

UNION LEADER HELD BY POLICE IN MINGO

E. D. Lavender Shows Fight When Arrested Under Martial Law for Carrying Pistol.

TUG RIVER DISTRICT QUIET

Bloodhounds Fail to Track Criminals and Display Ambition Only at Meal Time.

Lavender and after disarming him took him to the county jail. As his offense is not against the civil law but a violation of the Governor's proclamation, he can be detained indefinitely while martial law is in effect.

Lavender is being held practically incommunicado. A local attorney representing the union was permitted by adjt. Gen. Davis to visit him in jail, but when Chief Organizer Workman of the Mingo County field sought to communicate with him through an open window in the prison he was ordered away by the Adjutant General. A group of union men who gathered about the prison were told that they were violating the mandate against public assemblies without special permit and were then driven away by Captain Brockus's men.

Colonel Jackson Arnold, head of the West Virginia Constabulary, arrived here again this morning to take charge of operations. There were signs of great activity at constabulary headquarters in the courthouse all through the day, and every indication that some movement on a large scale was in process of preparation. But the officials in charge of operations were secretive, and it is not known in what direction they intend to strike.

Adjt. Gen. Davis made a tour of inspection today which carried him as far as Nolan, a settlement west of here and some little distance beyond the border. Upon his return he reported that everything was quiet in that section which so far has not been much affected by the recent disorders in this field. There is a strikers' colony at Nolan where some 100 union men and their families live under canvas.

No arrests have been made so far either for the dynamiting of the head house and conveyor at War Eagle on "Matewan Day" or the more recent outrage at Stone Mountain, near Matewan. The bloodhounds which were employed on both operations fell down on the job. Of late they have shown efficiency only at feeding time.

The pack, the second Mingo County has owned, was already in bad odor with the good people of Williamson, whose slumbers have been disturbed by their wholly unprofessional baying when they spend a night at their kennel here. Outlaws among the mountains have found little difficulty in eluding their canine pursuers by the use of turpentine and a change of footwear while the chase was on. The officers who investigated the dynamiting at War Eagle on Thursday said that this method was successfully used there to throw the hounds off the scent.

David Robb, International Financial Agent of the United Mine Workers of America, who is dispensing relief to

the striking miners in this field, had a conference today with Adjt. Gen. Davis, preliminary to the distribution of food-stuffs, clothing, and money at the various tent colonies tomorrow.

Major Davis told Mr. Robb that two State troopers would accompany each of his men on their rounds, both for their protection and to make certain that the distribution of supplies was not made an occasion for strike agitation or assemblies prohibited by the Governor's proclamation.

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WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 23.— Everything quiet on the Tug River was the report today reaching headquarters of Adjt. Gen. Thomas E. Davis, Governor Morgan's representative in the West Virginia territory now under martial law.

Early this afternoon Captain J. R. Brockus of the State Constabulary and some of his men picked up E. D. Lavender, an organizer sent in by the United Mine Workers of America from the adjacent Virginia fields, for carrying a revolver. Lavender showed fight and his friends declare that, although he shows traces of being somewhat roughly handled by the State police before he was lodged in the Mingo county jail, he was not trying to disturb the peace.

The members of Captain Brockus's force found Lavender at an ice-cream parlor not far from United headquarters on the River View Hotel. He told the troopers that he had a license to carry firearms. They called his attention to the fact that Governor Morgan's proclamation establishing martial law had automatically annulled all pistol permits and told him he would have to come with them to the headquarters of Adjt. Gen. Davis.

"If the Adjutant General wants to see me, he can come to our headquarters," replied the union leader.

At this point the constabulary seized