

STRIKING COAL MINERS RESORT TO VIOLENCE

Mob of 800 Attack Non-Union Men with Stones.

A Coal and Iron Policeman Badly Clubbed at the Lehigh Valley Collieries Near Shenan- doah, Penn.

SHENANDOAH, Penn., June 21.—There was an exciting demonstration in the vicinity of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company's four collieries at Lost Creek, two miles from this place, this afternoon. A mob of about 800 men and boys gathered at the place, threw stones, roughly handled several non-union men, and clubbed a coal and iron policeman. The Sheriff of Schuylkill County finally dispersed the crowd without further violence.

The crowd was attracted to the Packer Nos. 2 and 3 Collieries by the importation of new men to take the places of old workmen. There are no fences around these properties, and the crowd swarmed over the company's ground. Deputy Sheriffs were hurried to the place from Pottsville, and after the riot act had been read the crowd was persuaded to disperse.

Shortly after 6 the mob gathered at Packer No. 4 colliery. There is a high fence around this mine, and several workmen were attacked as they came out of the place. They were badly used up. A coal and iron policeman who came to their rescue was stoned and clubbed, but was not seriously hurt.

The Superintendent of the colliery would not allow his men to make any move nor use their revolvers, and in a short time this crowd also scattered. In the meantime word was sent to headquarters at Wilkesbarre and twenty-five coal and iron police were sent down and arrived there shortly after 7 o'clock. They were hooted, but not attacked. Everything is now quiet about the collieries.

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