

MANY STEEL MILLS OPERATE, MORE OR LESS FULL-HANDED, AS STRIKE OF WORKERS IS STARTED

MIDVALE WORKERS REFUSE TO STRIKE

Force at Pencoyd Also Responds to Call of Foundry Whistle

STAND BY EMPLOYERS

Philadelphia is unaffected by the scheduled walkout of steel workers in all sections of the country today.

R. J. Davis, an official of the Pencoyd Iron Works, chief subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation in this city, said that none of the employees of that plant stayed out when the whistle blew this morning.

Conditions at the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company plant were declared to be normal. The strike, it was said, had absolutely no effect on the working force of the big concern.

Alva C. Dinkley, president of the Midvale Company, gave out a statement, in which he said that no trouble was anticipated at the works because the number of employees affiliated with the American Federation of Labor was almost negligible.

Charles Rieder, Jr., general manager of the bridge works at Pencoyd, was so confident that the walkout would not affect these concerns that at 8 o'clock he had not even bothered to get out of bed and get in touch with the situation.

"Ask Mr. Davis—he might know something about it by now," he said, when aroused.

Despite the optimism that featured the expressions of the officials of the two concerns, Director of Public Safety Wilson took no chances and sent a unit of the steel plant was guarded by an extra corps of patrolmen today.

Other patrolmen were said to have been transferred from various sections of the city to the station houses near the steel works, where they are being held in reserve should any outbreak occur.

The vicinity of the plants presents a normal appearance and the noise and smoke coming from the iron works bears testimony to the activity within.

Joseph M. Richie, district organizer for the American Federation of Labor, refused to give any information as to the proportion of men in Philadelphia who are organized.

"The manufacturers have said that there isn't more than a 10 per cent organization anywhere in the country," he said. "We'll let it go at that."

The plant of the Midvale company at Coatesville is working on its regular schedule, it was announced. The "plant committee" of this factory, made up of ten employees, held a meeting yesterday and adopted a series of resolutions announcing their intention of remaining loyal and urging the other workers to do the same.

The resolutions adopted by the workers' committee, in addition to citing the fact that the workers have evidence that one of the men working in favor of the Bolshevik propaganda, call attention to the amicable relations between the men and the company, and to the fact that all differences have hitherto been settled at informal discussions between workers and officials.

"Satisfied," Say Foes in Steel Strike

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were sent to the county jail here, charged with inciting to riot. The police say the foreign-born element was responsible for the disorder. At noon the borough was quiet.

Earlier in the day two unidentified men stood on a hill in North Clariton and fired eight shots toward the North Clariton steel plant. No one was struck. State police gave chase, and the men disappeared in a nearby woods.

284,000 Out, Men Claim

At noon William Z. Foster, secretary of the national committee for organizing iron and steel workers, gave out the following figures as indicating the number of men on strike:

Chicago district, 60,000; Cleveland, 30,000; Youngstown proper, 15,000; Youngstown district, including Sharon, Farrell, New Castle, Stroutsville, Butler, Canton and Massillon, 50,000; Buffalo, 12,000; Homestead, 9,000; Braddock, 5,000; Rankin, 3,000; Clairton, 4,000; Monaca and Donora, 12,000; Wheeling, 15,000; Steubenville, 6,000; Pueblo, 6,000; McKeesport and Duquesne, 12,000; Pittsburgh City, 15,000; Vandergriff, 4,000; Leeburg, 2,000; Brackenridge, 5,000; Johnstown, 15,000; Coatesville, 4,000.

Men Determined to Meet

Secretary Foster, of the steel workers' national union, said that, despite the actions of the state police at North Clariton and McKeesport yesterday, another attempt would be made today to hold meetings. He said the workers would not abandon their fight for "free assemblies and free speech."

Although figures were lacking, M. F. Tighe, international president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, said that he had received most favorable reports from Rankin, Braddock, Homestead and other places in this district. He said all plants in the lower Ohio valley below Steubenville had been closed.

"Practically the entire force at the American Steel and Wire plant at Rankin has walked out, according to my reports," Mr. Tighe said. "We expect the strike will grow during the next few days."

Mr. Tighe protested against the use of the state police. "We cannot restrain our people and keep them in check if the attacks of the state troops continue," he said. "Their presence here is breeding unrest."

