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Homestead Strikers Do Not Resist the Guard.

NO RECEPTION ALLOWED.

Owners of the Carnegie Works Placed in Possession.

STRIKES IN OTHER MILLS.

If Non-Union Men Are Employed 3,000 More Will Go Cut.

ARREST OF LEADERS TO FOLLOW.

Homestead, Pa., July 12.—[Special.]—This town of turbulent toilers, which has suffered under mob rule for the last week, is peaceful and quiettoday. The vicious element has retired, for the present at least, and 3,000 soldiers are here with 5,000 more within easy call.

call.

As yet the town has not been placed under martial law, but at the first display of viciousness on the part of the strikers it will be. The National Guard of Pennsylvania has come under command of Gen. George B. snowden. The grand reception which the riotous strikers planned yesterday was summarily dispensed with by Gen. Snowden on his arrival with the troops.

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The first train bringing the militia backed into the Pennsylvania railway yards at Munhall station, at the eastern entrance to the steel works, at 8:30 o'clock this morning. It moved slowly. The whistle was not sounded nor the bell rung, so that even the strikers who lived in the immediate neighborhood did not know it was there until the soldiers began to disembark and the military bands to play. A few minutes after the first train came to a standstill a second train appeared, and then a third and fourth and fifth until every track in the yard was covered with coaches bringing armed men to silence the mob that has held sway in and around Homestead for the last week. On the rear platform of the first train stood Gen. John A. Wiley of the Second Brigade and his staff, with Col. W. J. Elliott and Col. R. F. Cullman of the Governor's staff.

The citizens of the town and the strikers had expected to be notified of the coming that they might go out with bands and speeches that the real purpose of the coming army might be turned into a farce. But by the time the citizens of the town and the strikers awakened to the fact that the soldiers had come a line of pickets surrounded the stemmit of a high bluff overlooking the town.

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the fact that the soldiers may come a minumous pickets surrounded the steel mills, and 1,000 or more occupied the summit of a high bluff overlooking the town.

The second train brought Gen. Snowden and his staff, Col. McKibben, Col. O. E. McClelland, Col. James Duffy, Col. H. D. Paxton, and Brig.-Gen. W. W. Greenland.

Marched to Their Quarters.

The Commanding General and his staff alighted from their car and the command was given for the troops to unload and form in line of march. Company A of the Eighteenth Regiment was sent out as flankers to clear the way and to keep the crowd back, which had begun to collect. Then the Eighteenth Regiment, followed by the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Regiments, moved west on Eighth avenue, which passes the south side of the mill yards. All the while there was a wonderful stillness. The commands of the officers and the steady tramp of marching feet was all that could be heard.

When the troops had begun to move George Champero, of the Advisory committee, put in an appearance. He told Gen. Snowden that he was one of a committee appointed by the citizens of the borough to meet the commanding officers to arrange for a royal welcome.

"It was my intention to surprise you," returned Gen. Snowden with a smile, "I did not come here for social pleasure, nor to hear nor to make speeches. I came here at the command of the Governor of Pennsylvania, upon a serious business, and it can not be checkmated or turned into a farce."

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Overlooking the steel works and town to the
south is a high bluff known by the inhabitants
as "Scab Hill," in rememberance of a battle
between some strikers and non-union men
which occurred there in 1877. This hill was
selected by Gen. Snowden for a camp, and
his headquarters were opened in a plain twostory frame school-house, two-thirds the way
to the top of the bluff. It is known as the
Carnegie School and commands a complete
view of the Monongahela Valley for miles.

The Eighteenth Regiment was the first to
ascend this frowning bluff. It was closely
followed by the Fifteenth and Sixteenth, and
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the town began to realize that the militia had really come. In less than half an the town began to realize that the militia had really come. In less than half an hour the tops of the adjoining hills were covered with women and children and the streets passing the strikers' headquarters were crowded with men. There was no outward expression of hatred toward the troops, but in passing through the crowd one could hear curses and threats in plenty.

