

# OVER BETHLEHEM STRIKE IS OVER

### Company Claim Party Substantiated by Admission That Tie-Up Fails

## MORE PLANTS TO OPEN

Bethlehem, Pa., Oct. 3.—Labor organization men at strike headquarters in Allentown admit they have been unable to make good their promise to report that the steel plants of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation would be tied up. Two new drives to gain adherents to their cause have been undertaken by the strikers. Having failed to put more than a small percentage of the steel workers on the street through their efforts, they are now directing their efforts at two of the main arteries of the steel company's operating system, the power department and the bricklayers, thus hoping to shut off the company's electric power and to make the retaining of their furnaces an impossibility.

Executives of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation say the strike was over. On the first day of the strike they said 15 per cent of their men were out on the street. The following day 12 per cent of their men were not working. Yesterday they said the situation was as near normal as it was not worth talking about. Today the strike is over, they declare. David H. Williams, strike leader, insists that 85 per cent of the men are on strike and that the plant is crippled. He says that the walkout is a deadlock.

Harrisburg, Oct. 3.—By A. P.—More men went back to work at the Steelton plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company than on any day since the strike against the company was launched, according to statements made at the offices of the company at Steelton. Every department is in operation and production is rapidly getting back to the normal in several branches. Most

of the strikers now appear to be fugitives. The strike committee declined to give figures, but denies all statements made at the offices of the company.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 3.—(By A. P.)—Evidence of another serious attempt upon the part of employers to make a breach in the ranks of the steel strikers next Monday when the third week of the walkout begins, were apparent today when reports came from company sources that preparations were being made to open plants, now shut down, and in otherwise providing for a larger return of men.

From Duquesne, Pa.: Mingo Junction, O., and Weirton, W. Va., came reports that efforts would be made to resume work Monday. In the immediate Pittsburgh district plants are cleaning up with a view of starting up. Steel company officials declare that many men have signified their desire to return to work.

At Johnstown, Pa., the Lorain plant is still operating shorthanded, while the Cambria Steel Works remains closed. It was reported that the latter plant, owned by the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company, may not resume for months.

As new reports had been received at the national strike headquarters up to midday, except from Sparrows Point, Md., where a tin-plate plant was reported to have been closed.

Although no definite figures were available, union organizers in the Pittsburgh district said they have made big inroads on the working forces of many of the large plants, particularly Homestead, within the past two days.

Gary, Ind., Oct. 3.—(By A. P.)—Alarmed at the defection of 1500 men from their ranks, strike leaders today exerted every influence at their command to keep their lines intact. A series of meetings were held at which addresses were delivered by labor leaders and the picket lines were strengthened.

As a result of this activity apparently not more than 200 strikers returned to work today at the Indiana Steel Company plant, where units in nearby

## YOUNGSTOWN MILLS REPORTING GAINS

Youngstown, O., Oct. 3.—(By A. P.)—Attention in the Youngstown steel district today centered on the Ohio works of the Carnegie Steel Company, where mill officials assert more men are reporting daily.

Observers reported the number of men entering the plant today was about the same as yesterday. Mill officials said this showed a gain for them, in that many who went to work yesterday remained in the plant overnight. Only very few pickets were on duty at the Ohio works today. Officials would make no statement as to when production would be attempted.

## TWO PLANTS RESUME IN CHICAGO DISTRICT

Chicago, Oct. 3.—(By A. P.)—Strike leaders made a determined effort today to prevent further defections from their ranks in the Chicago area and as a result there were fewer new men to return to work than yesterday.

At Indiana Harbor, Ind., the Inland Steel Company and the Mark Manufacturing Company resumed operations today for the first time since the beginning of the strike with about 50 per cent of their regular forces.

At the Illinois Steel Company in South Chicago there appeared to be

more activity than at any time since the walkout occurred. The company claimed to have 2000 men at work and to be operating on a basis of 50 per cent capacity.

## 2 AUTOISTS HURT BY ENGINE

Officials of Reading Railroad on Board the Locomotive  
Hathoro, Pa., Oct. 3.—Two persons were hurt and bruised last night when the car was hit by a locomotive bearing officials of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, at Johnstown station, two miles from here.

The victims, Miss Dorothy Harkins, aged twenty, of near Lansdale, and William Stackhouse, twenty-four, of Prospectville, were returning from the Trenton interstate fair. The automobile was wrecked.

Several weeks ago an engine containing P. and R. officials struck and killed a man at Fort Washington.

Portugal Plans Air Ports  
New York, Oct. 3.—Portugal is about to spend \$300,000 on seaplane and airplane bases at Ponta Delgado, in the Azores. Rio Janeiro and New York, according to four Portuguese naval officers who arrived here yesterday. The officers said they had come to purchase materials and gather American aviation data.

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# Are Steel Strike Leaders Patriots or Bolshevists?

"We are going to socialize the basic industries of the United States. This is the beginning of the fight. We are going to have representatives on the board of directors of the Steel Corporation," declared John Fitzpatrick, Chairman of the Committee of Twenty-four, representing the twenty-four separate American Federation of Labor unions participating in the steel strike. F. J. Vind, general organizer of the American Federation of Labor in the Chicago district, made even a more defiant cry when he declared that "The strike won't stop until steel-workers become the lawmakers at Washington."

While many editorial writers outside the labor press take these and other statements of the strike leaders as an indication that they aim at nothing less than industrial revolution, *The New Majority*, of Chicago, organ of the Labor party, counters with a charge of "high treason" against Judge Gary, of the United States Steel Corporation, because he denied the strikers "their constitutional rights of free speech, press, and assemblage," and it affirms, "he has set himself and his steel trust up in defiance of the Government and Constitution of the United States, as superior to them."

Concerning the union demand for increased wages the labor leaders admit, according to a correspondent of the *New York Tribune*, that the wages to employes in the steel industry have increased about one hundred per cent in the last four years, but "even this increase has not sufficed to improve their originally wretched conditions. They tell of human beings living like cattle in miserable shacks and hovels. The answer of the employers to this contention is that with the foreigners in the mills and furnaces the rate of pay has nothing to do with the standard of living, as the purpose of this class of laborers is not to live well, but to live as poorly as possible in order to save as much money as possible, usually with the intention of returning to Europe when a certain size stake has been attained." The employers support their contention by pointing to a scale of wages ranging from \$3.50 to \$6.00 a day for unskilled help, and from \$7.00 to \$80.00 a day for skilled help.

For a comprehensive review of the great steel strike from all angles, read THE LITERARY DIGEST for this week, October 4th. Other striking features in this week's DIGEST are:

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