

## NATIVES TELL OF TERRORISM AMONG MINERS

Drunken Sheriffs Abused Families, Committee Hears.

As the third of a series of editorials in the Harlan Daily News, miners strike a bitter terror conditions have prevailed for months. It is written by John Montoux, a staff writer of the Knoxville (Tenn.) News-Sentinel, a Scripps-Howard newspaper, barred from the courtroom because of an editorial in his newspaper dealing with the verdict in a murder trial in the district.

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FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 7.—The "Red raids" after the war had nothing on the reign of terror created by the law of Harlan county in the mine war there. Page after page in the report of former Governor Flem Sampson's investigating committee tells a story of raiding deputy sheriffs who terrified dozens of families.

S. S. Pope, 41-year-old farmer, and owner of fifteen homes in the mining town of Catron's Creek, told the commission a dozen of his houses had been raided.

"How did they search them?" he was asked.

"Well, the house would be surrounded by twelve or fifteen officers and some would go inside the house, climb into the attic, and dig up the yards, claiming they were looking for union charts and communistic literature. Several peaceable men left their homes and now are gone; their families are still in the houses; the men are afraid to come back."

Drunken Deputies Beat Negro

According to the testimony, most of the raids were made late at night; the deputies or officers usually had been drinking and used abusive language; and most of the incidents were told by wives, bearing out the testimony of farmer Pope that the husbands were frightened away and have not returned.

Anna Baldwin, Negro, mother of eight children, testified:

"The officers came, best I can remember, 15 minutes of 12 one night. They taken my husband, McKinley, away. He was sick, but they took him to the Virginia line and handcuffed him around a tree. Then they beat him."

She said he about three weeks later.

"He was still stiff and sore," she said. She was asked if he could identify the officers.

"Yes," she said. "Why hasn't he?"

"He was afraid."

Terrify Mother of Four

Nannie Powers is the wife of Caleb Powers and the mother of four children. She said:

"Six deputies came to our house. I had been canning. One said, 'Mrs. Powers, we want to search.' I said, 'What for?' They said, 'By God, I. W. W. papers. They come in and looked around.'

"They found some copies of the Daily Worker and a National Miners Union card. They said, 'By God, get your rags on, we are taking you to jail.' My husband wasn't there. Just me and my children. They said, 'I said, 'I ain't done nothing. They said, 'You don't have to do anything in this place; we just pick you up by God.'

"They were all drunk, I think. They spit and staggered and cussed. They staggered so they could hardly walk to the car. I run for my mother."

Home Raided Four Times

She escaped the officers, but later her husband gave himself up. "He was afraid they would kill him," she explained. He was kept in jail thirty days, charged with banding and confederating; then the case was dropped.

While he was in jail, thirteen deputies again went to the home and raided it, opening boxes of food that had been sent there by the N. M. U. for the destitute, and scattering clothes about the house.

Mrs. Alta Dean said their home was raided four times. Once they came at 11 at night.

"They wouldn't give us time to dress," she said. "They burst open the door."

Q.—Did you protest against their entering your home?

A.—No, sir, I knew there was no use.

Q.—Did you ask them if they had a search warrant?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—Why not?

A.—I knew there was no use.

Mrs. Dean named one of the officers.

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7:15 P. M.—CBS—(WEAF)—"Rudy Vallee's Band.

7:30 P. M.—CBS—Abe Lyman's band

7:45 P. M.—WBZ (750)—"Rin-Tin-Tin Terrier."

7:50 P. M.—KDKA (980)—Musical sketches.

8 P. M.—WBZ (750)—"The News.

8:15 P. M.—CBS—Angela Patri. NBC (WJZ)—"Sisters of the Skies."

8:30 P. M.—CBS—Milt Brown.

8:45 P. M.—WBZ (750)—"Spelling Bee.

9 P. M.—WCCO (810)—"The Night Parade."

9:15 P. M.—WBZ (750)—"Romance Time."

9:30 P. M.—WBZ (750)—"The Weems' orchestra."

9:45 P. M.—WBZ (750)—"Royal Canadians."

10 P. M.—WBZ (750)—"Midwest Ballet" and King's Jesters.

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