

**ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY
APRIL 12**



Former Governor William Ellsworth Glasscock died in Morgantown on April 12, 1925.

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Investigate the Document: (William E. Glasscock to Howard Sutherland, Ms83- 2; Proclamation of Martial Law, Gov. William E. Glasscock)

1. What is the proclamation made by Governor Glasscock enacting? What labor dispute was the direct cause for this proclamation?
2. Who is charged with maintaining the peace during martial law?

Think Critically: What issues were miners at Paint Creek-Cabin Creek fighting for? Name three. What role did Mother Jones, Baldwin-Felts detectives, and Don Chafin have in the West Virginia Mine Wars?



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICES
CHARLESTON

WILLIAM E. GLASSCOCK
GOVERNOR

December 10, 1910

Confidential
Hon. Howard Sutherland,

Elkins, W. Va.

Dear Senator Sutherland,-

I am glad to know you like the appointment of Senator Blue. Of course I think it is a good one or I would not have made it, and I have been specially pleased to see the favorable comments in the newspapers of the State.

I have private information this morning that the Democratic State Senators at their Parkersburg meeting this week resolved that they would take everything and not allow the Republicans to have a "look in." It is becoming more and more evident that we are going to have to fight for everything we get, and I sincerely hope our people will stand together and if they do, and follow the program discussed at our meeting here, I have no fear of the result. I understand that at their meeting they went over the various items of appropriations and figured that they could save the State \$400,000.00. I am also informed that they are determined to have the Presidency of the Senate and intend to unseat enough Republicans to give them absolute control, that is to say, they will unseat if given an opportunity to do so. We must stand together.

Yours very truly,

W. E. Glasscock

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

A PROCLAMATION:

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS, great public danger to life and property has for some time past and now exists, and numerous homicides have been committed, and unlawful assemblages of armed persons have congregated and resist the enforcement of the laws; and,

WHEREAS, the civil authorities have been and are now powerless to enforce the laws of the State in the territory hereinafter described, and the Sheriff of the County of Kanawha has made demand upon the Governor for military aid, and in pursuance of said demand, and the laws in such cases made and provided, such aid has been rendered such sheriff; and,

WHEREAS, said sheriff commanded the said persons unlawfully assembled to disperse and retire peacefully to their respective abodes and business; and,

WHEREAS, such persons unlawfully assembled refused to disperse and retire to their respective abodes and business, but remained in armed resistance to the enforcement of the laws by the civil officers, and peace, order and quiet have not been restored, and tumult, riot and insurrection exist in the territory hereinafter described; now,

THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM E. GLASSCOCK, Governor of the State of West Virginia, and as such Governor ex officio Commander-in-Chief of the military forces of the State, in view of the foregoing, and in order to execute the laws, and to protect the public peace, lives and property of quiet and orderly citizens, by virtue of the constitution and laws of the State, do hereby declare and proclaim a state of war to exist in the District of Cabin Creek, in the County of Kanawha, and State of West Virginia, within the following boundary, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a point one mile west of Cabin Creek, on the Kanawha River, and thence, running parallel with Cabin Creek and one mile distant therefrom, to a point near Red Warrior on the Kanawha and Boone county line; thence with the Kanawha and Boone county line to the Raleigh county line and with the Kanawha and Raleigh county line, to the Fayette county line; thence, with the Fayette and Kanawha county line, to a point opposite Greencastle one mile distant from Paint Creek; thence parallel and one mile distant on the southeast side of Paint Creek, to the Kanawha River; and thence, with the Kanawha River, to the beginning.

AND I do hereby further declare and proclaim that said territory is and shall remain under martial law until the necessity therefor ceases to exist.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol, in the City of Charleston, this the second day of September, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve, and in the Fiftieth year of the State.



By

W. E. Glasscock

Secretary of State.