

# STATE TROOPS ARRIVE

## MILITARY CONTROLS SITUATION AT STANDARD CAR PLANT

### GOVERNOR ADDRESSES TROOPS BEFORE LEAVING SOLDIERS

## "MUST USE VIGOROUS MEASURES"

Goodrich Says U. S. Government Is One of Laws, Not Men.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 21.—"We will have fought to little purpose to destroy the autocracy of the kaiser if we are to submit to our own land to the autocracy of the mob," declared Gov. James P. Goodrich, addressing state troops mobilized here today for duty at Hammond with strike disorders there.

Officers of the guard have orders to "shoot to kill" if necessary, it was learned on good authority this morning.

The two Indianapolis companies are armed with short-barreled Winchester rifle rifles.

**USE FORCE IF NECESSARY.**  
"The governor charged the militiamen with 'most vigorous exercise of force,' should the occasion demand."

"More than 140,000 of the young men of Indiana were recently called to defend the honor and integrity of the nation in a foreign war," he said. "You are now called upon to less glorious but no less important mission."

**CANNOT VIOLATE LAWS.**  
"Our is a government of laws and not of men. If men are to be permitted to substitute the inclination of their own wills and their own selfish desires for obedience to law, then orderly government is at an end and we must soon reach the unhappy condition which now obtains in Russia. I trust that it will not be necessary to resort to extreme measures, but those who have arrayed themselves against society should be taught that they cannot do so with impunity."

## Troops Reach Hammond During Night

Ft. Wayne, Goshen, Elkhart and Gary are the First to Arrive.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 21.—Martial law may be in force in Hammond before night if the radical element in the strike-ridden Calumet city defies the eleven companies of Indiana militia mobilized there today. Adj. Gen. Harry B. Smith, who is in supreme command of the state troops, is clothed with full authority to invoke military rule.

The state troops, rushed to Hammond following appeals from Mayor Brown and Sheriff Barnes who declared that the striking employees of the Standard Steel Car Co. plant had rejected arbitration and the situation was tense, are armed with rifles and pistols but carry no bayonets.

**CALLS SMITH BY LONG DISTANCE.**

The first appeal for the aid of troops came from Sheriff Barnes, who told Gen. Smith by long-distance telephone last night that the strikers, mostly of alien blood, were in a mood that promised serious trouble unless troops were on hand. An hour later a joint telegram from the sheriff and mayor reached Gov. Goodrich, who ordered immediate mobilization.

The eleven companies, about 1,000 strong, were awaiting the call and were aboard special trains in double-quick order.

Arms were requisitioned from Fort Harrison for the Indianapolis companies. The Shelbyville guardsmen were called from their beds by the blowing of city whistles.

**MAJOR PEASE'S TROOPS FIRST.**

The Fort Wayne, Goshen, Elkhart and Gary troops arrived at Hammond at 10:30 p. m.

## HOHMAN ST. WIDENING IS DISCUSSED

Project Which Has Much to Be Said For It Taken Up By Property Owners Last Night.

Widening of Hohman street from the Michigan Central tracks to Muehlebach court, a project which has been brought up at five and ten year intervals, since Hammond's business district attained any size, was discussed yesterday evening at a meeting of citizens at the Chamber of Commerce but the problem is no nearer solution than it was twenty-five years ago.

Mayor Brown had called the meeting at the request of a number of the citizens who had been considering the matter lately.

Dr. H. E. Sharer had proposed that now was an opportune time to widen the street as practically all of the business houses on the west side of the street are to be remodeled or entirely rebuilt before long.

As all of the building program is confined to the west side of the thoroughfare it had been figured that the widening could all be made on that side at half of the expense of moving back the fronts on both sides.

West side property owners were fully represented at the meeting and immediately voiced their oppositions. The move would necessitate setting the fronts back twenty feet and the acquiring of twenty feet of land in the rear if they hoped to preserve the business blocks which would be of any real value.

Estimates of the cost of the project ranged from \$500,000 to \$2,500,000.

When the quakers at the cost began to reach high figures the east side men who were expecting to stand most of the expense began to back down.

P. W. Meyn and A. M. Turner, two of the heaviest property holders on the east side of the street, said they were in favor of the move, providing it did not cost over \$200 per front foot, but said they would not push the matter further since the opinion seemed to be that it would cost more than that.

Members of the firm of Sarros, Kontos & Gregory, who are to build a theatre on the old Kiehlers property were present.

