

UNION LEADERS MADE PLANS FOR WAR MONTH AGO

Prisoner Declares Many Men
Were Forced to Join Red
Army of Invasion.

MINERS PAID FOR RIFLES

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Sept. 3.—One of the miners captured while rushing a machine gun of the defenders died late Friday in the Logan Hospital from wounds received in the encounter. Sheriff Chaffin of Logan County stated this man made a dying declaration in which he charged the United Mine Workers with responsibility for his being on the battle front.

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LOGAN, W. Va., Sept. 3.—It is believed here today that the miners have reached a critical situation and that their supplies are running out. The continuance of their fire and the intensity of their massed attacks yesterday were predicated, it is believed, upon desperation and the desire of their leaders to break the line of defense before Federal troops entered the state.

Whatever the conditions of their supplies may be they do not lack manpower. All scouts continue to report heavy movements of miners through the Coal River districts to the Guyan Ridge. They are being transported in large numbers by auto trucks and equally large numbers are advancing on foot. They are moving in more lodges to the Logan County jail. Sheriff Chaffin took the writer to the jail to talk to them. Three of the twenty prisoners captured during the last few days were brought into the jail office separately. Two of them are mere boys, not more than twenty years old. The third, a shrewd clever man of forty or thereabouts, successfully put all questions. Sheriff Chaffin declared his son, Ken, organizer and a leader in the red army. His name is Clyde McGarish and his home is in Ohio.

All three prisoners admitted the march of the miners and the battles they staged in the hills had been organized by "some one" who did not know them. They said they had moved out under command from mine union officials, but denied they knew where they were going or what was their mission.

John Stalling, the first produced, said he was 20 years old. He is a resident of Logan, W. Va. He denied joining the Red forces willingly. Stalling said he went into the coal river district for the purpose of visiting his mother and he had been forced at the point of a gun to join the invading army. He said at the time he was captured he was advancing toward the Logan line for the purpose of surrendering.

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Stalling was a red band about his arm. Union officials, he said, distributed the bands to the miners and told them to wear them always. Each man he said, was given a rifle and many rounds of ammunition.

In some instances, he said, men were given rifles and were required to pay for them by the "check-off" system. Each man was given a suit of overalls.

Passports were sent through the Army and the men were given a special form of challenge.

"Who might be there" was the challenge and the following words were counter-signed or passwords:

"Mingo." "We come creeping and slipping."

Frank Hager, another boy, evidently told the truth. He said he had been forced to join the army against his will. McGarish said he had come to West Virginia a few months ago from Ohio to recruit miners and to secure membership in the miners' union. He said he started with a company of miners to attend a mass meeting, when en route met the returning miners, who informed him that Keeney and Mooney had spoken at the mass meeting and there was no use proceeding. Later he said he attended a special meeting the subject of their Sunday sermons.

Want to See Justice in Mingo Trials and Organize the Field

MADISON, W. Va., Sept. 3.—"And what's it all about?"

This was the question a correspondent asked one of the grim, determined men leading the miners' army, sitting around a campfire not far from the front line of battle.

"What are you and your comrades going on this march?"

The leader, whose name for obvious reasons cannot be given, hesitated, then answered:

"I reckon there are many different reasons, but I think, I speak for most of the men when I say that we want to get to Mingo County by next Tuesday and see that justice is done in the trials to begin then."

"That isn't all, however," the leader said. "We want to put an end to the mine guard system and the Baldwin-Felts detectives in the coal mining regions. We want the fellows who are working here to have a chance to organize, so that our miners won't be idle while these 'scabs' are running full time. The men want to come in, but they're afraid."

"And will you go home when Federal troops set here?"

"We're not fighting Uncle Sam," was the answer. "We're fighting hogback operators and mine guard system. Many of the fellows we are with, many of us fought in the army overseas. I did myself, but this isn't what we fought for, and we hope that when the troops get here they'll see that we get a square deal."

WOMEN VOTERS IN FINAL APPEAL

Indiana Ministers Asked to
Speak Sunday on First
Amendment.

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PERU, Ind., Sept. 3.—A final appeal to Indiana women to familiarize themselves with the proposed amendments to the State constitution to be voted on in special election next Tuesday, was issued yesterday by the Indiana League of Women Voters.

"To you who have been so long disengaged from politics, we address this appeal for interest in the election Sept. 6," it said. "This is women's opportunity to make your vote count in the most important election which can affect voter-an election involving changes in the constitution under which she lives."

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