

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

Sunday, July 5th, 1914. Report of Opr. #115.

FULTON BAG & COTTON MILLS.

I spent this morning in company of a number of strikers on picket duty, with view of getting their sentiments, and feelings in regard to leaders. I found among legitimate workers, the feeling of dissatisfaction which I have before stated, and among "hangers on," just exactly the opposite feeling. I note that seven men whose names are on strikers list, were arrested for disorderly conduct, drunkenness etc. I also note that at meeting on steps of Capitol yesterday, a number were intoxicated.

After mingling among pickets I spent several hours in company with E. C. Evans, a Loom-fixer on strike, and several other men who were Weavers. I tactfully drew Evans out, and got his feelings regarding conditions, and found that he would be glad to get back to work, but fears to do so at the present time. He expressed dissatisfaction, especially with number of bums taking advantage of strike, to get an easy living. I told him strike was lost, and that if I was him, I would get busy and look out for myself. I also got chance to voice sentiments of this character among number of other workers this afternoon. I found that their opinion was, that the leaders were running things to suit themselves, but all were very much afraid to speak their mind, and I have to use the greatest caution in bringing up the subject.

Smith, Miles & Co. have orders out for anyone bringing up any talk of this nature, to report it to them. An extreme feeling of uncertainty is noticeable everywhere. All the feeling of strike being won, as it was exhibited a few days ago, is missing, and it will require very little for a break of some kind to be made.

I note that pickets are tired of their jobs, and I look for it to be easy to get any new help which may arrive, into mills.

Note that Smith is trying to induce merchants in town to keep all trades possible away from Fulton Bag & Cotton Mills.