

Mob Rules Waterford

**MOB'S FORENOON WORK—
MOB STORMS POWER HOUSE
AND MANY CASUALTIES RESULT
FROM FIGHTING THAT FOL-
LOWS; WM. DAVIS SHOT.**

New Waterford—Leaving behind them one man dead, another dying and scores more or less seriously wounded, the company police on Thursday afternoon successfully evacuated the town of New Waterford, which remains in full control of the mobs whose bloody forenoon's work in a few hours have turned it into the Herrin of Canada.

Under the protection of the clergy of the town and other citizens who were to prevent a renewal of hostilities, the police withdrew to Sydney, thus lifting a great burden of anxiety from the shoulders of the town authorities, who feared that after tonight there would be an attempt to storm the town jail which would lead to still further bloodshed.

As the afternoon wore on, excitement remained at fever heat, but there was less action for the reason that the anger of the mob lacked suitable objects upon which to exercise its vengeance.

The casualties from the morning's fight so far as they can be learned, consist of William Davis, miner, shot dead, and Gilbert Watson, miner, believed to be dying with a bullet wound in the abdomen.

Others treated at New Waterford hospital for more or less serious injuries are:

John MacQuarrie, civilian, bullet wound in arm.
Officer Peck, fractured jaw.
Murray, miner, slight injuries.
R. J. MacDonald, badly beaten.
MacLeod, policeman, fractured leg.
Ryan, civilian, bruises and cuts.
Cherry, civilian boy, head wounds.
McKury, policeman, possible fracture of skull, many head cuts.

Tremendous Mob.

The trouble, which resulted fatally, broke out shortly before noon, when a mob of about 2,000 men, from the various districts of the town, approached the power plant which had been occupied earlier in the day by mounted and unmounted company police.

The mob gave evidence of being about to storm the power plant, and the mounted men, 49 in number, came out to disperse the crowd.

From what transpired, evidently some of the mounted men were not very skilled horsemen, or at least they were out of practice, with the result that the charge was not pressed home as it might have been under other circumstances.

As the horses lost way in the crowd they were instantly surrounded by men who pulled some of the riders to the ground, and desperate hand to hand struggles took place. The formation of the police was broken, and fighting began. It was then that the bullet wounds were inflicted and Davis was shot dead.

About 20 of the police cut their way through the crowd and escaped in various directions. Another large detachment became cut off from their base in the plant and retreated toward the town of Waterford, pursued by a huge crowd which kept up a running fire of rocks and every species of missiles. Many policemen were knocked from their horses and were instantly set upon and beaten. Others escaped to New Waterford, where the mob spent some time hunting them from place to place until captured.

The town police, under Chief Dan Graham, courageously interfered and rescued the company troopers who were placed for safe keeping in the town jail. Some of the more seriously injured wished to go to the hospital, but the chief would not allow this, fearing the hospital would be raided.

The wounds were dressed in jail. Seriously wounded men, both civilians and police, were taken direct to the hospital, as listed above. In addition to these, hundreds of persons in the crowd were dressed at home without publicity.

For some time after the police were dispersed the crowd ran riot, dragging a company official named MacNeil through the streets and assaulting and beating company officials wherever they could be located.

In the meantime, the dispersal of the mounted police had so weakened the force in the power plant that the mob swarmed in and took possession again. The fires were drawn and at 3 o'clock this afternoon the plant was as cold and lifeless as it was when the expedition started from Sydney at 3 this morning.

So far as can be learned, H. J. McCann and other officials who were in the plant when the raid occurred were not injured, although nothing had been heard of Mr. McCann up to the moment of going to press. As a man of his prominence would be sure to be recognized, it is assumed that he is safe with friends somewhere in the Waterford district. So far as can be learned, the maintenance men who were in the plant under police protection were able to escape without serious injury.

Coming From Glace Bay.

A large contingent of striking miners, estimated at about 3,000, is marching from Glace Bay to New

Waterford. It was in fear of what might happen when these men reached the town that led the authorities to get the police out of the jail and to Sydney as rapidly as possible.

During the night a sufficient force of maintenance men had been assembled at the steel plant here, and with them and for their protection all the available officers who could be spared from the company's outlying police posts in the quieter areas were also brought in. A majority of the police were on foot, but there was also a strong mounted detachment made up mostly of war veterans who have served in the cavalry or artillery and are thoroughly at home on horseback.

At 3.00 this force moved out over the Sydney and Louisburg railway in a special train consisting of horse cars and special cars for the police and workmen and with a locomotive at each end to provide for all exigencies. Captain A. A. Noble, chief of the Steel Company's police, was in command of the actual operations and with him in general charge of the expedition was H. I. McCann, General Manager of the Dominion Coal Company, accompanied by assistant general manager D. H.

MacLean, Maurice Murphy, chief mechanical engineer, and other technical experts.

All went well until Victoria Junction had been passed. In spite of the secrecy observed, news of the project had evidently leaked out, because from Summit to New Waterford, about 100 pickets were encountered and numerous obstructions, principally sleepers, piled crosswise, were found on the track. The police detoured and drove the pickets to the woods with their clubs which the workmen removed the obstructions.

