

# CLASH OF STEEL CLAIMS CONTINUES

### Carnegie Plants Report Increased Production, but One Pittsburgh Foundry Closes

#### MARK TIME DURING PROBE

By the Associated Press  
 Pittsburgh, Oct. 2.—Developments in the steel workers' strike in the Pittsburgh district today were few and of a minor character, the inactivity being partly due to the fact that William Z. Foster, secretary of the strikers' national committee, and other union leaders are in Washington, where they will appear before the Senate committee investigating the strike. Union organizers were busy, however, and reported gains in the number of men on strike. Counter-claims were made by employers, who declare that more men are returning to work each day.

Before leaving for Washington last night Secretary Foster issued a statement in connection with the testimony given before the Senate committee by E. H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation. "Statements made by Mr. Gary show that the head of the United States Steel Corporation stands absolutely for unbridled control of industry," said Mr. Foster. In reply to Judge Gary's statement that steel workers didn't want to strike, Mr. Foster says that, if the right of free speech and peaceful assembly had not been denied steel workers in the Pittsburgh district, the walkout would have been virtually 100 per cent.



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#### FORBIDDEN MEETING IS HELD

By the Associated Press  
 Bethlehem, Pa., Oct. 2.—The Bethlehem strike is in a dead center. Few of the 1500 strikers have returned to work, and their ranks are not receiving many recruits from among the men at the plant.

Breakings were called out yesterday, and, so far, about 125 have answered the summons. The defection of these men will embarrass the company. It is claimed, as there will be no one left able to relime the furnaces. The average life of a furnace is four months. The company is operating as usual, although a foreman declared today that the twelve and eighteen-inch mills are closed and two of the furnaces in the new merchant mill are also shut down.

According to Bethlehem Steel Company officials, there are 1200 absentees today, 800 of these men being strikers, the balance absent for various reasons.

Meeting Not Prohibited  
 In spite of threats by Superintendent of Police Davis and the city solicitor, Dallett H. Wilson, counsel for the company, machinists met in their hall last night and conducted the business of their lodge. When Mr. Wilson was asked later why he had not kept his threat and closed the meeting, he said he would not do so as long as the men were orderly.

As a matter of fact, David Williams, strike leader, was prepared to take legal steps in case the meeting was prohibited. It was his intention, he said, in case of police interference, to request the men to disperse quietly. Then he was ready to have attorneys representing the union ask for an injunction to restrain the city authorities from interfering with meetings of the lodge. The machinists, he maintains, had as much right to meet as any other association or organization in the city.

Mass-meetings, however, will not be tolerated, and, in consequence, the strikers will hold their second meeting tonight at Allentown.

Arrears in Pay Issue  
 The question of back pay due the men under the War Labor Board award, according to officials of the company, is being adjusted as rapidly as possible by the claims office of the Army Ordnance Department and the War Labor Board. The matter is in a snarl, it is said, and will require much careful investigation before it can be straightened out. The delay in paying this money is one of the things that has aroused the ire of the strikers.

There is no excitement at the gates of the company when the various shifts leave the plant or report for duty. The men are not being interfered with by the strikers at the plant. Efforts to influence the workers are, for the most part, being confined by the strikers to talks with them at their homes.

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