They said they were willing to have the improvement made providing the decision was made at once so that it would not interfere with their building plans which will be put into operation within two weeks.

The meeting ended with sentiment apparently opposed to the change.

However, P. W. Meyn informed those present that it would not prevent a petition being presented to the council for the widening of State street from Hohman street. He said that he knew the majority of the property owners on that street would favor the plan and predicted that when the improvement was made realty values on State street would soon be on a par with Hohman street.

**FIRST TIME GARY GUARDS CALLED OUT**

Receiving orders early last evening to prepare for immediate action, Gary took on a military aspect last night when Capt. R. C. Rankin, commanding officer of Company I, gave orders to mobilize and today they are doing guard duty to quell any possible riots at the Standard Steel Car Works strike at Hammond.

Since Company I was organized during the war, this is the first time that the home guards have been called out for active duty. Under the discipline of trained army officers, Company I ranks among the best drilled organizations in the state. Its muster roll is made up of many prominent professional and business men and steel workers of Gary.

Three hours after receiving word to mobilize, Company I was ready for duty and considering that each man had to be notified it was no small task.

Fully equipped, they left for Hammond over the South Shore at three o'clock this morning in charge of Capt. R. C. Rankin of the regular army, who saw service in the Philippines, First Lieut. E. C. Simpson, brother of Lieut. Col. Simpson of the Elkhart guard, and Second Lieut. W. J. Carroll, formerly of Company F in Gary.

## WILL SEEK CONFERENCE WITH STEEL CO.

Heads of Steel Industry To Meet to Settle through Peaceful Means.

(BULLETIN.)  
When the news was flashed to Gary yesterday evening that the allied steel workers had practically cast a unanimous vote for a country-wide walkout until the United States Steel Corporation recognizes their twelve-point demand, the surprising lack of enthusiasm and demonstration was noticeable.

The coming days will be anxious ones for the steel and iron workers in this region and in effort to keep the men well in touch with the situation, union officials have arranged for meetings and the labor headquarters at 560 Broadway in Gary will be kept open at all hours.

Anticipating a walkout, business has started to tighten up, according to business and professional men in Gary. Business has decreased noticeably during the past two weeks and it is evident that the workers are attempting to be as saving as possible, for if a general walkout becomes a reality there will be a noticeable lack of currency and hard times.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Aug. 21.—

Efforts to reach an agreement with the U. S. Steel corporation through peaceful means will be employed by the newly-organized steel workers union.

Conferences will be sought with the heads of the steel industry within the next ten days by a committee which will be headed by President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, provided he is back from Europe.

**WHAT THE MEN WANT.**

The right of collective bargaining, an eight hour day, a six day week, standardization of wages and classification of workers, double pay for Sundays and overtime and abolition of company unions are the most important of the demands that will be made.

Failure to secure conferences with steel corporation heads will result in a strike, the committee members declared. They are backed, they said, by almost unanimous strike sentiment, 98 per cent of the 200,000 ballots cast favoring that action if the demands are not granted.

**HERE IT IS!**

LOOK FOR DROP ENLIST

FOR MEXICAN BORDER

Falling Off of Exports Expected to Bring Sharp Reduction in Foodstuff

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—The cost of food is due for a drop within a few days, Chicago exporters of foodstuffs declare, as a result of an eighty per cent decline in foodstuff exports during the past ten days.

The falling off in exports, exporters say, was due principally to inability of England to pay the current price owing to the decline of the British pound sterling from \$1.85 to \$1.12. France, the exporters say, is understood to be overstocked and is not buying at present.

The availability in American markets of this large amount of food usually exported will bring about a sharp reduction of prices in this country, the experts say.

**MOTORCYCLE RACES AT CROWN POINT**

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)

CROWN POINT, Ind., Aug. 21.—There will be a classy lot of motorcycle races at the fair grounds here next Sunday under the auspices of the Crown Point Motorcycle Club. The track is now the fastest in the state and the boys here have the class of riders for Sunday's meet that shows people the most for their money. Many of them are professionals who have ridden for years. There will be music, refreshments and lunch and the program will begin at 1:30.

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## THREE HURT IN GRIFFITH EXPLOSION

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)  
GRIFFITH, Ind., Aug. 21.—Three people were so badly injured this morning here in an explosion at the Victor Photo Company's factory that they may die. They are being rushed overland via auto to St. Margaret's hospital in Hammond. The names of the injured are:

HENRY PLOGH, Supt. of the plant.

