

WEST VIRGINIA TOWN RESEMBLES GARRISON SINCE MINE STRIKE

(By Associated Press)

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Dec. 18.—This thriving little city of some 7,000 persons, the political and business center of the great Mingo county coal field where a strike of miners has been in progress since last July, presents, under military occupation, an appearance similar to that of many another town during the war.

Khaki, fast becoming a novelty in most places, is so common in the Williamson district that miners and mountaineers no longer turn to look at the passing soldier, or stand to gaze on the sentry before Colonel Herman Hall's headquarters in the county courthouse. Here in Williamson, where there has been no violence, the soldier carries his bayonet at his hip, but in the region around Chatteroy and Matewan, mining towns nearby, every sentry paces his beat with bayonet fixed.

Life Not Changed.

Military occupation and modified martial law, made necessary by the disorders of the past few months, have little effect on Williamson. The people go about their ordinary tasks as usual, viewing the soldiers with indifference, except at guard mount which never fails to attract an appreciative audience, willing and anxious to express its approval of the nation's fighting men.

Mercantile and banking interests unite in the expression that the use of federal troops at this time is a good thing, if for no other reason than that they give a sense of security for every side of the industrial controversy.

Immediately upon their arrival, the provisional battalion from Camp Sherman took up the task of cleaning the city of its physical and moral defects. First they gave the courthouse a thorough overhauling, and then turned attention to the buildings taken over for quarters. Then they went after the streets, and about the same time took up the moral question. Undesirables were notified that they could no longer remain in the city, both tasks being done by the civil authorities but under the directing eye of the soldiers.

An interesting feature of the situation which the military was compelled to do was the disarming of those residents who insisted on carrying pistols in violation of the West Virginia pistol "totin" law. This was solved by sending deputy sheriffs into the districts where it was known large numbers of men were armed, each deputy being accompanied by a soldier. The deputy confiscated the weapons, but the soldier was right with him to see the surrender was peacefully made. Hundreds of pistols, rifles and shot-guns were obtained.

Suburban

FAIR HAVEN, O.—Dick Wallace of Hamilton spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. George Wallace. Ed Thompson was in Cincinnati Monday. . . . Besie Fueston of Dayton spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Morton. . . . Misses Ruth and Grace Wright spent from Saturday until Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Van Ausdall. Ed Doty of Morning Sun has an attack of pneumonia. . . . Miss Grace White of Richmond spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ellis White. . . . Mrs. Nellie Davis and Mrs. Frieda Kareth assisted Mrs. Ellis White and daughter, Ruby, in cooking for shredders Monday. . . . Mrs. Will Shriver is visiting in Cleveland. . . . Charles Philpott and Mrs. Kareth and son, George, were in Liberty Sunday afternoon. . . . Sant Davis and Mrs. Ellis White helped Mrs. Kareth cook for their shredders.

BROWNSVILLE, Ind.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Couner were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Stanley Sunday. . . . Mrs. Grace Hendrickson of Connersville was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Cully Tuesday. . . . Mrs. Virgil Kaufman spent Friday and Saturday as the

WATER BELT FROM ST. LAWRENCE TO GULF OF MEXICO PREDICTED BY EXPERTS



Map shows the water-way from mouth of St. Lawrence to Gulf, as seen in near future by government authorities, and the vast territory which will be tributary to the waterway.

Chicago is destined to become the "buckle" of a navigable water belt which will extend from the Gulf of Mexico via the Mississippi river, the Illinois waterway, the Great Lakes, and the St. Lawrence to the Atlantic ocean, according to government experts.

Chicago civic, industrial, and commercial interests, through the Association of Commerce, the Commercial club and other organizations, are preparing to make early and intensive study of plans developed to a basic working point by Col. William V. Judson.

guest of her mother, Mrs. Kate Mills at College Corner. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Bert Whitesell spent Friday with relatives at Connersville. . . . Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Sherman and daughter, Mabel, spent Saturday afternoon in Richmond. . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Kautner, well known young farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Kautner, living near this village, and Miss Anna Gladys Irwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Irwin, were married last evening at the home of the bride's parents near here. Rev. S. R. Jamieson performed the ceremony in the presence of a number of friends and relatives.

