

COAL CREEK TAKEN

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COURAGEOUS EFFORTS OF CITIZENS

Spent the Night in a Mountain Storm Without Food, Water or Shelter, and the Day in Fighting—Situation in Tennessee.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 19.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—In a decisive battle today the miners who held Coal Creek were defeated and have surrendered unconditionally. The brunt of the fighting fell on the citizens who responded to the call of the sheriff and accompanied as a posse the state troops under General Carnes as far as Offutt. That station was reached early last evening and there the posse left the cars, intending to march on and attack the miners on the flank, while General Carnes pushed on with the train and engaged the rebels from the front.

After leaving the train the posse marched rapidly across the country and hills to the town of Walden's ridge. On this mountain they were within three-fourths of a mile of Camp Anderson. They reached this point on the mountain top about 10 p. m. Here they halted and lay on their arms. Many of them had nothing to eat since breakfast yesterday and there was not a drop of water to be had, but with true courage they waited for the dawn. About 3 o'clock this morning a terrible rain storm came up which continued until noon. When this rain began to fall the men were somewhat refreshed. They had no blankets nor the least shelter and they were largely men of means and unused to hard labor.

Just at the break of day the officers called their force into line. The militiamen under the command of Colonel Wofford took the lead and the squad of business men of Knoxville formed the rear and in the pouring rain they started to march on a circuitous route of two miles. This was done to avoid a large body of miners who occupied the little narrow pass between them and the camp, and the force had to march a little ways when they were halted by a disturbance in the rear. Through the fog and rain they saw from twenty-five to seventy-five miners. These fellows dozed behind trees and rocks and opened fire on the Knoxville citizens' squad.

Killed by Bushwhackers. They were returned and shot was poured into the bushwhackers. John Walthall, a clerk in the East Tennessee railroad office at Knoxville, was killed. He was shot through the head and died instantly. His home was formerly in Pulaski, Tenn. He was a prominent knight of Pythias and expected to go to Kansas City tomorrow to the national convocation.

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with what loss to the miners. They were afraid to come near that Gatling gun.

Later this afternoon, after Carnes had full control of the town and valley, and had some 300 prisoners, he sent a detachment to the fort.

Loss of Life at the Fort. It was known at noon today that Private Smith of Hill City, Tenn., had been killed inside the fort. Private Waterman of Memphis was shot by the premature discharge of a gun. He will die, so says the report.

The reports from tonight's large numbers of miners from Kentucky around the way to Coal Creek to attack the troops tonight, but no one here believes the rumor.

CAMP ANDERSON RELIEVED. Successing Troops Meet with Desperate Resistance Enroute—The Cavalry. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Aug. 19.—Uncertainty no longer marks the condition of things in the seat of war, as it is now generally called. Fort Anderson has been relieved by the arrival of reinforcements and is no longer in a state of siege. On the contrary the tables are turned and the miners instead of being hunters of men are the hunted. General Carnes made a forced march from Offutt Station north of Clinton to the neighborhood of the beleaguered camp and reached there at daybreak in the rear of the line of rails which intersect the mountain lines. On his arrival on the ground a wild scene of confusion ensued.

Scouts in advance of the lines had failed to do their duty or been captured and the position of the miners was not known. The forward movement was very cautiously made. General Carnes and his heterogeneous army of citizens and about 300 militia left the train at Offutt Station, fearing a trap somewhere on the railroad, and pushed forward across the country. As they cautiously felt their way among the rocks and rushing streams of the mountains a sudden explosion from a bomb of dynamite started the men as they shook their heads from their eyes and their shoes or wrung the accumulated rainwater from their clothing.

Surprised by the Miners. From Offutt to Coal Creek by the route of the column of General Carnes is a laborious one. The column of General Carnes is a mountain pass as the foothills of the Cumberland range affords, and it is a goodly one. As remarked by one of the soldiers whose experience was tiresome in this night march.

The head of the column cautiously pushed out from the cloud of fog and darkness which had enveloped it a shot rang out and had been the stillness of death, except for the steady firing of the rifles of the column, but an instant later, Young Walthall, whose death is reported to later on, had been killed and the rest of the column was struck by a ball and fell headlong among his comrades a corpse. A body of miners had chosen a sheltered rock which afforded a good position for sniping and fired a volley which caused the only casualty.

Curiously enough the miners had taken no other provision to prevent their own attack. Their only arms were their rifles and a few men who felt the danger of an exchange of shots with the soldiers under Captain Keller Anderson, who was in the rear, in their instructions of treason, and were on the lookout for the first intimation of the approach of the military to make their exit from the valley of the Shadow. The miners were almost ready to believe of the Coal Creek valley.

