

GLOOMY FOR THE STRIKERS.

EFFECTS OF THE LOCK-OUT FELT— NON-UNION MEN THREATENED.

HOMESTEAD, Penn., July 29.—The second month of the great Homestead strike opens rather discouragingly, so far as the locked-out men are concerned, though they do not in the slightest admit it and express as great confidence in ultimate victory as ever.

On the 29th of June, 2,000 men having been locked out, 1,800 others struck out of sympathy, and only a few watchmen were left around the plant. To-day there are about 725 men in the mill, and the firm says it has a quantity of beams ready for shipment.

The locked-out men have no access to the non-unionists to endeavor to induce them to come out, while daily the firm is filling vacancies and training new men for the work.

Meanwhile the effects of the lock-out are being felt in the town. To-day a constable closed a grocery store, the owner concluding to go out of business, owing to his inability to carry on an extensive credit business. Several merchants, while in sympathy with the locked-out men, are deciding upon a plan whereby they will not give credit, but will sell at absolute cost to all locked-out men.

The Relief Committee which has charge of all poorer paid labor meets all demands upon it, though daily the long line of persons asking assistance grows larger. The non-union men are beginning to receive an astonishing number of threatening letters. The following is a sample: