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CLAIM 284,000 MEN ARE OUT

Steel Corporation, Against Which the Main Opposition is Directed, is But Slightly Affected.

At the end of the opening day of the economic war between organized labor and the greater part of the iron and steel industry of the country, both sides rested, apparently satisfied with reports received from the far-flung battle line, reaching 20 states and affecting directly or indirectly half a million workers. After the first test of strength, industrial leaders and commanders of labor's legions were willing to admit that they faced a struggle which might prove long and bitter.

Grim evidence of preparations made for the industrial conflict were seen in the armed guards surrounding all the mills, but the first day of the strike ended with no signs of serious disorder, except in New Castle, Pa., where seven persons were shot in rioting following an alleged attempt to prevent workers from entering a plant.

Until the first smoke of battle rolls away, an accurate estimate of the number of workers who marched out in obedience to the strike order and the number who remained at their posts is not obtainable.

From strike headquarters in Pittsburgh came claims that 284,000 men had taken their places in the ranks of the strikers, but, although no statement was forthcoming from the steel corporation's headquarters in New York, company officials in the zone of action hastened to challenge the estimate of labor leaders.

The steel corporation, against which the main offensive is directed, was able to operate most of its plants in the Pittsburgh district.

ALLIES ARE APPEALED TO TO DRIVE D'ANNUNZIO OUT.

London.—The Italian government has appealed to the allied powers to send an allied force, exclusive of Italians, to drive d'Annunzio out of Fiume according to a report here, which is considered reliable.

It is understood the American naval authorities here, who control the operation in the Adriatic have declined any assistance whatsoever, pending the final decision from Washington or the peace delegates in Paris.

NEGRO CITIZENS ENDORSE LYNCHING OF OBE COX

Athens, Ga.—A number of negroes residing near Lexington, Ga., have met and adopted resolutions approving of the action of whites who recently lynched Obe Cox, a negro, accused of assaulting and murdering the wife of a white farmer, it became known here.

The resolutions condemned in strong terms the crime that aroused 1,000 men and set them to a 24 hours' search of swamps and woods which was concluded with the shooting of the negro and the burning of his body. At the time the crime as committed Cox was under indictment for an attack on a negro woman. He is said to have confessed before death to the crime.

SENATOR OVERMAN STANDING PAT FOR TREATY OF PEACE.

Washington.—Senator Overman returned from Salisbury where he had been to see Mrs. Overman, who was sick. He brought back encouraging reports.

"North Carolina," said he, "is for the league of nations. Here and there you find men opposed to it, but I found no serious opposition to it among the people I saw."

NO TRACE SO FAR FOUND OF THOSE LOST ON VILBANERA.

Key West, Fla.—Search for the 400 passengers and 88 members of the crew of the Spanish passenger steamer Valbanera, lost off Rebecca shoals light, 40 miles from here, continued without results.

Cuban Consul Milord, who directed the work of the divers who identified the sunken hulk, wired a complete report of his investigations to officials of the Penelle line, which owned the steamer.

Graded School Literary Societies Organized—School News.

The school opened on the 15th with an enrollment of 435, 99 of this number being in the high school. This is the largest enrollment in the history of the school. The 11th grade, also, has the largest enrollment in the history of the school; the class, 19 in number, being composed of the same members of the 10th grade of last year.

Friday afternoon the Joan of Arc and Pershing Literary societies were re-organized for the year. Officers of the Joan of Arc Society were elected as follows: Daphne Ruth, president; Ola Giles, vice-president; Ruth Cowan, secretary; Elizabeth Gilkey, treasurer, and Frances Gilkey, marshal. The program committee is composed of Pauline Hawkins, Mayo Laughridge, Wahlee Greene, Alice Roane Cross and Mae Giles. Miss Joyce Decker and Miss Leonora Aiken have charge of this society.

The officers of the Pershing Society elected are as follows: Herbert Laidlaw, president; Robert Holmes, vice-president; Paul Story, secretary and treasurer; Bill Gibbs, marshal. The following were appointed as a program committee: Neal Morris, Lenoir Bird, Jack Justice and Everett Henley. Miss Poole and Miss Poteat have charge of this society.

The faculty appointed Pauline Hawkins and Lenoir Bird as press correspondents.

Two members of the graduating class of last year have entered college, Miss Gertrude Jones having entered the Greensboro College for Women and Hubert Martin, Trinity College.

Miss Winslow entertained the teachers of the school on Monday afternoon.