Picket Line Withdrawn from the Mill

The hill forces are under the immediate command of Col. W. A. Kreps of the Fifteenth Regiment, with Col. Smith second in rank. As soon as the troops were all on the hill the picket line along the mill yard was withdrawn and another was placed around the camp. The order was then given for the Eighteenth Regiment to cover the top of the hill, with the Fifteenth one-third the way down. On the hill, with the own. On the ment to cover the top of the hill, with the Fifteenth one-third the way down. On the lower right of these lines the Fifth was massed under the command of Col. Birchfield, and on the lower left was the Sixteenth, under Col. When each regiment had assumed the position assigned to it, arms were stacked and preparations made for erecting tents.

Three companies of the Eighteenth Regiment and one from the Fifteenth made a de-

ploy through the town as soon as the camp had been selected. This detachment was under the command of Maj. Logan. It under the command of Maj. Logan. It marched down Eighth avenue past the strikers' headquarters. As the troops passed there was a feeble effort on the part of some of the leaders to induce the crowd to give three cheers. The cheers were given, but they were anything but hearty, and if the majority of the gathering had had its way the cheers would have been changed to hisses and greans. would have been changed to hisses and groans. Passing the headquarters the detachment marched through the principal streets of the town and back to camp without further incident. Along the route men, women, and children came to the doors and windows, and

town and back to camp without further incident. Along the route men, women, and children came to the doors and windows, and watched the soldiers pass with looks immed with astonishment and hatred.

Toward noon the Sheridan Troop of Tyrone, under Capt, Jones; the Ninth Regiment, under Col. E. H. Ripple; the Eighth, under Col. F. E. McGee; the Twelfth, under Col. James Coryel; and the Philadelphia City Troop, under Capt. Wilson, arrived and reported to Gen. Snowden. Gen. Snowden.

Objection to Unloading the Battery. Battery B of Pittsburg, under Capt. Alfred E. Hunt, arrived at 3 o'clock, with two twelve

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pounders and two Gatling guns. carrying the cannon were side-tracked in the center of the business part of the town, and at once a great crowd of 1,500 strikers gathered around. The Captain got his men together, preparatory to unloading their machines of war. He had scarcely begun operations when

war. He had scarcely organ operations when a committee from the crowd waited on him.
"You must not unload these cannon, here," said fine leader, "if you do there will be trouble; the locked-out workingmen are already in a fever heat of excitement, and if you persist there will be trouble. The town

to come in here with these weapons of war."

To this the Captain replied that he did not wish to have trouble, but that he had his orders through the commander of the militia and he proposed to obey orders.

The committee retired and a short consultation was held. As the soldiers were proing to let the first cannon to the ground As the soldiers were preparcommittee returned and attempted to scare the Captain again; but he promptly told the committee to go on about their business. The

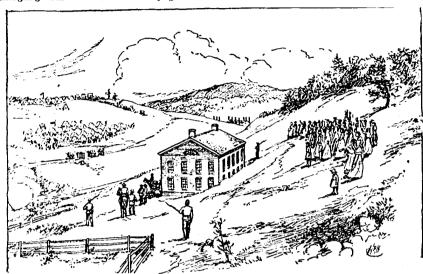
committee to go on about their business. The crowd continued to grow until the artillery had been unloaded, the horses attached, and the order given to "forward march."

At this there was a yell of derision, but no heed was given to it. The battery moved to the headquarters of Gen Snowden and the guns were trained toward the steel works and the Carnegie schoolbouse. the Carnegie schoolhouse.

With the regiments which arrived this after-noon there are now 3,000 soldiers in camp overlooking Homestead.

Militiamen Mingle with Strikers.

Towards noon the militiamen began to drift towards town, and before 3 o'clock there were at least 1,000 of them on the streets mingling with the strikers. They gathered



THE TROOPS NEAR HOMESTEAD.

in the saloons, which, notwithstanding the order of Burgess McLuckie for them to close, are running full blast, and towards evening the streets were througed with drunken strikers and soldiers. The bitterness of the strikers towards the soldiers is becoming more intense every minute. On several occasions fights were narrowly averted, and impromptu indignation meetings are held.

