

GOMPERS SAYS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF UNION MEN WILL REMAIN OUT ENTIRE WINTER IF NECESSARY TO WIN THE BATTLE

New York Shudders as Time Approaches for Suspension of Industry—Biggest Place in the World Will Be Shackled—Practically All Factories Will Be Closed Down—Unionists Throughout Land With Strikers to the Limit, Declares Great Leader—Complete Tie-up Will Come Wednesday—More Than Half a Million to Walk Out—Turning Point in History of Unionism—Crippling of Enterprises Will Be Complete

(By the United Press)

Washington, Sept. 23.—The New York traction strikers and six hundred thousand "sympathetic" strikers on Manhattan, will stay out all winter if necessary to win the fight, according to Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

Gompers is here after spending several days at New York. The noted labor leader declares that the New York situation is recognized as a vital turning point in the history of unionism. He declares organized labor has accepted capital's challenge, and will back the New York workers to the last limits of its moral, physical, and financial power.

The New York fight is a fight for recognition of the right to organize. I am with these men body and soul. Every union man in the United States is with them. We will all stand behind them.

To Make of New York a City of Dead Industries.

New York, Sept. 23.—New York today awaited with apprehension the next turn in the labor war, threatening to break next Wednesday, when the general order for the "suspension of work" becomes effective to make the largest city in the world a city of dead industries. The developments of the last twenty-four hours have injected much bitterness into the situation. The general strike order as interpreted by union leaders, is merely a notice to union men not to ride or work on cars run by non-union men, but its effect will be a complete tie-up of industry.

SOLDIERS MAY PASS THROUGH THIS CITY BEFORE NIGHTFALL

Troop Movement From Camp Glenn Commences. First Infantry Getting Away By Way of Wilmington—Second Not Yet

It is reported that troops from Camp Glenn will pass through Kinston Saturday afternoon. This information is not verified, and there is a possibility of a mistake. It is admitted at the source, which generally is very reliable. The Second Infantry is routed through Kinston, but these troops which may come through within a few hours are not of the Second. They are probably Troops A and B of cavalry, Ambulance Company A, the field hospital company, engineers, all or a part of those troops. All these had been routed by other lines, and it is supposed there has been a change in the route.

The First Infantry was to leave early Saturday afternoon for Fort Bliss, going via New Bern and Wilmington. The outfit has been equipped with winter clothing. The other regiments are being outfitted Saturday.

The units which may pass through in the next few hours are looked for between 5 and 5:30. The Second Infantry is not expected to move before Sunday afternoon. The Third may pull out early Sunday.

NEW HIGH RECORD FOR STEEL COMMON

(By the United Press)

New York, Sept. 23.—During the heaviest two-hour session since 1908, United States Steel Common today jumped to 117 1/2, advancing 4 1/2 over yesterday, and setting a new high record.

UNIVERSALISTS HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION

Open-Air Sessions In Grove at Smith's Chapel, Duplin County—To Continue Through Sunday—Durham Expected to Get Next Year's Meeting

The Universalist State Convention was opened at Smith's Chapel, Duplin county, a few miles south of Pink Hill, Friday. The sessions will last through Sunday. The attendance is large.

The convention is being held in a big grove adjacent to the chapel. Most or all of the ministers of the denomination in North Carolina are present, together with several score officers of the convention and delegates. The church in the State has its largest congregation in Sampson county, and its handsomest edifice here.—J. J. Matthews, president of the convention, is superintendent of schools in Sampson.

The 1917 convention is expected to go to Durham.

COTTON

Saturday was the biggest day of the new season on the cotton exchange. It was estimated at 2 o'clock that nearly 135 bales had been handled.

Good prices prevailing the past several days were responsible for the big quantity of the staple marketed. Today's prices are ranged from 14 to 15 1/2 S.

Table with 2 columns: Date, Price. Rows for New York futures quotations (Open/Close) for January, March, May, October, December.

