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EXTRA. AT WAR

Pinkertons and Workmen Fighting at Homestead.

Five Detectives and Seven Mill Hands Reported Dead.

The Locked-Out Men Fighting with Cannon and Blazing Oil.

300 Hired Vidocqs Held at Bay by 5,000 Angry Toilers.

The Situation Grave and the Governor Appealed To.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.) HOMESTEAD, Pa., July 6.—A bloody battle has taken place between the workmen locked out of Andrew Carnegie's mill and 500 Pinkerton men sent from Pittsburgh to forest the works.

The fight occurred at daylight at the steamboat landing near the mills, where the workmen were massed to prevent the officers from landing.

The detectives, according to the statements of several eyewitnesses, began hostilities by opening fire with Winchesters on the men.

The fire was returned from revolvers and shotguns, and the workmen made so determined a resistance that the officers were unable to land.

Several persons were wounded on each side, and it is reported among the men that five Pinkerton detectives were killed outright.

The detectives are still on barges in the river, unable to land, and a statement from them cannot now be obtained.

On the side of the workmen seven men were wounded, and one of these, the foreman of the mill, is said to have died since the engagement.

At 8.10 o'clock the detectives began firing again at some of the workmen still on the river bank, and it is supposed that they are preparing to make another attempt to land.

The workmen have secured arms and ammunition, and a desperate fight is in prospect.

WHERE THE WORKMEN GOT THEIR GUNS. It is said that the armories of the Homestead Post of the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans and the Hibernal Hike Company have been seized by the locked-out men. Whether or not this is so, the mill hands have certainly secured guns and ammunition from some untraced quarter and are fairly well equipped for a siege.

THE FIGHTING RENewed. Later.—The fighting was renewed shortly after 8 o'clock, and the battle continued for fully half an hour. It was precipitated by the Pinkerton men making an effort to effect a landing.

The wildest excitement prevails in the town. Thousands of workmen from all the

surrounding places are reported to be marching towards Homestead to reinforce the strikers.

In the second engagement Henry Striegel,



THE P. W. & T. R. BRIDGE ACROSS THE MONONGAHELA RIVER. NEAR WHERE THE FIGHT TOOK PLACE.

was killed and several men were wounded. William Foy was shot and killed in the first engagement.

The bodies of both men were taken home. Great excitement prevails. A workman named Wallace was fatally shot at Ninth street. He was removed to his home.

The workmen have built a fortification of steel bars on the river bank and over 1,000 men are within.

The crowd on shore is constantly increasing, and it is more determined than ever to prevent any one landing on the boat.

All the trains are carefully watched and all means of entrance to the works are guarded by the men, and a desperate struggle is



EAST END OF CARNEGIE PLANT AT HOMESTEAD. New converting mill, 110-inch plate. ARMOR MILL. New open-heart mill. DETECTIVES' BOATS IN THE RIVER. They expect to set the river on fire.

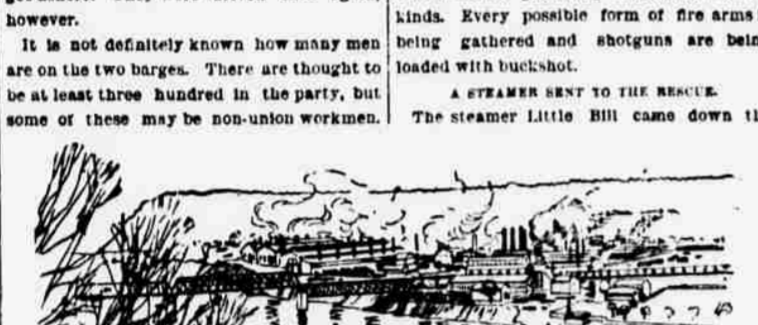
THREATENED TO MOW DOWN EVERYBODY IN SIGHT.

Before the second attempt was made to land, the officer in charge of the detectives announced to the crowd of workmen assembled on the bank that his men were Pinkertons, and that he would land them if he had to mow down every body in sight.

He then ordered his men to advance, and as they advanced from the barge they were met by a shower of lead from the rifles and pistols of the workmen.

The officers fell back for an instant as if repulsed, but they were promptly rallied, and marching eight abreast endeavored to get ashore. They were driven back again, however.

It is not definitely known how many men are on the two barges. There are thought to be at least three hundred in the party, but some of these may be non-union workmen.



ANDREW CARNEGIE STEEL MILL AT HOMESTEAD. Several of the Pinkertons were hit, but no one is allowed to go aboard and their loss cannot be definitely ascertained. It is reported that the captain of the tug is among the dead in the flotilla.

Already seven of the locked-out men have been killed. John Morris was killed in the last effort to land the officers, and at least six others were wounded.

The killing of Morris seems to have crazed the people, and men, women and children are running through the streets, crying for revenge and for blood.

LOSSES ON THE LABOR SIDE. The killed on the workmen's side are: JOHN MORRIS, shot through center of forehead, married, but no children; was a heater.

HENRY STRIEGEL, aged twenty-one years, unmarried, shot through neck and killed instantly.

MAX CROWSTY, a Hungarian laborer, shot through breast.

RUSSELL FOMBERG, shot through the heart.

ANDREW STRIEGEL, brother of Henry, shot through the chest.

MARTIN FAY, a heater, married and leaves five children.

SILAS WATERS. Following are the names of the wounded, but there are believed to be other casualties which have not been reported:

MILAS LOCOSKAS, dyer, shot through legs and hips.

JOE STYTA, shot through legs.

MARTIN MURRAY, shot through legs.

WILLIAM FAY, probably fatally.

ANDREW SOTLER, seriously. JOHN KANE. HARRY HUGHES. DAVID LESTER, received two wounds.

It is reported that the captain of the Pinkertons is dead. In the first assault he was seen to fall, and he has not been seen since.

The men have received ammunition and guns. They are better prepared than last night. They swear that the Pinkertons will never land while a man remains alive in Homestead.

At this time (9 A. M.) a body of the men are rolling barrels of oil to the river. It is their intention to set fire to the oil and burn the Pinkertons from the position they have held with safety since daylight.

LABORERS USING BLAZING OIL AND A CANNON.

11 A. M.—The strikers have fired a car of oil standing near the works on the P., V. and C. road, for the purpose of setting fire to the

works. The men have placed a cannon on the hill on the north side of the river and are bringing into the boat. Balls and pieces of iron are being used, and at every shot the boat's side is penetrated and pieces thrown into the air.

No move has been made to stop the shooting. Not a soul can be seen on the boat and no word can be gotten from or to it.

The workmen claim that at least five men on the boat were killed or fatally injured. One man alone says he saw six fall.

Dr. J. Osborne's house is turned into a hospital and he has treated ten men. On every hand men are gathering ammunition of all kinds. Every possible form of fire arms is being gathered and shotguns are being loaded with buckshot.

A STEAMER SENT TO THE RESCUE. The steamer Little Hill came down the

river shortly before 11 o'clock this morning to take off the Pinkertons who were imprisoned in their barge. There was a large number of new men on the boat. The moment it reached the shore a regular fusillade took place.

The Little Hill had an American flag on the bow. The men say it had assistance for the Pinkertons imprisoned in the barge. At all events a fusillade began in which the strikers, the Pinkertons and persons on the Little Hill took part. It continued ten minutes and was mixed with hoarse, derisive cheering from the men in the mill.

The cannoniers across the river fired three cannon balls at the Little Hill. Their aim was bad, and one ball entering the open heart department, took off a man's head.

The strikers now claim that besides the captain and lieutenant of the Pinkertons, four other men were shot and fell from the barge. One Pinkerton man, becoming desperate, jumped off the rear and tried to swim. He was drowned. The pilot of the Little Hill was killed.

The boat was driven off and proceeded down the river. The men have telegraphed to have it held at the lock.

THE GOVERNOR APPEALED TO. PITTSBURG, Pa., July 6.—10.10 A. M.—Sheriff McCreary has just wired Gov. Pattison that he is unable to cope with the Homestead men. The situation is very grave. There are 5,000 strikers on the ground, and unless

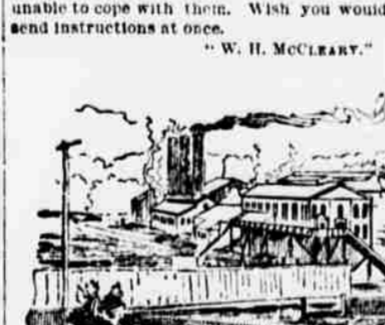
something is done promptly there will be great loss of life.

Sheriff McCreary has decided not to send any deputies to Homestead until he hears from the Governor in answer to the following telegram:

"R. E. Pattison, Governor, Harrisburg: Situation at Homestead very grave. My deputies were driven from the ground, and watchmen sent by mill-owners attacked. Shots were exchanged, and some men were killed and wounded.

Unless prompt means are taken to prevent it further bloodshed and great destruction of property may be expected. The striking workmen and their friends on the ground number 5,000, and the civil authorities are unable to cope with them. Wish you would send instructions at once.

