

# 1919 Pittsburgh - Role Sheet

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**Name:** *Thomas Liggett*

**Allegiance:** *Anti-Strike Faction*

## Role Context

You are a white, 35-year-old journalist for *The Gazette-Times*, a highly popular news source in the greater Pittsburgh area, and a chief contributor to reporting daily news about the growing tensions between steelworkers, local mill owners, and the U.S. Steel Corporation at large. *The Gazette Times* has sent you as a representative of the paper to report on the assembled committee and provide the general public with insider information.

## Motivations

Your personal opinion about labor unions and the sentiments of striking, for or against, has little effect on the outcome of your ultimate report. *The Gazette-Times*, among many other Pennsylvania-based reporting organizations, has quietly sided with the steel industry, with the United States Steel Corporation whispering in their ear. From the first murmurs of a laborer's strike against the industry, your paper has been playing into the interest of the corporations by trivializing the plight of the steelworker and fear-mongering the general public with inflated horrors of immigrant-driven violence and widespread chaos. Your superiors have truly sent you as a representative of *The Gazette-Times* - but that is not the end of your job. You're tasked with spreading the anti-strike sentiments of your superiors and the propaganda rhetoric, similarly to how it is expressed in *The Gazette-Times* publishings. Again, your personal opinions on the strike and the integrity of your reports are of no matter, as you primarily wish to keep your job. If your superiors were to find out that you are not following the set forth intentions of your being there, then your time at *The Gazette Times* - and possibly your time as a published journalist - is as good as done. Seeing an end to the pro-strike sentiments among the assembled committee and,

subsequently, the failed passing of a motion to strike is seemingly the only way you can continue your career.

## Play Guidelines

### Round #1

- Although you have no voting power, you are viewed by some as a source of information. Spread the anti-strike notions and the negative press about the pro-strike faction members and its leaders.

### Round #2

- Prepare questions for the debate portion of this round. You should pose a question to the pro-strike faction that would sway opinions of indeterminates in the assembly, even if the truth must be inflated.

### Round #3

- In the event a strike is voted against, continue to spread the word of *The Gazette Times* and do anything in your power to convince indeterminates to sustain their votes.
- In the event a strike is approved, double down your efforts to sway majority assembly opinion against the strike by any means possible. Continue to push the propaganda

published in the papers against the pro-strike faction.

- Distribute the attached physical propaganda piece, or illustrate and distribute your own that adheres to the propaganda rhetoric printed in your papers.

## Victory Objectives

### Complete Victory

Your Victory in the game is directly related to the success of the strike. A complete Victory will see you win Round #2, and then maintain your majority in Round #3.

### Partial Victory

Partial victory may also be obtained if you lose the vote in Round #2 but manage to achieve the 50% majority vote in Round #3, thus seeing no Strike occur at all in Pittsburgh.

## Important Sources

- Source 3.9 - "Tube Plant Employers say Italians are Causing the Strike"

- Source 3.10 - “Newspaper Articles from the New York Times and the Baltimore Sun”
- Source 3.12 - “A Steel Worker Writes to Fellow Workers”

