

S P E C I A L   W O R K.

Wednesday, July 15th, 1914.    Report of Opr. #115.

FULTON BAG & COTTON MILLS.

I picked up Smith and another party (whom I believe to be one of investigators sent here) at 8:00 A.M. to-day at post office. They remained in close conversation for half an hour, and then proceeded to Court House, remaining there until I left at 9:30 for meeting hall.

Meeting opened with Sweat in chair. Prayer by Wright. Usual singing. Conboy spoke first, in an entirely new line; that of deep religious talk. Said everyone must pray for Brother Elsas, that God may bless him and put in his heart the feeling that may lead to arbitration. Told them to pray night and day, and to remember that the Jews were Gods' chosen people. All her talk was on this line.

A Man just in Union a few days, got up and in an asinine speech, said that all goods were being refused, and sent back to mill because there was no union label on them (great applause)

Miles next said he was glad to say that investigators had arrived, and he had been in consultation with them last night at this hall. But said he could not tell them what was said. Miles complained bitterly the way strikers were abusing hall; spitting on walls and on carpets, and other filthy habits. Said sure the the strike was won. Gave them another talk on how splendidly they were behaving etc.

Man named Odeal, from Typographical Union, gave speech on benefits of Union. Told them of good fight. Told them of Silk Mill Strike; Coal Miners Strike etc. Told them to go to city officials, and complain of F. B. & Co., paying no taxes.

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Said they should be made to do so etc. Nothing further of interest.

Smith followed. Said her man she had in mill, who made reports weekly, said that machinery was smashed up and could never be fixed etc. Said that Mr. Elsas said this morning he was afraid he would have to close down. Said everything was coming their way. Next she told them "for Gods' sake, get busy around mill lots, as investigators would say, after their visit to mills, that there was no strike, as the mills were running full handed." Smith is worried for fear some of Company's men will get into the commissary. For some reason she is afraid things will be stolen. Smith also complained over filthy condition of strikers habits. Said that they would be up against it, if the Committee of Odd Fellows ordered them to move. Next said that if a representative of Mr. Elsas was in hall, to tell him that the strikers did not want anything, only fair treatment, and that he could be assured that investigators would give each side fair treatment.

About ten joined Union. Commissary has got Smith, Miles & Co. all in a fumble; they are worried fearfully over it, and it gets worse every day.

Regarding Adams, I may say that at this writing there is no ground for suspicion of him. I will, however, keep this matter before me at all times, in case it comes up.

The efforts of leaders will be concentrated on getting in personal touch with employees now working. A committee of women was appointed to get after Melton family. Strenuous efforts are to be made to reach all of them as quickly as possible.