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Twelve Injured Seriously When Police and Miners Wage Battle In Street

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When Hit by Missiles Thrown
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**Miners, Roused to Fighting Pitch, Driven
From Estevan Only When Police Fire
Upon Them; 600 in Motor Caval-
cade From Bienfait**

(By Staff Reporter)

ESTEVAN, Sask., Sept. 29.—Following a day when the streets of this little south Saskatchewan town were turned into a battlefield Estevan Tuesday night counted the toll of casualties resulting from the hand-to-hand combat waged when 400 striking miners clashed with R.C.M.P. officers:

Two dead, 12 seriously injured and in hospital, and many others suffering from minor injuries, was the grim toll of the battle which raged in Estevan streets for three quarters of an hour Tuesday afternoon.

Two of the wounded strikers, Mike Kyatick and Louis Revay, may die. A bullet wound passed through Kyatick's body close to the heart, and Revay was shot in the chest and thigh.

Two Mounted Police officers, constables Palmer and Sutherland, were badly hurt in the fracas. Palmer has a fractured arm, while Sutherland's skull was fractured and his spine injured.

Five bystanders were injured by bullets, one of them, a woman, being hit in the shoulder by a bullet while watching the battle from a window.

A list of the dead and injured follows:

The dead:

Nick Narwan, Taylorton.
Julian Fryshko, 26, Bienfait.

The injured:

John Forberg, Roche, Percee, striker;
Louis Revay, striker, Crescent Collieries; Fred Konopocki, Bienfait, striker; Tony Stankewich, Bienfait, striker; Mike Kyatick, Crescent Collieries; Tony Marten, Estevan, bystander; Miss L. King, Nelson, England, bystander.

Clive Butterworth, Estevan, music teacher; Staff Sergt. Mortimer, R.C.M.P., badly bruised shoulder; Sergeant J. Molyneux, R.C.M.P., left ear torn; Chief of Police A. McCutcheon, head wound; Constable Sutherland, R.C.M.P., fractured skull; Constable Robertson, R.C.M.P., scalp wound; Constable Palmer, R.C.M.P., bullet wound in left arm.

Four other police officers, who refused to be treated in view of the hospitals being crowded, were also slightly injured.

Send Reinforcements

Tuesday night a detachment of Mounted Police left Regina by special train for Estevan. They will reinforce the men who stood off the rioters Tuesday. Hon. M. A. MacPherson, K.C., attorney-general of Saskatchewan, has indicated to the authorities at Estevan that preparations for any eventuality, even to the declaration of martial law if necessary, had been made. He was assured by Mayor D. Bannatyne that the situation was well in hand at Estevan, and there would be no necessity of declaring martial law for the present.

The striking miners massed early Tuesday forenoon at Bienfait, then proceeded in lorries and cars to Taylorton, where they picked up an additional number of strikers, and went to the Crescent Collieries, one mile east of Estevan. From the collieries the strikers started for Estevan. On arriving in the town they were met by a cordon of police, but some of them managed to circle around and reach the town hall, where two of their number fell later from bullet wounds, dying on the hospital steps.

Throw Missiles at Police

As the men from the first lorry jumped from their conveyance they began to hurl bricks, cast-iron pipe, stones and other missiles at the police, who were gradually driven back against the town hall wall. Striking miners appeared from every part of the town, and in a few minutes about 400, some women and a few children, were milling in the first miners' riot in Saskatchewan. Within a few minutes the fire brigade was called out. No sooner had the firemen started to play the hose on the strikers, than some of them manned the engine and put it out of commission. The firemen fled from the scene. Policemen continued to shoot their revolvers in the air but this did not intimidate the strikers. Police reinforcements, men who had been called to patrol duty at the mines, rushed in and, with levelled rifles, began to scatter bullets into the crowd of strikers. The miners, intimidated, left the scene of battle, running down various alleys and streets, and converged to a point outside the town limits, later driving off towards Bienfait and Taylorton.

In the meantime hundreds of windows had been smashed, street lights destroyed and the streets were littered with missiles used by the miners.

In the hospital were a number of nurses working over the injured miners, and two bodies had been taken away to the morgue.

Restore Authority

By 4:15 o'clock actual fighting had ceased, police were scouring the town for strikers who had taken part in the riot, and were restoring order out of chaos. Authority again restored, officials communicated with the provincial

government requesting reinforcements for the police, and this, they were assured, would reach Estevan Tuesday night.

During the night, police patrolled the town of Estevan, and continued to search for strikers who took part in the rioting during Tuesday afternoon. The authorities expressed the belief that there would be no more outbreaks.

Judge E. R. Wylie, appointed commissioner to investigate the trouble in the mining field, will start his work Wednesday, it was stated.