GERMANS HOLD DUTCH SHIP AND PASSENGERS

(By the United Press)

The Hague, Sept. 23.—The Germans have captured the Dutch steamer Prinz Hendrik, from London to Flushing, and taken her into Zee Brugges with her 80 passengers.

MEETING AT SHARON NEXT THREE WEEKS MAKES POSSIBLE A COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Consolidation of Half a Dozen Small Institutions Assured—Brogden, Dr. Parrott and Other Enthusiasts Speak

The schoolhouse at Sharon was crowded with interested friends and patrons of the schools in Group No. 1 at an educational meeting Friday night. All the schools in the group were represented, and there were a number of visitors from schools outside the community represented by Group No. 1. The teachers and pupils rendered a short program of recitations and music which was much enjoyed.

Following the program by the children, Mr. L. C. Brogden addressed the meeting on the subject of "Better Schools for the Rural Community." Mr. Brogden formerly was connected with the Kinston schools, is well-known in the county, and in return loves old Lenoir. He is now connected with the State Department of Education. Dr. James M. Parrott next spoke of the immediate possibility of a larger and better equipped school for the Sharon community. Several of the leaders in school work made encouraging talks. That Centerville Neck township will at an early date have in its midst a school of a larger type—a community school—is an assured thing.

Attending the meeting Friday night were Dr. Parrott, who is chairman of the County Board of Education; Superintendent Joseph Kinsey; the Assistant Superintendent, Miss Hattie Parrott, and Miss Adna Edwards, Home Demonstration Agent.

WANT TO MAKE FAIR EXHIBITS BIGGEST IN EAST CAROLINA

Full Displays of Agricultural Products and Livestock Essential—A Lot Up to Farmers In Big Co-Operative Effort

Just one month remains before the opening of the Ten-County Fair here. A great amount of work remains to be done, and the officers of the association are putting in hours daily planning and soliciting exhibits. The fair is intended to be the best, maybe the biggest, in the eastern part of the State this fall.

Another appeal is made to farmers who comprise the bulk of the population to which the big event caters, to furnish exhibits. Choice specimens of cotton, tobacco, grain, fruits and garden truck; finest hogs, cattle, sheep, horses and mules are wanted to make the agricultural and livestock displays what they should be. They were surprisingly fine last year, but it is intended to make this year's fair about three times as big as that one, which was successful beyond any expectation from viewpoints of attendance, profit and general results.

The chances are that a number of people from outside the territory will attend the local fair this year, its fame having spread abroad last fall. These folks will want to see what the section offers, and nothing should be concealed from them. A little trouble, timidity or anything else with a tendency to hamper progress should not be allowed to keep the planters from coming up with their exhibits.

Walter E. Brock, Solicitor of the Thirteenth district, will be in Lenoir on October 10. The place of the speaking has not been decided upon. Hon. Matt. Allen of Goldsboro will make a series of speeches in the county sometime after the 8th.

Hon. Claude Kitchin, Floor Leader of the majority in the House of Representatives, will be the biggest figure in the local campaign. The date of his coming is undetermined; he has so many calls to fill in the State that it will be some time before he can give Lenoir county a date. Come he will, however, and may speak both at a proposed county rally in LaGrange as well as in Kinston.

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GERMANS AND BULGARIANS REPORTED TO BE ABANDONING ROUMANIAN OFFENSIVE; EVACUATE IMPORTANT PLACES CAPTURED

Retreating Before Allies—French Aviators Engage In More Than Half Hundred Aerial Tilts—British Make Another Considerable Gain In Direction of Bapaume—Airmen Make Successful Raid On Teuton Aerodrome In Belgium—Turks Send Picked Troops to Aid German-Bulgars Hard-Pressed In Dobrudja—Ottomans Replace Weary Fellows-in-Arms in Trenches—Russ Torpedo Boat Sinks Number of Vessels Flying Crescent Flag

London, Sept. 23.—The Roumanians are again on the offensive against Field Marshal Von Mackensen's army of Germans, Turks and Bulgars, after repulsing attacks in Dobrudja. Berlin statements report that the Roumanians have attacked near the Danube, and southwest of a point where the Germans claimed a victory Thursday.