Fled from the Soldiers. A mad rush was made for the cover of the rocks and trees of the mountain. A volley of firing began and was being kept up for a while, one or two of the militiamen being struck by their bullets. Eighteen of the miners were killed, the balance having escaped into the woods.

General Carnes' advance guard at once formed a line of battle, the rifles being a general volley from a few who failed to take the first opportunity of escaping from the rapidly approaching army and the rest of the column followed in a single file, John Walthall, a clerk in the office of the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia railroad, was shot and killed. He was a prominent knight of Pythias and expected to go to Kansas City tomorrow to the national convocation.

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WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE BEE, 518 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 19.

When Chairman Carter was here recently the democratic press started the cry that he was going to "assassinate" the clerks. The civil service commission, in the meantime, seeing no scent danger, issued a pronouncement.

Here is what the Evening Star (ind.) says on the subject today: "The anxiety of certain persons lest the clerks in the government departments be compelled to make political contributions of money appears to be superfluous. Up to this time no effort has been made to get money from the clerks and they have been left to enjoy undisturbed tranquility. About three months ago circulars were received by forty or fifty clerks announcing that if they wanted to contribute they might send the money to New York and that was the end of it. No effort was made to collect any money and a number of clerks who have given such contributions to the republican headquarters here have been told that there was no one there who was authorized to receive the money."

There has been no one designated to take contributions in the name of the government before in the history of the country been a time when there were so little political departments. The employees in every branch of the government are now being urged to contribute to their work as undisturbed and untroubled as if there were no such thing as a campaign thought of.

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the switchman is constantly exposed, he must be a man of skill and experience, which can only be acquired by long service. Then such a man should be expected to receive a fair salary for his services, and not have his life and health sacrificed to a job that is so dangerous.

The distribution of the grand officers of the organization indicates that arrangements have been made for the grand officers to fight if it becomes necessary. Vice Grand Master Downey has taken up headquarters in New York city, and Miles W. Barrett, grand organizer, has been ordered to Cleveland, O., to prepare for the expected battle there.

CLAIM THEY HAVE ENOUGH MEN. Lake Shore People Will Begin Clearing Their Yards Today—Paying the Strikers. BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 19.—As the day closes the troops have reached nearly all the posts assigned and over this afternoon the Lehigh and Erie have begun in earnest the resumption of their freight traffic. The Erie stores how enough men and waiting until the morning to see if about protection is at hand before clearing their yards. This work will be commenced in due earnest tomorrow. It is clear now that while the soldiers are here the roads will be able to resume and continue their freight traffic. Should the strike be extended to Erie, the Erie stores would also be able to resume and measure only when they have arrived.

At Erie yesterday Erie yesterday ran its pay car from the east through East Buffalo into the yards at Louisiana street. Evidently the strikers had been notified to extend their strike from the clerks and would also be able to resume and measure only when they have arrived.

The men gathered without demonstrations about the car, being held at some distance, rounded off by at least 300 troops who surrounded the car and through this passage the men were permitted to pass up to the Lehigh yard tracks which lie within this city and vicinity. Hence 5,000 more troops were ordered and are here. Their assignment to duty at all points where the tied up companies feel there might be danger has been going forward today. Tonight every command will be picked in the morning. Careful inquiry through the strike districts today has demonstrated that the strikers are today to the Associated Press correspondents that the companies have at hand the men they have claimed.

Well Supplied with New Men. In the Central yards personal observation of the men who are waiting leads to a conclusion opposite to the strikers' statements that new men are restrained from their liberty. The Lake Shore has enough men in Erie today to man the usual number of switching engines. They arrived Thursday night and will undoubtedly be put to work in the morning.

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Testimony of an Independent Journal. No One Authorized to Receive Such Funds—Among the Republicans—Washington Political Gossip.

WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE BEE, 518 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 19.

When Chairman Carter was here recently the democratic press started the cry that he was going to "assassinate" the clerks. The civil service commission, in the meantime, seeing no scent danger, issued a pronouncement.

Here is what the Evening Star (ind.) says on the subject today: "The anxiety of certain persons lest the clerks in the government departments be compelled to make political contributions of money appears to be superfluous. Up to this time no effort has been made to get money from the clerks and they have been left to enjoy undisturbed tranquility. About three months ago circulars were received by forty or fifty clerks announcing that if they wanted to contribute they might send the money to New York and that was the end of it. No effort was made to collect any money and a number of clerks who have given such contributions to the republican headquarters here have been told that there was no one there who was authorized to receive the money."

There has been no one designated to take contributions in the name of the government before in the history of the country been a time when there were so little political departments. The employees in every branch of the government are now being urged to contribute to their work as undisturbed and untroubled as if there were no such thing as a campaign thought of.

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