

DEPREDACTIONS BY STRIKERS.

Complaints Received that Idle Miners
Are Robbing Farmers in Pennsyl-
vania—Troops May Stop
Foraging.

SHENANDOAH, Penn., Aug. 11.—Complaint was made to Brigade Headquarters to-day that strikers are foraging in the rich agricultural district of the Catawissa Valley. The life of one farmer has been threatened because he attempted to protect his property, and the raids have reached such serious proportion that the farmers are preparing to take some concerted action to stop further depredation.

The complaints reached headquarters this afternoon, and it is not unlikely that cavalry will be sent into the district to-morrow for the purpose of stopping the raids. If the cavalry is sent there it is probable that a platoon of the troopers will be left in the valley to patrol the farms day and night.

The farmers are drawing up a petition asking for protection. It will be sent to the Sheriff if Gen. Gobin decides not to send troops.

Lucien Munbeck, a farmer, reported that for some time past raids have been made on his place. Early this morning he caught a man tearing out whole stacks of corn. He ordered the man off the place, and as he was leaving the intruder fired two shots at the farmer.

The soldiers in camp are daily feeding several hundred women and children. They come there saying they are hungry, and as there is more than enough food in the camp to supply the wants of the men the officers permit the soldiers to give something to the needy applicants. The number that came last week was small, but it is increasing every day. Some of the women and all of the children come to the camp in their bare feet. Many of them bring baskets to carry the food home. It is a common sight to see some of the women and children take scraps from the leavings of the soldiers. It was stated a number belonged to the English-speaking classes.

The officials of the Mine Workers' Union deny there is any actual want. They maintain the local unions are well able at this time to take care of all cases of distress.

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