ALVIN LIGHTFOOT, workman.

MISS VERA WRAY, aged 17, stenographer.

How the accident happened is not known. The concern manufactures a flashlight powder and a quantity of it is believed to have exploded. The victims were all badly burned and an investigation is now under way as to the cause of the explosion.

Later—Supt. Plogh is dying. The Smith Bros. of Chicago own the plant which is utterly destroyed. They do a great foreign trade, shipping carloads to other countries.

**AVIATION CAMPAIGN CALLED OFF**

As a result of the splendid work at Hammond in which forty men were recruited for the aviation service of the U. S. Army, Lieut. Ballard and his outfit were permitted to remain in Gary only one day. Four men were signed up there. This morning word was received from headquarters that the quota of 600 which was desired had been filled and orders were issued for the flying circus to return to Indianapolis. Hammond broke all of the state records and at Gary the campaign started off in a promising manner when the halt was called.

**HERE IS WIRE THAT CALLED TROOPS**

The wire sent from Hammond last night calling the state troops is as follows:

Crown Point, Ind., August 20, 1919.

Hon. James Goodrich,

Governor State of Indiana,

Indianapolis, Ind.

My Dear Sir:—After four days of deliberation as members of an arbitrating committee between employer and employee in which we were unable to come to any definite understanding or agreement whereby the men would return to work, and after exhausting every effort of force to give protection to men who would return to work safely, I find that I am unable to come with the situation.

Therefore, I make request for state troops to give protection to those who care to enter the Standard Steel Car Company plant.

Yours very truly,

LEWIS E. BARNES,

Sheriff of Lake County, Ind.

DANIEL BROWN,

Major.

**SOLDIERS GO INTO BUSINESS**

L. W. Colfers and E. A. Miller, two discharged soldiers, are going in business for themselves in Hammond.

Both are well known, having formerly attended the Hammond high school. They are opening a grocery and market at 117 Indiana avenue, formerly operated by Frank W. Weber. They expect to be ready to greet their customers Monday, August 25.

**ESTABLISHES HEADQUARTERS.**

Col. Harrison established regimental headquarters in one of the buildings of the ordinance department. In addition to the four companies which first reached the scene six more were included in the order of the adjutant general. They left Indianapolis at 9:25 o'clock and were expected at the plant early this afternoon.

Adj. Gen. Smith was expected with this outfit. The additional troops were a company each from Attica, Shelbyville, Newcastle and Union City with two companies from Indianapolis.

**HERE TO PROTECT PROPERTY.**

"We are here to protect property as well as life," was the concise manner in which Col. Harrison summed up the orders under which he was acting. At present no military zone has been established outside the company's property.

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## Military Situation In Hammond At a Glance

FOUR COMPANIES of state troops—Goshen, Fort Wayne, Elkhart and Gary—came in over N. Y. C. and Nickel Plate, now in Standard plant. Commander, Maj. Henry Pease, of Goshen.

SEVEN COMPANIES reached Hammond shortly after 1 o'clock. Shelbyville, Newcastle and Union City are commanded by Maj. D. W. Deprez, of Shelbyville.

THE INDIANAPOLIS company, Attica and Bloomington are commanded by Maj. Brandt Downey, of Indianapolis.

COL. J. B. HARRISON, of Columbia City, has established regimental headquarters in the ordinance plant at the Standard. When Adj. Gen. H. B. Smith arrived this afternoon he took supreme command.

CAMP was organized within the Standard plant early this morning and guard mounted. The soldiers made no attempt to molest the crowds of strikers.

MILITARY ZONES will not be established until all the troops are organized. Military passes have not been issued so far. The police and sheriff's deputies are still used to maintain order.

THE GUARDS have received orders to protect property as well as life. They are heavily armed and will not hesitate to use extreme force if it becomes necessary. That means shoot to kill.

THE STANDARD OFFICIALS opened the plant this morning and the strikers made no attempt to molest those who entered the plant. There was no disorder whatever.

