

## COURT GUARDED AT OPENING OF TRIGGER TRIAL

Constitutionality of New Law  
Regarding Jurors Attacked  
by Miners' Attorney.

### SOLDIERS FILL TOWN

COURT HOUSE, WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Sept. 7.—The constitutionality of West Virginia's new statute permitting citizens of one county to sit as jurors in other counties was attacked for the first time today when J. J. Coniff, chief counsel for the defendants in the second "trigger trial," objected to the venire drawn for the case on the ground that it is composed of residents of Pocahontas County, northeast of Mingo County.

Twenty-one miners are defendants. They are charged with murdering W. J. Ferguson, a Baldwin-Felts detective, at Matewan in May, 1920.

An army of State police is mobilized in Mingo County.

No Federal troops are here. State militia law prevails and the State police hold down the lid. The citizens' reserve army is ready to move at call.

Three miles from Williamson, on the Kentucky side of the river, miners are encamped, ready to march across and invade Mingo County, "defenders" with rifles ready await call.

The courthouse resembles an armed camp. Khaki-clad troops are everywhere with revolvers or Springfield rifles.

Because of the presence of these troops county officials declare no trouble will come out of the trial. The armed camp on the river will be kept in check and peace will continue.

### KEEP 1,000 FEDERAL SOLDIERS IN W. VA.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Sept. 7.—Approximately 1,000 United States soldiers will be kept in the recently disturbed West Virginia coal fields when the contingents ordered withdrawn leave. Those recalled are expected to be on their way to home stations by tomorrow.

The chemical warfare section, it is understood, will leave today for Edgewood Arsenal. The 26th Infantry will leave as soon as the situation is quiet.

The 8th Aero Squadron with the exception of two messenger planes, ordered back to Langley Field, Va., probably will leave this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

Reports this morning indicated everything was quiet in the trouble zone.

## 2 AMENDMENTS, 1ST AND 2D ONLY ONES CARRIED

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other amendment in this precinct was on the first. Only forty-one votes were cast for this amendment and one against it. On some of the amendments as low as eighteen voters cast their ballots in this precinct.

In the Seventh precinct of the First ward a similar situation was noted. Sixty-three votes were cast for the militia amendment, against four opposed to it. No other amendment, except the first, received more than a total of twelve votes there.

The appeal made to the voters to vote for the second amendment in order that the registration section of the constitution should not be lost apparently had effect, for this amendment, on the face of incomplete returns, appears to have received the second largest number of votes.

**LITTLE INTEREST**  
FROM 3 TO 8.

Amendment No. 3, providing that legislative apportionment be based on the votes for secretary of State received a comparatively small plurality, if any at all. Down the line from this amendment to No. 8, the interest and support seemed to be little interest.

Amendment No. 4, which provides that the Governor may veto separate items in appropriation bills, appears to have met with more general approval than some of the others. In fact, the vote was about two to one in its favor.

Interest jumped again at Amendment No. 8 and the vote on this amendment was comparatively heavy. This is the amendment which provides the Legislature may prescribe qualifications for admission to the bar. Strong opposition to this amendment was shown in some precincts, but this was not sufficient to cause it to lose.

**NO, IS SEEMED TO BE  
KNOCKER FAVORITE.**

Amendment No. 13, which provides that salary may be increased no term of office lengthened during the term of any official, was another favorite with the voters who voted on it. It was not until 6:30 o'clock this morning that the next precinct reported. It was followed by others at short intervals.

There will be no possibility of giving more than an estimate of complete returns in the State possibly for several days. Due to lack of interest, many counties are slow in making their returns and are to be sent to the Secretary of State. The election appears to be close enough in some respects to leave the vote on some of the amendments in doubt. There also is the provision of the constitution which requires an amendment to receive a majority of all votes cast in order to be adopted. This may have considerable bearing on the final results in respect to the amendments in which there is little interest.

## CONCENTRATE ON 3 SECTORS IN FOREST FIRES

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River country. This makes 750 troops now fighting the fires in the various fire sectors.

SOLANA, Minn., Sept. 7.—Through the heroic efforts of the four hundred guardsmen thrown into this salient Tuesday, the town was saved temporarily from the fate of White Pine. Time and again yesterday and during the night, it seemed as though they would be forced to leave, owing to the variable winds which blew through here, hurling the fires back on the fighters.

Sparks lodged in the lumber piles in the station yard and squads of soldiers were kept busy extinguishing these and fires on the roofs of the buildings in the town.

Falling fires are endangering the troops on the fighting lines.

A wind blowing from the south and to the north, which sprang up, continues to menace Arthrey, four miles northwest of here. Only a rain or a complete change in the wind can save this town, according to forest rangers and militiamen.

FINLAYSON, Minn., Sept. 7.—The White Pine-Solana fires have penetrated to a point eight miles northwest of here, causing much apprehension.

ONAMIA, Minn., Sept. 7.—Twenty families still in the Solana region are endangered by raging flames now covering a five-mile front and fringed by high winds. A force of nearly three hundred fire-fighters is engaged in back-firing.

With Onamia out of the zone danger, the entire city is directing its efforts to the saving of villages west of here, and among the hardest workers in the fighting forces are a number of boys not over 15 years of age.

McGRATH, Minn., Sept. 7.—Refugees by the hundreds poured into McGrath today from the flame-swept area to the north and west of here, and means of caring for the homeless and penniless victims furnishes a new problem.

While the multitude fled from villages and homesteads before the advancing conflagration, a last stand was being made to save the towns of Arthrey, Johnsdale and Hillman, and National Guardsmen and citizen volunteers fighting the flames under direction of W. T. State forester, were reported holding their own against a stiff wind and having control of fires at most places in this district.

The fate of the town of Arthrey, fourteen miles from here, now in the path of the fire, depends almost entirely on favorable winds, which at present are blowing only mildly.

St. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 7.—Governor J. A. O. PAUL, on returning from a trip of inspection of the forest fire region, after visiting McGrath, Onamia, Johnsdale and other points, declared today that troops sent to fight the fires are doing excellent work and they will not leave until danger of loss of life has passed and the fires brought under control.

With the headway already gained by the flames in the great forest area of pine and spruce, the greatest danger now lies, the Governor said, in the possibility of high winds suddenly springing up.

## WISCONSIN TOWN IS DESTROYED

RHINELANDER, Wis., Sept. 7.—A fire which on Wednesday morning had swept far beyond control, is destroying the town of Jeffers, twelve miles from here, and causing damage which is estimated will exceed \$1,000,000.

The town is covered with smoke and huge pillars of flames are visible in this city, even in broad daylight.

Although fire apparatus was rushed to the scene from Rhinelander, Merrill and other nearby cities, hope of saving the town virtually is abandoned.

Nearly the entire population of Jeffers, some 300 men, women and children, tonight desperately throughout last night and this morning to save their homes.

The fire apparently started in the yards of the Larson Lumber Company, where millions of feet of lumber would be stored. It spread with such rapidity that adjoining buildings were soon ablaze.

The town is without fire protection.

According to reports reaching Rhinelander, the fire started Monday morning in the town of Jeffers, twelve miles from here, and causing damage which is estimated will exceed \$1,000,000.

Refugees began reaching here by 8 o'clock today and what little they could save in their haste to leave.

Every piece of fire apparatus here has been rushed to Jeffers, with Chief Richard Cole in charge.

## Unofficial Count Of Official Vote

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the probability of the defeat of about half of the amendments.

Returns thus far show the following:

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