Sofia reports say twenty thousand Roumanians have attacked a Bulgarian wing, but were driven off both in Transylvania and Macedonia. However, the Teutons announce victories. The Germans have captured Vulcan Pass, threatening Roumania with a fresh invasion from the northwest. Berlin denied claims of Allied gains on the Somme front last night. Fighting on the Russian front is slackening.

Roumanians Take Offensive. London, Sept. 23.—An unconfirmed wireless report from Rome says the German-Bulgarians are retreating from Roumania. Fortree and Silistra, occupied two weeks ago by Von Mackensen, have been abandoned.

Airmen Very Active. Paris, Sept. 23.—French aviators engaged in no less than fifty-six air battles yesterday, downing ten enemy flyers, it is said officially. It was probably the most active day of the war aerially.

British Tell Usual Story of Night's Work. London, Sept. 23.—The British drove forward on the highway leading to Bapaume last night, General Haig reports. East of Courcellette a strongly fortified system of trenches was captured on a half-mile front, consolidating with those taken between Flers and Martinpuich on the previous night. In the two nights, the British advanced on a front of a mile and a half in the direction of Bapaume. The Germans emerged from the trenches around Thiepval in a violent attack west of Mouquet Farm, but were driven back with heavy losses.

Airmen raided a German aerodrome at St. Denis, in Western Belgium. The attack was "highly successful," says the Admiralty.

Turkish Shipping Sunk. Petrograd, Sept. 23.—A Russian torpedo boat has sunk three Turkish ships and several sailing vessels loading with coal at Port Eregli, 120 miles east of Constantinople, it is officially said.

Turks Helping in Dobrudja. London, Sept. 23.—Large bodies of Turks are moving northward through Bulgaria to join the Germans and Bulgars now engaged in heavy fighting with the Russians in Dobrudja. The Turks are veterans of the Dardanelles campaign. Several Turkish detachments have been in action against Roumanians, replacing Bulgars shifted to the Macedonian front. After several days' fierce fighting the troops in Dobrudja have settled down to trench warfare.

WAR DEPARTMENT IS NOT SO SURE VILLA WAS AT CHIHUAHUA

Washingon, Sept. 23.—The War Department has notified a quiet investigation of the sources of information on which General Bell, at Ft. Bliss, based his report that Villa appeared in person at the recent attack on Chihuahua City, dispatches indicate that the information was wholly from persons who are said to have gone to El Paso direct from Chihuahua after the attack.

Secretary Baker today indicated that he thinks the accounts were garbled, either unconsciously or purposely. He and members of the general staff do not believe the Villistas were the only ones responsible.

There is no reason to credit Villa's recrudescence, the War Department says. It has serious doubt that the

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VIRGINIAN HONORED BY BANKING INSTITUTE

New York, Sept. 23.—A statement issued here today on behalf of the railway executives' advisory committee, representing the railroads affected by the Adelman 8-hour law, explained the purposes of its investigation put under way with a view to meeting the problems presented. The objects are "to ascertain if possible, first, the effect of the law as a practical operating problem; and second, its legal status."

BIG VERDICT IN THE SAMPSON COUNTY COURT

Union, Sept. 22.—A Sampson county jury gave a verdict for \$5,000 damages last night, the largest ever awarded in this county. Henry Vane was suing the Great Line for internal injuries sustained some months ago, while he was driving an automobile across the tracks of the defendant road near Wade, N. C. At the time a Mr. Pusey, another occupant of the car, was thrown from the machine and killed. A suit for recovery of damages for his death is now pending in the court.

BULLETINS

GERMAN WAR STATEMENT. Berlin, Sept. 23.—The Roumanians have halted their retreat in Dobrudja, and are attacking the German-Bulgars, it is said officially.