## Officers of Companies Here This A. M.

**HEADQUARTERS.**  
Col. Joseph R. Harrison, Columbia City.  
Lieut. Col. Lewis M. Simpson, Elkhart.

**HEADQUARTERS COMPANY.**  
Capt. Spurgeon N. Markley, Columbia City.  
Sergeant Samuel E. Garber, Columbia City.

**REGIMENTAL INFIRMARY.**  
Maj. David S. Linville, Capt. E. V. Nolt, Capt. E. E. Morgan, Columbia City.

**BATTALION HEADQUARTERS.**  
Maj. Henry W. Pease, Goshen.  
Adj. Lieut. W. H. Charnley, Goshen.  
Sergeant Maj. F. H. Lurie, Goshen.  
Color Sergeant Frank Shire, Goshen.

**CO. B, FORT WAYNE.**  
Capt. John H. Johnson, Capt. Geo. R. Gauden, First Lieut. John A. Brewer, Bat. Serg. Maj. R. H. Chadwick.

**CO. E, ELKHART.**  
Capt. Ira H. Church, Capt. W. Hays Hopkins, Second Lieut. John W. Ripley.

**CO. F, GOSHEN.**  
Capt. Bernard W. Swartz, First Lieut. Edward R. Inebit, Second Lieut. Harry R. Whitmer.

**CO. I, GARY.**  
Capt. Robt. C. Rankin, First Lieut. E. C. Simpson, Second Lieut. Walter J. Carroll.

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## COMMAND STANDARD SITUATION

Strikers More Peaceful Today Than They Have Been In Ten Days of Strife.

(BULLETIN.)  
At the meeting of the strikers held at Coy's Park this morning it is reported that the strike leaders cautioned them to abstain from disorder or violence and not to engage in any conflict with the military forces.

(BULLETIN.)  
All men who desire to go to work at the Standard Steel Car plant tomorrow are advised by General Manager George Vincent that the gates will be open and they will be amply protected.

Hammond drew a deep breath of relief this morning as the news became current that during the night state troops have quietly entered the city and were prepared to handle any situation which might arise in connection with the strike at the Standard Steel Car plant.

Today troops patrol the portions of the streets lying on the company's property and guard the entrances to the big plant. There has been no disorder.

**MEET TO CONSIDER TERMS.**  
Meetings of the four labor organizations at the plant were held yesterday afternoon at which Sheriff Barnes, Mayor Brown and Alderman Skufakias were present. They outlined the proposition which had been submitted by the company and asked each organization to take a secret ballot as to whether they would accept or reject. If they accepted the plant would have opened this morning. The laborers were to receive a raise in wages, an eight hour day with time and one-half for overtime and double time for Sunday and holiday work.

**ANSWER IS UNFAVORABLE.**  
The men agreed to take the vote and leaders promised the mediation committee that by 6 o'clock the results of the ballot would be conveyed to them. Sheriff Barnes was waiting at the police station at the appointed hour. When an hour had passed without any information he began preparing for his only alternative. The written request for state troops was prepared but still long to take the step he gave still more time.

Word finally reached the committee that the result of the vote had been unfavorable and at 7 o'clock the sheriff informed Adj. Gen. Smith at Indianapolis that Hammond must have soldiers on the ground before daybreak.

**COMMANDER ISSUES ORDERS.**  
Since the situation became critical and it was realized that the disorders were liable at any time to get beyond the control of local authorities the office of the adjutant general had been kept informed as to the situation. Plans had been worked out for the mobilization of the militia and quick transportation to Hammond. When Sheriff Barnes' communication was received, the state commander issued the orders which started the troop movement.

**FOUR ARRIVE AT ONCE.**  
Fearing that the arrival of one company on the scene alone would precipitate a riot and result disastrously the detachment had been timed so that four companies should arrive at practically the same time. Shortly before 5 o'clock this morning a train bearing the Gary, Elkhart and Goshen contingents backed into the plant. Under Lieut. Col. Simpson of Elkhart the troops were quickly organized and guards mounted. About an hour later the train arrived with the Fort Wayne company over the Nickel Plate. Also Col. J. B. Harrison of Columbia City, his staff and the medical staff.

The little town of Elkhart was represented in Hammond today by four newspaper reporters and they were all hustled from Hustlersville.

Quite a joke on Capt. Rankin of Gary, he was here looking over the situation last night, not expecting mobilization, and his men in Gary when the call came were looking all over for him.

Troops entered Hammond today for the second time in its history. In 1897, during the great railway strike, federal troops were sent to the city by Governor Cleveland.

The Standard plant began having trouble with its men last July and strikers were organized by federal courts using picket violence. The famous riot occurred August 15th.

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