"W. H. McCreary."

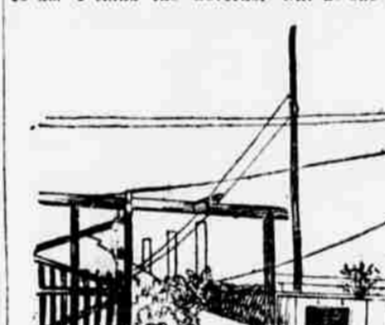


ANOTHER VIEW OF THE STEEL MILL.

The Sheriff said: "I believe it would be suicidal for me to take my men there. We could not hope to cope with 5,000 men. I expect a reply soon, and will then know what to do. I think the Governor will at once

ordered to take charge of the non-union men and protect the property, and that he intended to do this the best he knew how.

"The odds were against us," he continued, "and it was hard to do anything. I regret it



THE THREE-STRAND BARRED-WIRE FENCE TWELVE FEET HIGH SURROUNDING CARNEGIE, PHIPPS & CO.'S WORKS. (Photo by World Artist.)

come on, and I hope for good results from your presence."

WOUNDED DETECTIVES TAKEN TO PITTSBURG. Capt. F. H. Hein, who had charge of the Pinkerton men at Homestead, was brought to the Homeopathic Hospital in this city at noon

with five companions who were wounded. The list of Pinkerton men at the hospital is as follows:

J. W. KEINE, shot in the head, death expected any moment.

Capt. F. H. HEIN, shot in left leg; hand as



ENTRANCE TO WORKS AT MUNIHAL STATION, P. V. AND C. R. GATE. (Photo by World Artist.)

fractured, will recover.

HUBBLE WELLS, shot in right shoulder.

J. G. HOFFMAN, shot in right leg.

DAVID LESTER, shot in head; seriously injured.

Another man was shot in the arm, but he left the hospital and the authorities did not know his name.

Capt. HEIN'S VERSION OF THE TROUBLE. Capt. Hein has been in the employ of the Pinkertons for many years, and has had

charge of the men in several large strikes. He was always considered a very conservative man. When seen in one of the rooms at the hospital this afternoon he said:

"I had charge of these men, and they were picked up in Chicago and New York. They were a very fair lot of men. They numbered 200 all told, and I gave them strict orders not to shoot until they were fired upon.

"When we proceeded to land the whistle blew and immediately the strikers commenced to shoot. To protect ourselves we had to return the fire. Seven or eight of our men are hurt, but I do not know their names.

Capt. Hein stated that he did not know much about the strike, but that he had been

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of the Pinkertons, whose name could not be learned, was very seriously wounded. A committee of the locked-out men is now preparing Homestead for ammunition.

Two unknowns were taken to their homes, some distance from Homestead, apparently badly hurt.



ANDREW CARNEGIE.

It is not known just who was shot on the boat. One man in particular was seen to drop as if instantly killed, but whether he was or not cannot be told at this writing (7 A. M.), as it is impossible to get aboard the boat.

CARNEGIE'S HARDWARE TORN DOWN. The men are thoroughly aroused and declare that not one of the Pinkertons will be allowed to enter the works.

Before the arrival of the boat the men, fearing that the detectives would succeed in getting inside the works, made an onslaught on the fence and 100 feet of the inclosure was torn down.

Once through the fence the crowd poured along the steep embankment striking the river fence of the Carnegie company, and despite the mud and the uneven character of the ground they made rapid headway.

When the head of the line reached the city farm fence, which has been built out several feet into the water, fifty men or more used their shoulders as battering-rams, and almost in a twinkling had battered down the barrier.

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It was a strangely silent crowd. Few words were spoken and these sprang from the lips of the women, who were apparently as anxious to participate in the conflict as their husbands, brothers and sons.

From Homestead to the pumphouse it is a good two miles; but, all things considered, these half-dressed men and women made the journey in record-breaking time.

Once there, they gathered in one mass, the women, or at least the most of them, on the outskirts. The front rank of this solid wall of humanity stood at the water's very edge, and every moment the crowd grew in numbers and determination.

HAD DETERMINED TO FIGHT THEIR WAY THROUGH.

Slowly the Tide brought her silent column down the channel. Just below the Pemky bridge she partly turned her prow towards the shore and then, amid the shrieks of steam whistles and the angry groans and shouts from those gathered on the banks, the occupants of the boats stripped for action.

Each one of them was armed with a Winchester rifle and each rifle was loaded to kill.

Slowly the boat edged towards the landing, and when the keels of the barges grated on the sand the grim faces of the invaders were within a few feet of their opponents, gathered on the shores.