Glen Keller, Anna Irwin, Oxford Couple, Married

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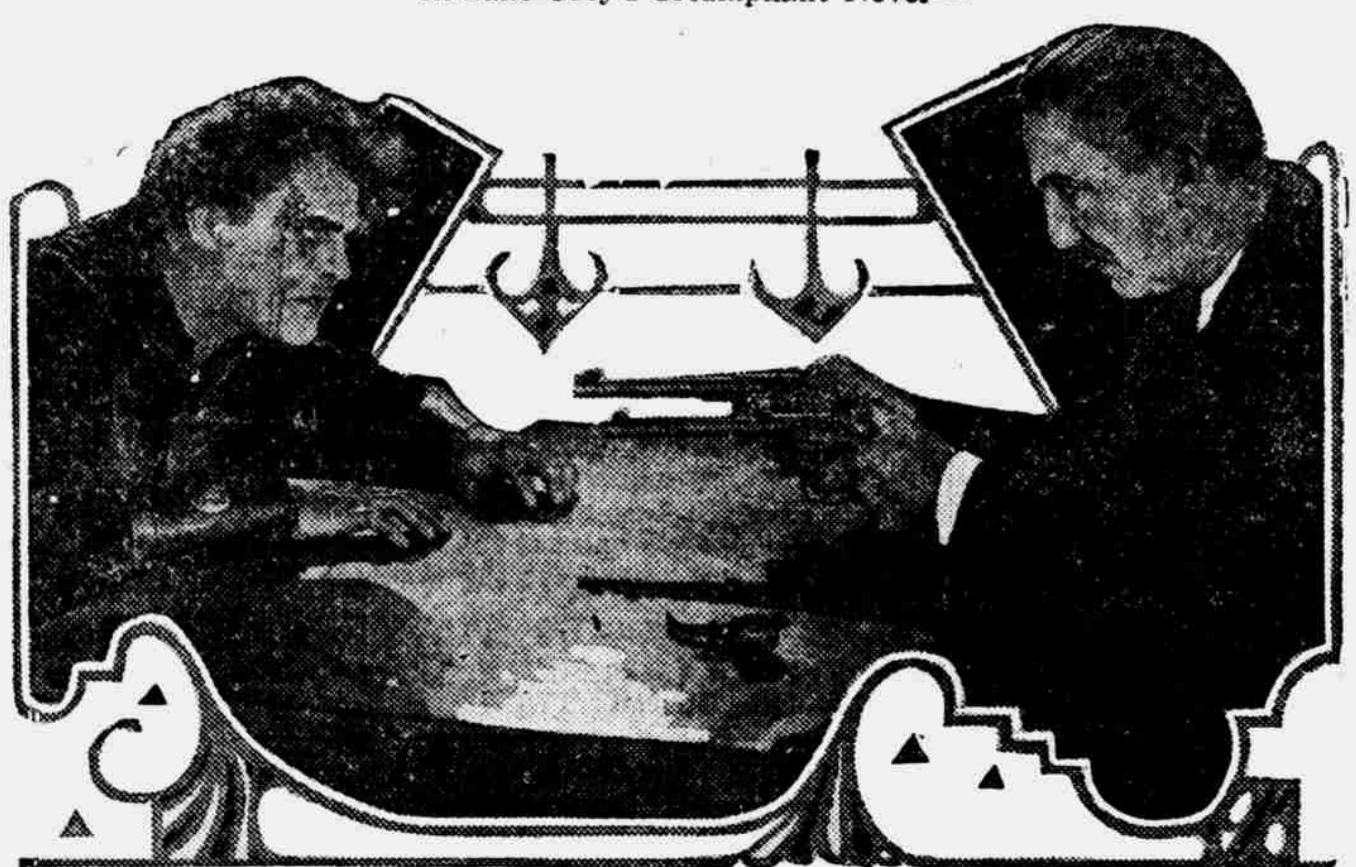
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