Road Commissioners Sell Bonds.

At a recenting of the county highway commissioners bonds of the various townships were sold. The bonds had previously been offered for sale but owing to the low bids submitted the prior offer was turned down. The recent sale brought a fair price.

The commissioners hope to be able to proceed with the work in the different sections as soon as possible. Already work has been started in some places where the roads have been surveyed and approved.

The commissioners meet every first Monday at their office in the court house. They are giving the matter of road construction proper attention that they may be able to construct a system of roads for the county that will mean much toward the future development of every section of McDowell.

Church Attendance Campaign.

Rev. J. T. Bowden, pastor of the First Baptist church, announces a church attendance campaign for the local church beginning Sunday, Sept. 28, and continuing through the month of October, a special series of services being arranged for each Sunday. Next Sunday will be Rally Day, the subject for the 11 o'clock service being "The Parent a Factor in Sunday School Work." Subject for evening service, 8 o'clock, "Is the Young Man Safe?" Everybody invited.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

GREENLEE

Marion, Route 2, Sept. 21.—A large crowd attended the baptizing here Sunday. There were ten baptised.

Mrs. Hattie Pendergrass of Stroudtown spent the week-end with her brother, R. W. Tate.

Mrs. M. H. Grant is visiting relatives in Old Fort.

Miss Ella Walker spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives here.

Ernest Wright of Tipton is visiting his sister, Mrs. Crisp.

Ed Burgin spent Saturday in Marion.

Mrs. W. J. Snipes and two sons were shopping in Marion last Saturday.

Miss Margaret Towe of Asheville spent Wednesday here with her parents.

Mrs. Mackey of Asheville visited relatives here last week.

John Moffitt and Miss Lola Fleming were married in Marion, Sunday. Both the bride and groom are popular and have many friends here. We wish them a happy and prosperous wedded life.

Mrs. Warner of Murphy is visiting her father, J. R. Ledbetter.

DYSARTSVILLE.

Dysartsville, Sept. 22.—Rev. Jones of Marion has been elected pastor of the Baptist church of this place.

C. C. Goforth of Union Mills visited his brother here during the week.

Mr. Hudson spoke to a large crowd at the Baptist church Sunday in the interest of the seventy-five million dollar drive that will soon be put on for that denomination.

Mr. and Mrs. Champ Nanney of Union Mills spent the week-end with the latter's brother, J. M. Goforth. Clyde Satterwhite of Bridgewater was a pleasant visitor here Sunday.

Mrs. Ada Landis and two sons were shopping in Marion last Saturday.

John Pyatt of this place and Miss Maggie Byrd of Nealsville were married Friday, the 12th. Mr. Pyatt is one of the most prosperous citizens of this community and his bride is one of the young women in the county. We wish them a long and successful life.

Court Proceedings.

The following cases have been disposed of in Superior court during the week:

C. K. Mace, manufacturing liquor, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Arthur Williams, carrying concealed weapon, sentenced to four months on road, to be hired out by commissioners.

Claud Weeks, disturbing religious congregation, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Silvey Knight, larceny, sentenced to 12 months in State prison.

L. M. Poteat, resisting officer, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Thomas Bailey, manufacturing whiskey, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Marion Godfrey, manufacturing whiskey, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

M. L. Rutherford vs W. T. Sledge, judgment against plaintiff. McConnell Bros. vs W. H. McMahan, judgment against plaintiff for cost.

State on rel. Lee Conley et al vs Byron Conley, compromised.

Divorces were granted in the following: Ed. Dennie vs Lillie Dennie, Weta Williams vs Arthur Williams, and Hester Johnson vs Walter Johnson.

Thirty-five residence lots on Pulliam Hill and fifteen business lots on Main and Depot streets, in the heart of Marion, will be sold at public auction next Wednesday by the Haywood Land Auction Co.

Family Reunion.

On Sunday, September 14, the sons and daughters and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Steppe gathered at the home of the latter near Old Fort to spend the day. The weather was grand—the sun shone brightly, the sky was a clear blue and there was a pleasant breeze—just an ideal fall day, one on which everybody should feel cheerful and gay.

At ten o'clock the crowd began to assemble and by the noon hour there were forty-four in the house. All the family was there excepting two grand-children, Mrs. H. Eller of Biltmore and Venard Steppe of Old Fort, and two great-grand-children, little Clara and Margaret Eller. Mr. Steppe's sister, Mrs. McDaniel, and her daughter, Mrs. Clarke, and little Harold Clarke completed the party.