Waterford power plant, reached at 4.25 o'clock, was guarded by about 100 pickets. After a brief fight, these were dispersed and the police and workmen took possession of the plant. Work of raising steam commenced at once.

About 9.30 a.m. word having been received of possible danger at No. 14 colliery, over a mile away, the mounted police went. Retaining a crowd of about 400 blocked their way in front of the Town Hall. The police made their way through without much difficulty, but after they had passed the crowd began to yell "scab" and throw

stones. The officer in command gave the order to wheel and charge, and in a minute the landscape was thick with pickets flying for safety to gardens and surrounding enclosures which offered protection from the police horses.

The police then withdrew to the power plant, where war veterans among them strung barbed wire entanglements for the protection of the place against anticipated raids from the mob reported to be gathering in the town.

Captain Noble expresses confidence that his men will be able to beat off such attacks if they come.

The Company's Statement.

An official statement issued by Vice-President McLurg at noon, says:

On the morning of the 4th inst., a crowd of about 400 striking miners from New Waterford induced the men who had been operating the New Waterford Power Plant to stop work. Arrangements were immediately made whereby the operation of this plant was carried on by officials of the Company, but the same afternoon, between two and three o'clock, a mob of about three or four hundred men arrived at the Waterford power plant and forcibly ejected all officials from the plant. This plant not only supplies light and water for both domestic use and fire protection for 6,000 people of the town of New Waterford, but also supplies the power for keeping the mines free of water and of gas.

Full details were immediately wired to Premier Armstrong, the Hon. Wm. Chisholm, Minister of Mines, and the Hon. W. J. O'Hearn, Attorney General for the Province, with the request for Provincial police protection, to enable the company to operate the power house, supply light and power to the citizens of New Waterford, and to supply power for pumping the mines to prevent them from being flooded and lost.

Since pumping stopped on the 4th inst., water has been rapidly flooding mines Nos. 10, 11, 15, 22 and 24, with the result that underground pumps and machinery were being lost. As the company could not secure definite advice that, in reply to our repeated requests, provincial police would be sent, the company determined to regain possession of the Waterford power plant, which has been picketed night and day since the 4th inst., by a large force of pickets. To this end a sufficient force of company police, both mounted and on foot, were organized to take possession of the power plant and to protect the company's officials who had loyally volunteered to work it. This force of police and officials, with adequate supplies, left Sydney by train at 3 o'clock this morning. When about 1500 yards distant from the power plant it was found the railway track was obstructed by a pile of ties and a force of about 100 strikers. The police very promptly dispersed the strikers, the obstruction was removed and the train proceeded, arriving at the power plant at 4.25 a.m. Here pickets to the number of between 75 and 100 were dispersed by the police and chased from the premises. The officials immediately began raising steam, but were somewhat hampered because the strikers had drawn the water off all boilers and had stolen boiler-room and engine-room tools. By 9 a.m. one boiler was under steam, early this afternoon power will be generated and water and light will be supplied to the town of New Waterford.

During the forenoon a patrol of mounted police, returning through the town, after visiting the different collieries, encountered a crowd of about 300 miners in front of U.M.W. Hall. The police proceeded to quietly walk their horses through the crowd, but when the crowd began throwing stones and calling "scab", the police charged the mob, completely scattering it—Sydney Record, June 11.

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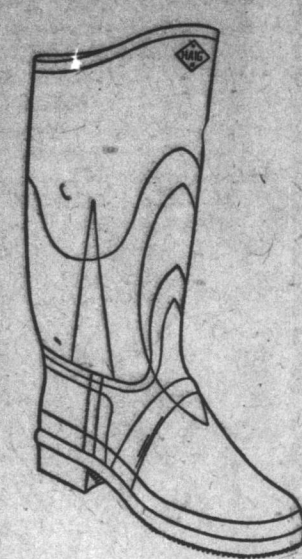
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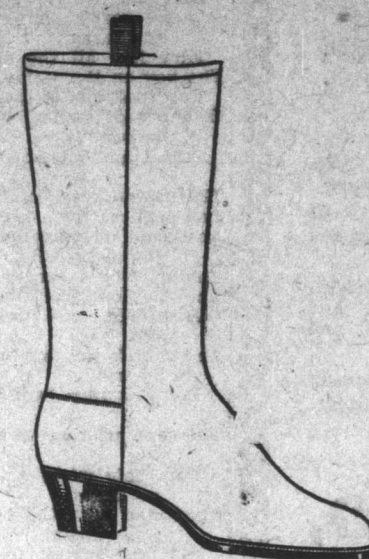
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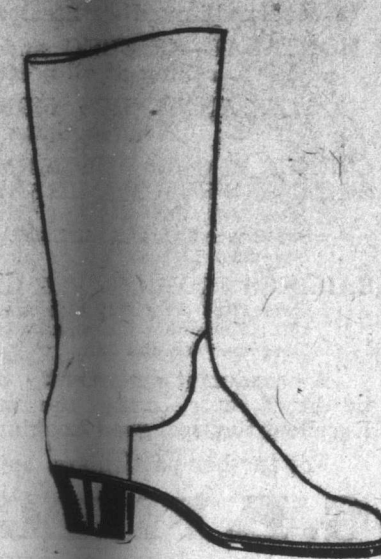
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