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As soon as Gen. Snowden learned that his men were down-town mingling with the strikers he sent an order to Col. Charles Green, who is in command of the provost guard, to send out detachments and arrest every soldier down-town without a permit. Six companies were at once sent out and before doals that the town was practically fixed from dark the town was practically freed from soldiers.

Gen. Snowden was seen at his headquarters this afternoon and asked what his intentions were regarding the strikers. "We have come were regarding the strikers. were regarding the strikers. "We have come here to suppress any attempt at violence or riot," he replied, "but so long as the people act peaceably we will confine ourselves to camp duties. It is not the intention to place the town under martial law until the strikers raise a disturbance, but I want to say right here there is to be no fooling. The Pennsylvania National Guard raise a disturbance, but I want to say right here there is to be no fooling. The Pennsylvania National Guard has an annual encampment for inspection and drill practice. The time is at hand for this encampment, so the Governor sent us here instead of to our regular camping grounds."

Will Not Guard the Steel Works.
"Will you place men in and around the steel works to do guard duty tonight?" was

"By no means: the pickets which were sta-tioned along the road in front of the mill were only temporary. They were removed as soon as our camp was established. I will pay no attention to the mills, nor will I look after the town until the strikers begin to show signs of violence or riot. So long as they re-main peaceable and quiet they will be inter-fered with in no way whatever. It rests with the strikers whether the town shall be placed under martial taw."

Uniter martial law.

During the Pittsburg riots, fifteen years ago,
Gen. Snowden was in command of the Third
Regiment of Philadelphia. He was at the
condhouse where so many lives were lost in
the battle between the strikers and militia. seven of his regiment were seriously and a dozen more slightly injured by stones and bricks thrown by strikers.

He refuses to give his views on the situation at Homestead and will not say what the chances for trouble are. He has spared no pains in

preparing for an emergency and does not pro-

pose to be caught napping.

As soon as his command reached camp he had a corps of civil engineers sent out to get the lay of the ground and to make diagrams the lay of the ground and to make diagrams and maps of the country in and around Homestead. They also took the elevations of the hills and measured the distances between the camp and various points about the town so that in ease of necessity the field pieces might be used to good effect. A detachment of soldiers was sent into the mill yards this afterwas sent into the water-works there so that water might be put through the mains to the full on which his camp is located. The ground water might be put through the mains to the full on which his camp is located. The ground nil belongs to Carnegie, Phipps & Co., and is being filled up for homes. The water mains have been laid to the top of the hill and a large reservoir has been built by the company. Since the strike this reservoir has been allowed to run dry, but now that it will be filled up again. but now that the soldiers are here

of will be filled up again.

Opposite the big steel mills on the other side of the Monongahela River is stationed three companies of infantry, and tonight three companies of infantry, and tonight Bartery C occupies an excellent vantage point on the hills above. The infantry arrived antry arrived body of the about the same time the main body of the division reached Homestead. There are three regiments in the detachment. The Fourteenth is encamped on a bluff opposite the total works, and is under command of Col. steel works, and is under command of Col. Case of Pottsville. The Tenth and Fourteenth Case of Pottsville. The Tenth and Fourteenth regiments are above and across a ravine from the Fourth. They are under command of Col. II. C. Hawkins and Col. P. D. Perchment respectively. From these camps the entire river for a distance of four miles, and the mills and the city are covered. There are in the auxiliary camp 1,350 men and officers. There has been much drinking by privates of the division today. Before the camp was organized and complete military discipline was established several hundred privates came down to the city and imbibed freely of beer.

down to the city and imbibed freely of beer. There was considerable noise. Col. Charles S. Green, Provost Marshal, sent out several detachments and the boozers were taken to camp. Hereafter they can only leave by permission.

A brewery on the hill near the camp was closed by the city authorities, but the saloons are ail open. Military guards are placed at various points throughout the town and there are 100 extra police on duty tonight.

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