The Ludlow Massacre was the culmination of a widespread strike against Colorado coal mines, which resulted in the violent deaths of 26 men, women, and children, when the Colorado National Guard and Colorado Fuel & Iron Company camp guards attacked a tent colony of 1,200 striking coal miners and their families in Ludlow, Colorado on April 20, 1914. This tragedy was one of a series of violent skirmishes that outraged the nation and forever changed labor relations in this country.