The Carnegie Steel Company did not issue a formal statement, but gave out for publication information which, it was announced, came to the offices here from superintendents of various plants.

Homestead Plants Operate

At Homestead, where the company's largest works are located, the Carnegie representatives said, whole departments are in operation, with a few men absent. The men, it was stated, walked to work in large bodies. Some of the blast furnaces were banked. The same situation was reported at the company's Edgar Thompson Works, McKeesport, Pa.

Newcastle Mills Work

At Newcastle the Carnegie rolling mills and blast furnaces were reported in good shape, with one furnace banked down, and with all the men concentrated on the other furnaces.

All the plants of the Carnegie Company within the city of Pittsburgh were reported to the company, it was said, as operating close to 100 per cent.

Summing up, the representatives of the company said the "situation might have been worse." He said that, in all plants where men failed to report they were nearly all foreigners.

Mr. Foster said his reports showed that the Carnegie plants at Donora and Monaca were completely shut down, a total of three men reporting for work in the two places.

Representatives of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company reported that all the plants of the company are working 100 per cent.

From labor, corporation and police sources came information that there was no trouble reported anywhere in the Pittsburgh district during the early hours of the strike.

Strikers Mostly Foremen

Information from the employers' side was to the effect that the strike line is sharply drawn between Americans and foremen. The Americans, it was said, went to work, while the foremen were, in the big majority, among the strikers.

Blast furnaces, according to company sources, where the largest percentage of foremen are employed, were the hardest hit. The furnaces, it was said, were expected to be the weakest spots from the corporation point of view.

Reports from the West Penn and Allegheny Steel Companies were to the effect that 25 per cent of their men, virtually all foreigners, failed to report for work today.

Secretary Foster, at union headquarters, later said that reports from outside of the Pittsburgh district show the shut-down general.

At the same time Mr. Foster announced that a meeting of the national committee would be held in Pittsburgh Wednesday morning.

Reports from McKeesport were that all steel plants in that part of Allegheny county, except the McKeesport Tin Plate Company at Port Vue, which was closed for an indefinite period last night, were operating.

Some plants were reported as normal and others as working 94 per cent of their force, and still others that their works were short-handed but in operation.

Officials of the Shelby plant of the National Tube Company at Ellwood City, Pa., said the works were in operation, although short some of its foreign-born labor.

Exodus of Workers Begins

Many families at Clairton and North Clariton are leaving for St. Louis and going to Europe and others to different parts of the United States. The same movement was noticed at Braddock, where the railroad station baggage room was piled high with baggage.

The line mill at Connelsville—that of the day shift of 8,000 had reported for work at 7 o'clock, according to operating officials. It was said that virtually all the American-born employees had remained at work.

Early this morning an official of the Steel Corporation announced that, in men to enter the plants here, one-third of the regular force had reported by that time, while in the tin mills, the percentage was much larger. Union labor leaders are confident that regular employees had reported for work.

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"There Is Nothing to Say," Gary's Strike Comment

New York, Sept. 22.—(By A. P.)—Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, declined to comment on the steel strike today. He came to his office about 10:30 o'clock, his usual hour, but when pressed for a statement he declared: "There is nothing to say."

Mr. Gary admitted that he was receiving reports on the strike from the various subsidiaries of the steel corporation, but neither he nor any of the other officers would make any comment upon them.

Comerford said that 200 engineers in the Gary plants, despite instructions not to strike, were undecided in regard to joining the walk-out. If they finally decided to strike they would have to accept the responsibility, Secretary Comerford said.

Only a few of the engineers in the steel plants at Joliet failed to report for work, reports said. The 3,500 employees were in operation apparently about as usual this forenoon. There are about 3,000 men in the Hammond plants, outside of those at the Standard Steel Car Company, where a strike has been on for several weeks. The Standard employs about 3,000 men normally and recently has had about 500 men at work on each shift, or about half of capacity. These 500 men on the day shift reported at work this forenoon.

At the Illinois Steel Company plant in Joliet so many of the 3,500 employees had quit that officials of the company were doubtful if the plant would operate.

No Disorder at Chicago

No disorders, beyond the jeering, in a few instances, by strike sympathizers of men on their way to work, had been reported early today.

Six hundred patrolmen of the Chicago police department were detailed on strike duty, 200 of whom were distributed at various plants around the city, the remainder being held in reserve.

