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"LAWRENCE STRIKE" THREATENS LOWELL

The Mill Owners of Another Massachusetts Town Refuse Demands of Workers and 2,000 Walk Out—Bosses Failed to "Slip One Over."

Lowell, Mass., March 26.—The story of Lawrence—the story of children torn from the breasts of their mothers, of mothers clubbed and thrown into jail without trial, of men and women bayoneted by a brutal soldiery—may be repeated in this city.

Yesterday 2,000 operatives employed in the Appleton mill went on strike on the refusal of the owners of the mill to treat with them in regard to a wage increase. The mill was forced to close down.

Today, the city awoke to find every mill in town under a heavy guard of armed special officers. When the workers flocked to the mills it was to face notices which read:

"On account of the strike at the Appleton and other mills, this mill will close down."

Only one mill did not join in the lockout. That was the mill operated by the Lawrence company.

The action of the mill owners will throw 30,000 workers out of employment, and there seems to be no hope of arbitration.

Soon after the mill closed down over 5,000 strikers formed into parade and marched through the business streets. Women and little boys and girls, whose scanty clothing was the most convincing argument of the justice of their parents' demands, headed the procession.

Men and women in the parade carried American flags and banners which read:

"We want a living wage. Give us 15 per cent increase."

There was no disorder.

After the parade was over Chief of Police Welch announced that he would not permit either William D. Haywood, nor any of the other men who led the strike at Lawrence to enter the city.

Welch did not say by what right he would prevent an American citizen from entering Lowell. He just said that any leader of the Lawrence strike would be regarded as an undesirable citizen, as a vagrant, and treated accordingly.

That is, if any of the men who carried the strike of the Lawrence workers to success, come to Low-