

STRIKERS DEMAND TANKS BE WITHDRAWN

Crowd Marches On Newport (Ky.) Mill When Armored Cars Are Sent to Keep Order.

NEWPORT, Ky., Feb. 2.—Arrival here tonight of a Tank Corps to assist Deputy Sheriffs and Newport police in maintaining order at the plant of the Newport Rolling Mill, where a strike is on, brought vigorous protest from the strikers and their sympathizers.

Shortly before midnight the situation became serious when approximately 400 of them, including many women, marched to the City Building, demanding of Mayor Joseph Hermann and Safety Commissioner W. C. Thomasson that the troops be immediately withdrawn. Mayor Hermann urged the paraders to disband, but the strikers declared they would not go to bed until the Tank Corps had left the scene. To placate them, the Mayor and Commissioner Thomasson started with the marchers to the Rolling Mill to talk with the Guardsmen.

The paraders were halted one block from the mill, where they found tanks drawn up for action. They declined, however, to obey a command from Captain L. V. Crockett, in charge of the soldiers, to disband.

Mayor Hermann urged that trouble be averted, and at his suggestion the tanks were withdrawn within the gates of the mill, but maintained a position where they could protect the entrance.

The strike sympathizers remained in the neighborhood, no one seeming willing to assume leadership in a demonstration, and hope was expressed shortly after midnight that a serious clash had been averted.

Reports in circulation here today to the effect that a concerted attempt on the part of strike sympathizers to rush the mill would be made during tonight had caused much uneasiness among residents of the neighborhood, who were kept awake last night by sporadic firing throughout the night.

As a result many citizens of Newport appealed to Governor Morrow at Frankfort, urging him to order return of the State troopers.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 2.—Twelve companies of Kentucky National Guardsmen were ordered tonight to Newport, Ky., where a strike in the Newport rolling mills has been in progress for some time. The tank corps of Covington was ordered to move in and take control of the situation tonight. Other troops are expected tomorrow.