

marched under the United States flag and says whoever usurped the functions of commander-in-chief of the army in ordering these men to invade Pennsylvania, is guilty of treason and should be punished accordingly. He therefore asks investigation. These responsible persons, he says, are Frick and Robert Pinkerton. Another point is that as the armed men came altogether from an outside State and as such could not hold offices, they could not be sworn in as deputies, and that the Homestead men were right in resisting them.

HOMESTEAD, July 15.—The laborers in the mines, not members of the Amalgamated Association, and made idle by the lock-out, are mostly Hungarians, and absolutely destitute, and the strikers are now holding a secret meeting to consider the question of providing for their maintenance. Some of the mechanics are preparing to leave the town, being promised jobs elsewhere.

The fire was started in one of the furnaces this morning. Nobody knows what it means, but it has given rise to a fresh rumor that non-union men are coming.

The servant girls at the hotel refuse to wait on the militia men.

PITTSBURG, July 15.—The situation at the upper and lower Carnegie mills was quiet and peaceful today, the men who left taking matters coolly. The minority, who were not in favor of independent moves yesterday, are fast growing in number and probably as the men calmly consider the measure of the move they have taken the dissatisfaction will be with themselves. There will be no attempt to start the mills until some settlement shall be made at Homestead and no trouble is expected until then. One hundred men were sworn in as watchmen today. The bridge works through lack of material will be closed in a few days. It is also reported that the Lucy Blast furnace will be shut down. There is no sympathy with the strikers in Braddock; although two thousand men are employed in the Edgar-Thompson steel works owned by Carnegie, Phipps & Co. not one of them will quit the works, neither will there be sympathy with the strike at Duquesne works.

Frick of the Carnegie Company, having received notice from the employees in Beaver Falls mills that they will refuse to work unless the company will confer with the Homestead men, telegraphed to the superintendent of the Beaver Falls mills to inform the men that unless they go to work under the agreement on Monday next the company will cancel the agreement, and when work is resumed it will be with non-union men; that under no circumstances will the company confer with the Homestead men as members of the Amalgamated Association.

HOMESTEAD, Pa., July 16.—Today was the quietest that Homestead has known since the declaration of hostilities between the company and the men. It is not doubted that new men will be introduced into the works, but the number is small and the strikers are confident many cannot without great difficulty be brought in. If the men come they will undoubtedly have the liveliest time they ever had. Although smoke is rising from two of the smokestacks in the mill a visit to the

yard showed about seventy non-union men busy—not fifty as originally stated. Burgess McLuckie tells a curious story about the manner in which the first armor plates were made.

"When the workmen came to the mills a lot of experts both from the government and the Carnegie Company turned in them to show us how nickle steel should be made. The result was that fully \$100,000 worth of material was wasted. We tried and tried under expert direction to produce nickle steel armor plate but could not do so. At last some boys got together and looked over the situation, and finally asked the Carnegie company to withdraw the experts and let the men see what they could do by themselves. It was done as we asked. Every one of the office force was sent away from the furnaces and Basic Lodge of the Amalgamated Association turned out the first completed nickle steel armour plates that would stand inspection. The result was that the Carnegie company got the reputation which really belongs to Basic Lodge. We made those plates under tremendous difficulties, and after the government officials and mill owners were in despair."

INVITED TO GO TO WORK.

Letters were put in the office today to every old employee of the mills with about forty exceptions reading as follows:

"Dear Sir:—Repairs will be resumed Monday morning, July 18th. We invite you to return to your old position; work to commence at the usual time.

Respectfully, J. W. POTTER,
Gen. Supt.

Besides the letters posters were put up all over town stating that individual applications for employment will be received by the general superintendent until 5 p. m. July 21st. The poster says the desire of the company is to retain in service all old employees whose past record is satisfactory and who did not participate in the efforts made to interfere with the company's right to manage its own business. Old employees who do not apply by the time mentioned the company will consider have no desire to re-enter employ again and their position will be given to others. Absolutely no excitement followed the putting up of the notices, and members of the advisory committee said that neither they nor the letters would have any effect on the strikers. The men will go back readily as soon as it shall be settled as to the wages to be paid, and until then they will not go back. No violence is threatened. A prominent striker said:

"The Carnegie mills might restore all the men in the world outside of our ranks and they could not make nickle steel armour plate that the United States inspector would pass. Our people know how to make it and nobody else does."

Shannon, who made the above statement, is one of the most conservative of the strike leaders. He said further that the men had sufficient funds to continue for five years.

IMPORTING LABORERS FROM EUROPE.

PITTSBURG, July 16.—This evening President Weihe of the Amalgamated Association, received word that the steamer "Switzerland," of the Red

Star line, was on its way to this country with a shipload of European ironworkers for Homestead. The news created great excitement in labor circles, and President Weihe immediately wired his agents in Jersey City and New York to look out for the steamer. The replies state that the "Switzerland" had not arrived yet, but was overdue and would probably go to Philadelphia. The Amalgamated people in Philadelphia were notified to keep a lookout for the ship, and as soon as it reaches there efforts will be made to prevent the men landing under the contract labor and pauper laws.

PITTSBURG, July 17.—Affairs in the neighborhood of the upper and lower Union mills are assuming a serious phase. The skilled mechanics are endeavoring to induce the workmen to quit, and in numerous cases the latter have declared that they would. A secret conference of the Amalgamated workmen and laborers was held this afternoon in Union Hall. It is impossible to learn the result. It is safe to say that none of the strikers will accept the company's invitation to return to work. The men hold that they will remain firm to the last and the mills will never be operated by non-union men. The men are confident of winning and claim there are not enough skilled men in the country in the various plants now idle. There is an unconfirmed rumor to the effect that an order to railroad trainmen to join the fight has been issued and a meeting will be called to decide whether they would handle Carnegie's output if non-union men are employed.

PITTSBURG, July 18.—Dave Lester, a military, while drunk this morning, ran a bayonet into Frank C. Calhoun, inflicting a wound which will prove fatal.

A dozen of the best educated, and most conservative of the locked-out men at Homestead left for the East this morning with great secrecy. It is believed they have gone to labor with a lot of Belgians said to be on the way to take the places of the Amalgamated association men.

The Amalgamated Lodge of Workmen at Carnegie's Union mills met this morning, and resolved to stand firm in the strike, and tendered the Homestead men both financial and physical assistance.

PITTSBURG, July 18.—The Beaver Falls employees of Carnegie have kept their threat, and did not go to work this morning. Consequently the mill did not resume. Everything is quiet about the mill.

PITTSBURG, July 18.—This afternoon information was lodged before an alderman, charging murder against Hugh O. Donnell, the principal leader at Homestead; John McLuckie, Burgess of Homestead; Strasser Critchlow, Anthony Flaherty, Samuel Birket, James Flannegan and Hugh Ross, all labor leaders in the recent Homestead troubles. They are specifically charged with the murder of T. J. Connors and Felas Wayne, Pinkertons, killed in the fight. All the accused will probably be arrested this afternoon except O. Donnell, who is out of the city.

PITTSBURG, July 18.—An attorney for the strikers said tonight that no information would be made against Frick, Lovejoy and Potter now, and it