NOT TO TRY BOY FOR CAPITAL CRIME. New Orleans, Sept. 23.—Little Willie Zimmer, a child who shot his mother to death, apparently in a sheer desire to murder, July 14, will not be tried for murder, it was decided today.

BULGAR HORSE PURSUING ENEMY. Berlin, Sept. 23.—Twenty battalions of Russo-Roumanians have been routed in Dobrudja. They were pursued by Bulgarian cavalry until dark yesterday, says an official report from Sofia.

AUSTRALIAN SENATE PASSES CONSCRIPTION

Melbourne, Sept. 23.—The Australian Senate today passed the conscription measure recently passed by the House. It is now to be submitted to a referendum.

INVESTIGATE POTASH DISCOVERY IN CUBA

Washington, Sept. 23.—The report that great quantities of potash have been found in Cuba is interesting. Washington officials and will interest cotton farmers of the South.

The Department of Commerce today called the American Consul General at Havana to investigate a public report that millions of tons of potash have been discovered near Matanzas on the Matanzas and Santa Clara border, with deposits averaging 25 per cent. pure.

The war has cut off the supply of potash and farmers have had to do without it.

ILLINOIS MAY HAVE EUGENICS LAW SOON

Chicago, Sept. 23.—Illinois is to have a real eugenics law if a fight begun today to that end and backed by prominent members of the bench and municipal and State leaders is successful in the next session of the State Legislature.

Half wits and other mental defectives are aimed at in particular, while restrictions against the marriage of the physically unfit also will be incorporated in the proposed law.

The failure of former eugenics laws to withstand the constitutional test in court, will not deter the advocates of the plan, who will frame a bill according to these decisions.

WAR MAY CAUSE REVIVAL OF WAYSIDE SHRINES IN FRANCE AND ENGLAND

London, Sept. 23.—The war may cause a revival of wayside shrines and wayside prayer. Churchmen are clamoring for road shrines since the Tommies have taken to praying before them in France. This has long been done in Russia, but it is a custom long dead among the English.

GREASED GULLS WERE HELPLESS: ONE MORE JOB FOR THE MARINES

(Special to The Free Press) Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo, September 22.—Greased gulls that had been thrown ashore by Uncle Sam's warships to quell the raging waters which destroyed the U. S. S. Memphis during the recent storm, struck the wings of sea gulls and other water fowl taking refuge in the bay along the coast, and rendered them helpless and unable to fly for several days.

Members of the United States Marine Corps, on expeditionary duty at this place, captured hundreds of the birds, with their naked hands.

The oil-soaked fowl wandered up and down on the beach, crying pitifully, while the marines stood on guard to see that boys did not harm them. Many of the beach birds when in distress utter sounds that would shame a crying infant in some way.

DESIGNERS SAY IMPORTED GOWNS NOT NEEDED NOW

Chicago, Sept. 22.—Fall gowns occupied the attention of leading fashion experts of the count in attendance at the Fashion Art League convention here today.

Designers say the gowns this year are a vast improvement over those of other years. They said it would not be necessary to import French gowns hereafter as the American designers have proved that they are just as original in creating new styles as the French.

RAILROAD EXECUTIVES STUDYING ADAMSON LAW

Chicago, Sept. 22.—H. J. Proctor of Richmond was elected vice-president of the American Institute of Banking here today. E. G. McWilliam of Los Angeles, being chosen president. An address by Paul M. Waterson of the Federal Reserve Board was the principal thing of interest on today's program.

EXPERT'S EVIDENCE IN THE WYATT SUIT

(By the United Press) Durham, Sept. 23.—E. B. Farrabee, an alienist, testified that Mrs. John W. Wyatt, young wife of a farmer, who is suing Y. E. Smith, a wealthy cotton man, for criminal assault in her home, is suffering from symptoms of insanity.

"Fox of the Sierras" is alive. The majority of the officers, however, believe he is alive, but eliminated as a real factor in Mexico.