

STRIKE RIOTERS ARE HELD

Coroner's Jury Lays Blame for Killing at Shenandoah.

Result of Investigation Over Death of Joseph Beddal Causes Imprisonment of Butcher and Saloon Keeper.

SHENANDOAH, Penn., Aug. 7.—The Coroner's Jury which has been investigating the death of Joseph Beddal, who received his fatal injuries in the riot here last week, concluded its inquiry to-day and rendered a verdict holding "Joseph Paluwicz, a butcher; Matthew Paulaskas, a one-armed saloon keeper, and many other rioters unknown to the jury, responsible for the killing.

The men named in the verdict are now locked up and other arrests will follow. The two men were taken into custody this afternoon by two constables, who were protected by a platoon of soldiers from Company K of the Twelfth Regiment.

A large number of witnesses were examined, including the three workmen and Deputy Sheriff Thomas Beddal, who were first attacked by the mob, the six policemen who were subsequently set upon and some of them shot, and several eye-witnesses of the riot.

Paluwicz was identified by three boys who testified they saw him in the crowd with a club and Paulaskas is alleged by another witness to have injured Joseph Beddal. The policemen testified that as they ran up the street pursued by the mob firing pistols, men standing at nearly every saloon door shot at them as they passed. At one doorway three men stood "blazing away" at them and from an upper window of a building three other men were shooting down on them.

The drinking places referred to are all owned by foreigners.

Policeman Ringheiser testified that when he learned of the disturbance he immediately started to summon his fellow-officers. While doing so he met Percy Walker, a mine worker. He asked Walker to call the Miners' Committee and have it use its influence to disperse the crowd, but Ringheiser said: "He only gave me the laugh."

During the inquest a number of names of persons who it is alleged were in the riot and the location of others whose names are withheld were furnished the Coroner. These names will be given to the proper authorities and arrests made. One other foreigner, Joseph Wenczkonis, who was shot in the face, was arrested to-day on a charge of rioting. Nearly a dozen men are now in custody, charged with complicity in the affair.

The situation in this section of the coal fields remains unchanged, and staff officers at brigade headquarters do not apprehend any trouble in the near future. The troops had a quiet day. Two companies are still on guard duty in the foreign quarter of the town. The Governor's troop of cavalry took a practice march of twenty miles through the Mahanoy Valley, passing through Malzerville, Frickville, Moore, New Boston, Mahanoy City, St. Nicholas, Laniganyville Pass, and Jackson's Patch. The Eighth Regiment and the two companies of the Fourth Regiment gave an evening parade and review at brigade headquarters at 5 o'clock.

Both the English and foreign speaking local unions of the miners held mass meetings to-day, at which district leaders made addresses. The question of relief was one of the principal subjects discussed.

The throwing of stones at the troops was repeated early this morning. This time the attack was not made on the camp, but against the provost guards stationed at the Pennsylvania Railroad station, near one of the foreign colonies in the southern part of the town.

Brig. Gen. Gobin had been requested by the town authorities to send a company of men to that locality because of the disorders that had been occurring there. Company A of the Eighth Regiment, under Capt. Garver, was on duty there all night, and early this morning the Colonel of the regiment said the company was greeted with a shower of stones which came from the top of the high hill overlooking the railroad station.

The Captain immediately implaced a detail of men in the vicinity of the houses from which the stones were thrown. No one was captured, as the offenders had escaped before the soldiers reached the top of the hill.

Last night an intoxicated coal and iron policeman wandered into the camp and became disorderly. He was placed in the guard tent, and this morning was released. A number of strikers heard of the incident and formed a picket line around the camp, waiting for the man to leave the place. They followed him down the Mahanoy City Road, but as there were a number of soldiers in the vicinity, the strikers did not molest him.

The Rev. Charles Edwards, pastor of the Presbyterian Church here, ex-State President of the Young Men's Bible Society, said to-day that the young men in his congregation, which is made up principally of mine workers, have informed him that foreigners have determined to cut off an ear of every man who returns to work, so that they will forever be marked as "unfair workmen."