Democrat, for auditor-general, and ex-Representative E. A. Coray, Jr., Republican, for secretary of internal affairs.

The Prohibitionists hope that this ticket will be endorsed by the Democratic state convention, which assembles here June 27.

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**SPEAKER TAKES NEW TACK.**

Washington, May 24.—Speaker Cannon, with the memory of yesterday's proceedings in his mind, took a new tack today when the house of representatives met, by sending word to Mr. Curtis of Kansas, to raise the point of "no quorum." The speaker was commanded by Mr. Williams (Mo) on the vote, to resume consideration of the diplomatic and consular bill. Mr. Curtis made the point of "no quorum," taking the wind out of Mr. Williams' sails. The speaker then announced that the Republican demand instead of the demand of the leader of the "no quorum" was present, the speaker, May 24; speaker, 21; pres-