

The Belligerent County in the Hands of Military Authority.—The Governor and Attorney General on Hand.

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MORRHEAD, KY., July 1.—Gov. Knott and Adjt. General Castleman arrived here last night, and spent the day in carefully looking into the condition of affairs. The Governor requested the Attorney General to come here this afternoon and represent the Commonwealth, and Gen. Hardin arrived here at 3 P. M. and entered on the discharge of his duties. County Judge Stuart tardily made his appearance, but his timidity has been lessened by the counsel of the Governor and the responsibility assumed by his Excellency. There is now no impediment in the way of arrest and inquiry before an examining court, and warrants of arrest will be numerous and counter charges will be frequent. Arrest will be made by State troops under Maj. McKee, Commander, and resistance will be punished.

There is no good side to this controversy, and habitual violation of law has made all contributors to an outrageous condition of affairs which is found difficult to correct, because of the wretched inefficiency of local officers and the neglect of the law's enforcement. Politics is at the bottom of all these troubles. Due encouragement is given them by a pending election, inefficient judiciary and unfaithful State Attorneys.

Last night a desultory firing occurred, whether from design or otherwise it was not known. Excitement existed in the town, and no notice of it was taken by the troops at Camp Knott. The members of the State Guard are all well and perfectly orderly. The Officer of the Day yesterday was Capt. Geo. W. Strother; Officer of the Guard, Lieut. Martin. The Officer of the Day now on duty is Capt. J. Speed Smith; Officers of the Guard, Lieut. M. Mackey and Lieut. S. B. White. Lieut. Crockett Riddle is Acting Adjutant.