

S P E C I A L W O R K.

Saturday, June 27th, 1914. Report of Opr. # 115.

FULTON BAG & COTTON MILLS.

Reported at 5:00 A.M. as picket; mingling among legitimate workers, I found considerable unrest, especially regarding "bums" and "hangers on" among strikers. It is well known by regular workers, that there are a great number laying around, getting all they can, but who positively would not work if they could obtain it, and it is these kind who are laying around works as pickets. The leaders of strike are worried over their picket system, and have threatened to cut off rations of any whom they find will not stay properly on the job as pickets. The respectable element in strike are so afraid, as individuals, to assert themselves, that the organizers just do about as they please, knowing of this fear. I looked for some one to start some talk in to-days' meeting, regarding the "bums", but it was not brought up, as I judge all are afraid at present time. I am waiting for this, and stand ready to go just as far as I dare without running risk of uncovering myself. I am getting well into their confidence and have a good chance of reaching leaders, as I am in charge of their singing at meetings, and so must not be an open agitator.

I attended meeting at 10:00 A.M. Meeting opened by Rev. Jackson with prayer. E. D. Stevens a member of Carpenters Union made some remarks on unionism. This man secured work for two of strikers, and he came to report that these two were asked to join Carpenters Union, which they refused to do. This is causing trouble in Carpenters Union. This man Stevens is the man who was at meeting on Thursday, and said he was going up to mills, and would report what he saw there inside. Stevens also asked members to try and not destroy property in meeting room. The owners of hall are evidently very much incensed over the way the meeting rooms are being abused, as all the leaders begged the people in hall to try and keep it clean. I must say it is awful, the condition the rooms are left in, and instead of "Men & Religion" people going to mills to see the filthy condition there (as Mrs. Smith suggests) it would be well for them to come to hall and see it after meeting is over. They would not need to go any further to find out who is to blame for filth, which Smith is so fond of talking about.

Secretary Miller next spoke about actions of strikers in commissary store, complaining bitterly.

Fleming followed in same strain; in a long rambling speech, saying much and meaning nothing. I may add that I cannot see how Fleming could ever influence anyone. He is disgusting in appearance and manners; dirty and uncouth; mouth full of tobacco at all times, and turning around to expectorate every little while, as he talks. Splendid specimen of leader.

Smith followed, said some one she knew had been to a "Mind Reader," and this person told them the strike was won (great enthusiasm) She said nothing more of interest, and I note that she lacked the optimism to-day, that she has shown on previous days.

She asked for a larger picket force, and she took every name, and intends going around picket lines, if she finds anyone off the job, she intends stopping their rations.

Smith also said that the old mill was all stopped to-day.

Said it would not be long before rest of it was the same way.

Conboy followed, imploring all to attend meeting at Grand Opera House, Sunday, and asked that they make all the noise they could when speakers made a good point. She made a few more remarks of no consequence. Ending by wildly waving her arms, and shrieking, "we have the strike won, I know! I know! I know!" (Tremendous applause).

I mingled among strikers in afternoon. I note that there is a good deal of unrest, and some are agitating violence, and I believe it will show itself before long.

Would advise that your men around mills in A.M., keep their eyes about them, and not have their backs to strikers all at same time.

I would report that two officers who were stationed around store at back of mill (which is closed now) last night, were joking and skylarking with strikers; chasing them playfully around street, with sticks in hand.

This is splendid "Police Protection" I have noticed that at all times the police seem to encourage strikers.