

## BLOODY BATTLE

## AT HOMESTEAD

The Great Iron Trouble Culminates in a Desperate Encounter.

MILL WORKERS AND PINKERTON MEN IN DEADLY WAR.

SEVERAL KILLED ON BOTH SIDES.

Terrible Result of an Effort to Land Troops at the Carnegie Mills. Three Hundred Pinkertons Held at Bay by Five Thousand Locked-Out Men and Their Friends. The Latter Fought With Canes, Guns and Blasting Oil. The Detachment on Barges Anchored in Mill-Stream, With Their Fire Concentrated on the Shore on Either Side. The Governor Appealed to the Militia.

HOMESTEAD, Pa., July 7.—The great iron trouble has culminated in a war. Blood has been spilled and the worst is not over. News of the history of the Homestead Mills has such a day of war and terror been witnessed. The town is literally besieged, and throughout the day the roar of cannon and the firing of guns stirred the citizens to the highest pitch of excitement.

About 5 a. m. word was received here that the steamer *Coke*, with 25 men aboard, supposed to be sheriff's deputies, had left Pittsburgh for this city. Upon receipt of this news a general alarm was given on the big electric light towers, and in a few moments a pandemonium, akin to that only surpassed by the infernal regions, was at hand.

About 5:45 a. m. the steam tug *Tide*, several barges, in tow on which were about 500 Pinkerton "detectives" crept through the fog to the landing at the steel works.

For two hours before the boats arrived 5,000 or 6,000 persons awaited their coming on the river. The mills have a landing for boats within the enclosure of the fence and at the time it appeared that there would be no way to prevent the Pinkertons entering the mills.

Before the boats reached Homestead a horseman, riding at a mad gallop, spread the alarm that the Pinkertons were coming. As the boats steamed toward the landing it was impossible to longer restrain the crowds.

With a hoop and a yell of defiance the men on the bank opened fire. Soon 100 feet of the enclosure was torn away and 1,000 men were at the landing.

As the Pinkertons landed they opened fire and two workmen died in their tracks. The first shot. The first shot came from the barge. It was fired by a man who stood at the water's edge. The ball went wide of the human target, but it was the signal for the Pinkerton men to begin, and for a full ten minutes they continued to fire.

and steamed away with several wounded on board. At 9:30 o'clock it was said that there were five dead on each side, and that the boats had been fired on from the shore. It was also alleged that several men had been shot to pieces. The boats were fired on with which to blow the barges out of the river.

At 10 a. m. the chief leader of the workmen, accompanied by a reporter, went to the front of the line of battle. The main fight was at this time being made near a huge oil tank on the river front, one mile from Homestead.

Here the reporter saw one of the workers breathe his last. The man was standing near the R. & O. railroad tracks, about 200 ft. from the shore, trying to slip the barges on which were the Pinkertons. His shot was wide of the mark. A moment later, the mill workers' boat was almost severed from his body by a shot from a Winchester rifle in the hands of a Pinkerton man.

At 10 o'clock the barges were again with wounded and dying and the river was a scene of horror. The boats were at that hour were unable to escape. A raft of logs and barrels of oil was used for a half hour by the men, until some unknown person presented itself. A man, Wagner, a striker, was shot dead about 100 ft. from the shore, and carried down the river by his brother. He died almost directly to the general indignation.

The great force about the works was set on fire. The company's boats were ordered all citizens to remain indoors and ordering all soldiers to remain in their positions. At 10:10 near the lavatory, one man aimed his rifle and the next instant the shot was fired and a Pinkerton man who had been standing on the shore fell. The bullet had passed through his head and the body dropped in the river near to rise.

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