John Fitzpatrick, chairman of the national committee in charge of organization of the steel workers of the country, has gone to Gary, where he will open headquarters from which to conduct the strike in this district.

No Disorder at Youngstown

There were no reports of disorder at any of the plants. Picketing was strong. At the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company and the Republic Iron and Steel Company, 90 per cent of the men are said to have failed to report for work. The two plants employ about 25,000 men.

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Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 22.—(By A. P.)—Union men claimed that 70 per cent of the workmen in the plants of the Lackawanna Steel Company, the Rogers-Brown Steel Company and the Donner Steel Company obeyed the strike call today. No statement was forthcoming from the companies.

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 22.—(By A. P.)—Every steel plant in the Birmingham district was operating today, most of them virtually at full capacity. Labor officials attributed the small response to the strike order to the fact that tomorrow is payday at two big plants in the Enley district and that two others pay Thursday.

Wilmington, Del., Sept. 22.—Reports from all the steel plants in and adjacent to Wilmington showed that all workmen reported for work as usual this morning, with no indications of a strike.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 22.—(By A. P.)—The Atlanta Steel Company here, employing 1,200 men, an independent, was not affected by the steel workers' strike. Labor officials said no instructions regarding a strike had been received from the national organization.

Pueblo, Colo., Sept. 22.—(By A. P.)—About 2000 men of the first morning shift at the Minnequa plant of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company here did not go to work this morning. Instead they gathered in Bessmer City Park, near the plant. It was estimated 50 per cent of the first shift failed to report.

Wheeling, W. Va., Sept. 22.—(By A. P.)—All steel plants in Wheeling and vicinity were closed this morning. Included are the riverside plant of the United States Steel Corporation at Benwood, the Carnegie plant of the steel corporation at Bellaire, the four plants of the Wheeling Steel and Iron Company, the two plants of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company in Martin's Ferry and one plant in this city, the LaBelle Iron Works plant in this city and the Smet-Solvay Coke plant at Benwood. No attempt was made to operate and there has been no disorder. Approximately 8,000 men are out.

NO MINE STRIKE TO AID STEEL MEN

Cleveland Convention Commits Union to "Legal Measures"

FOR NATIONAL LABOR PARTY

By the Associated Press

Cleveland, Sept. 22.—There will be no sympathetic strikes by the United Mine Workers of America in behalf of the steel strikers, by which men working under agreement might be called out.

This was made clear today when the committee to which was referred the resolution advising the miners to refuse to furnish coal for any purpose which might endanger the success of the steel strike reported instead a substitute committing the organization to use such measures as can legally be employed to give practical aid to the striking steel workers.

The resolution points out that as the miners are about to draft an economic program in their own behalf, which may tax their resources to the limit, it would be unwise to commit themselves to any more definite plan of action for the steel workers.

The resolution was adopted almost without dissent.

The convention further adopted resolutions demanding the immediate recall of American troops from Russia (which was greeted with very hearty applause), self-determination and the right of self-government for the people of Ireland and all other small nationalities capable of self-government and for the defeat of the Cummins railway bill.

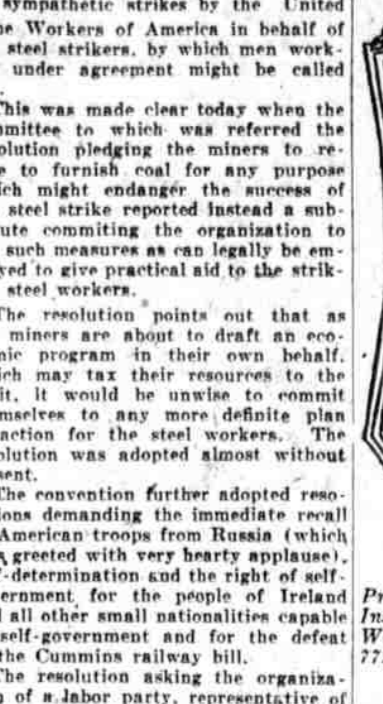
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Theatre listings for various Philadelphia theatres, including Alhambra, Apollo, Arcadia, Bluebird, Broadway, Capitol, Colonial, Empress, Fairmount, Family, 56th St., Franklin, Great Northern, and Imperial.