

RIOTING AT COKE PLANTS.

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PITTSBURG, March 30.—Strikers to the number of nearly a thousand attacked Frick's Coke Works at Morewood at 2 o'clock this morning. They destroyed some coke ovens and railway track, and broke windows in several houses. Several of the raiders were arrested and taken to Greensburg jail. Riots are also reported at Leisenring and Leith, and considerable property was destroyed. There is great excitement throughout the coke country, and serious trouble is apprehended.

The coke troubles have assumed a new phase and now threaten to develop into a war between the operators and labor organizations. Mr. Frick stated to-day that heretofore he had not antagonized labor, but in the future he did not propose to stand idly by and see his property destroyed. He says the men are satisfied with the scale of wages he offered, but that the labor leaders will not permit them to return to work, as their positions depend upon the success of the strike. The fight from this time will be bitter.

A dispatch from Scottdale, Penn., says: "There is rioting at a large number of coke plants this morning. A mob of 1,500 infuriated strikers swept down on the Jimtown plant early this morning, routed the workmen, assaulted several men, and threatened the Superintendent's life. A bomb was set off at West Leisenring and the men notified not to go to work. The Leith works near Uniontown was also raided and the workmen put to flight."

The labor leaders are trying to allay the excitement, as other raids are feared.