

# STRIKE GRIPPED BY FIRM HAND IN PITTSBURG AREA

Idle Workers Are Chafing Under Iron Rule Imposed on Them by Pennsylvania Authorities.

## MOB MEETINGS PROHIBITED

Four Constitute Crowd and Order to Disperse Must Be Obeyed; Say Force Necessary.

Farrell, Pa., Sept. 25.—(U. P.)—One striker was killed and one seriously beaten in a gun fight with state police here today. The police raided a house from which it was declared men were "sniping" at the steel plant.

By George R. Holmes  
Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 25.—(U. P.)—With the spotlight shifted temporarily to Washington, where the senate today opens an inquiry into the situation, the big steel strike went into the fourth day with little actual change in conditions.

The great steel centers in and around Pittsburg continued to operate, while elsewhere in the country—in Chicago, Gary, Youngstown and Wheeling—the tieup of the industry apparently is complete.

## AUTHORITIES HOLD REINS

The situation in western Pennsylvania is becoming more tense. The strike element is becoming more and more incensed over the "iron hand" with which the authorities are ruling the situation. In none of the steel cities in this district is it possible for the strike element to hold meetings and make speeches. They claim that the right of free speech and the right of peaceable and lawful assembly is guaranteed them under the federal constitution and cannot be transcended by any state law or authority. At strike headquarters here little else is heard and this feeling is increased by hatred of the Pennsylvania state constabulary, which the strikers' heads term "the Don Cossacks of the steel trust."

## NO CROWDS TOLERATED

The mounted state troops, augmented by the regular uniformed police and hundreds of deputies, undoubtedly are ruling the situation with rigor. Little horse play is tolerated in any of the steel towns around Pittsburg. Four persons constitute a crowd and must move. If they don't move they usually get a swift view of the business end of a club, followed by arrest.

## FIRMNESS THE ONLY REMEDY

Against the assertions and protests of the strike element, the authorities

set forth that only by this policy can they prevent riot and bloodshed such as has marred previous industrial disputes through this territory.

As long as men are kept moving and are not allowed to congregate and listen to inflammatory utterances the authorities say there can be little trouble. Their attitude is that riots come from mobs; hence, if there are no mobs there are no riots.

To the effective use of these methods the authorities attribute the comparative tranquility of the situation in western Pennsylvania. Considering the size and scope and elements engaged in the strike there has been little serious rioting and bloodshed.

## STATE POLICE CONTROL

The state police wield the balance of power in this district. They are mounted superbly, fully armed and extremely effective. The whole force only consists of several hundred men scattered over a large area, but one of them riding down the street, or perhaps on the sidewalk, is enough to create a general scattering.

There were minor disturbances in half a dozen steel districts last night and early today. Near McKeesport strikers attempted to hold a mass meeting. The police had endeavored to break it up, but were unsuccessful. Then the state troopers appeared and rode into the crowd. It went back. Somebody threw stones and there was a general mixup in which half a dozen were injured.

## WORKMEN ARE PROTECTED

Similar scenes were enacted near Brackenridge, where another meeting was attempted. Police interfered and the strikers moved across the river. This meeting also was broken up. State troopers were ordered to the gates of the Allegheny mills after midnight to protect workmen leaving for the late shifts.

## SECRET SERVICE AND DEPT. OF JUSTICE WATCHING STRIKE

By Ralph F. Couch  
Washington, Sept. 25.—(U. P.)—William J. Flynn, chief of the secret service bureau of the department of justice, today was in Pittsburg investigating the steel strike.

Through Flynn and a group of special agents scattered through the strike district of Western New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio, Attorney General Palmer is studying the strike and keeping in personal touch with the entire situation.

Palmer and all other government officials, since the strike began, have been flooded with reports that I. W. W. leaders and other radical organizers and agitators are trooping to Pittsburg in hopes of taking advantage of the strike to stir up rioting.

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## ULTIMATUM SENT BETHLEHEM; 150,000 EMPLOYEES MAY STRIKE

Bethlehem, Pa., Sept. 25.—(U. P.)—The "ultimatum" sent by the steel strikers' national committee to the Bethlehem Steel company which so far has not been affected by the strike, expires at 4 p. m. today. It is believed that if by that time President Eugene R. Grace has not replied to the committee's demand for a conference, the employees of the Bethlehem plants will be ordered out.

According to strike leaders here, the Bethlehem company employs nearly 150,000 men, but only 50,000 of these would be affected by a walkout order.

## CAR MEN OUT IN SYMPATHY; TONS OF FREIGHT TIED UP

Youngstown, Ohio, Sept. 25.—(U. P.)—The "sympathy" walkout of railroad car men to aid the steel strikers in this district has caused a serious congestion in the yards here. Approximately 4000 cars of coal, 500 cars of ore and several

hundred cars of limestone were tied up today.

Paying off of the strikers was continued today. Before the end of the week \$3,500,000 will be distributed. This is taken as a sure indication that the operators believe that the shutdown will be prolonged.

## MOBS ARE ARMED INVADERS; IS MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 25.—(U. P.)—Aside from constant efforts to persuade men to leave the mills, the greatest effort of the strikers will now be made in their fight against what they term violation of their constitutional rights.

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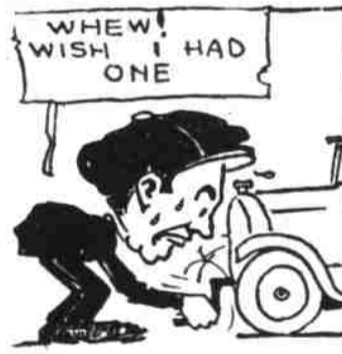
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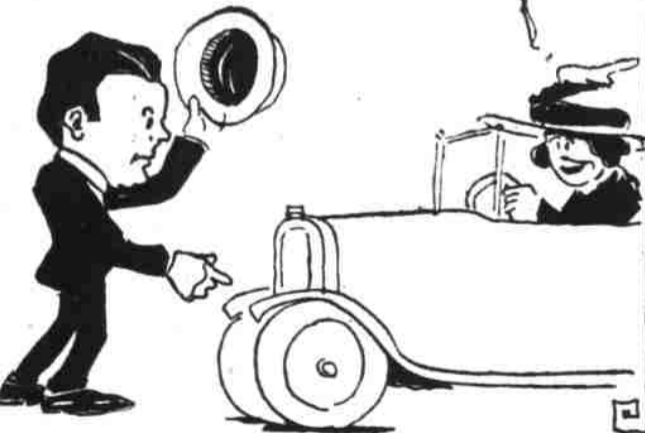
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