When the noon hour came every one was called down to the Rock spring where dinner was served beneath the spreading branches of a large mulberry tree. Each mother present had prepared a basket for the occasion and when these were emptied on a large table it looked as if nothing was lacking in the way of a good dinner. We talked and laughed and ate just as much and as long as we pleased.

We trust that "Daddy" Steppe will live to enjoy many more birthdays as he did this one, his sixty-eighth.

The afternoon was spent in talking together. When the time came for us to separate we all were sorry, for the day had been thoroughly enjoyed by every member of the family. A STEPPE

Director of Child Welfare Will Be Here Friday Night.

Mrs. Clarence A. Johnson, of Raleigh, who is the division director of Child Welfare of North Carolina, will be glad to meet those who will come to the court house Friday night at 8 o'clock. She has a message of interest. Mrs. Johnson has been State president of Women's Clubs and has held many other prominent positions and is one of the really distinguished women of the State. She is a remarkably attractive and interesting talker and is devoting much time to some of the most important matters that can be thought of. She will interest the men as well as the ladies and many should hear her. Her trip here is more especially to arouse the interest of the people of this community in general welfare work, which is engaging the attention of the entire State.

State News.

Raleigh.—As a special feature of the state livestock meeting at Goldsboro, December 9 to 12, the animal industry workers of the agricultural extension service are now planning to promote a series of big barbecues each day at noon during the time of the convention.

Raleigh.—Civil action has been started in Superior Court by Mrs. Sallie Clark Graham against her husband, Maj. W. A. Graham, state commissioner of agriculture, for support while they are separated.

Lenoir.—M. L. Cornwell and L. Stone, two local furniture manufacturers, have bought the old Lincoln Furniture company plant at Lincolnton and within the next 60 days will begin manufacturing chairs at this plant. They have already bought the necessary chair machinery.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Sanford.—The Peoples' bank opened its doors for business. The management was well pleased with the way money came in from tobacco sales, as well as the general run of depositors. This makes three banks for Sanford.

Lexington.—Lexington is well represented in the colleges of the state this year, a large number of young men and women leaving for Trinity, St. Mary's, Salem, North Carolina College for Women and elsewhere. A number of young women went to G. C. W., and a large number of young men will enter A. & E. college.

Charlotte.—Meeting for the first time of the fall season, directors of the Charlotte Y. W. C. A. accepted the resignation of Mrs. J. A. Durham as treasurer and named Miss Kate Stratton to that office.

Asheville.—When an automobile left the road and ran over an embankment on the Asheville-Canton highway Arthur May, of this city, was instantly killed and M. L. Lowe was seriously injured.

Gastonia.—At an enthusiastic meeting of citizens of Gastonia it was decided to go ahead at once with the establishment of a Y. M. C. A., to cost not less than \$150,000.

Wilmington.—Work will begin in the near future on a handsome \$100,000 office building which will be occupied on completion by Alexander Sprunt & Sons, Inc., one of the largest cotton exporting corporations in the world.

Rocky Mount.—Approximately 40 gallons of white lightning whiskey, otherwise known as monkey rum, with a total valuation, according to prevailing prices, of about \$1,600 and a big Mitchell touring car were seized when police officers arrested L. J. Bridges, a railroad man and O. D. Murray, a local plumber.

Gastonia.—Frank I. Carpenter, one of the most popular and best known men in Gaston county, died suddenly at his home in Dallas.

Kinston.—Damage estimated at more than \$10,000 resulted from the destruction by fire of a packhouse owned by M. A. and A. L. Moore, brothers, in Lenoir county.

Wilmington.—"The Camp Bragg News," the official newspaper for the soldiers of the great field artillery training camp at Fayetteville, will be published hereafter in Wilmington.

Durham.—Plans for the establishment of a large hosiery plant in this city under the direction of the Golden Belt Manufacturing company, a part of the American Tobacco company, were officially announced.

Fayetteville.—Charles F. Hackbarth William Salisbury and John C. Davis, charged with robbery of the postoffices of Wagram and Rowland, were discharged by United States Commissioner W. S. Cook for lack of evidence.

Asheville.—Preparations are going forward for the annual meeting here this month of the southeastern section of the National Electric Light association. The members of this association with their wives will gather here on September 17.

Rocky Mount.—In special session the board of aldermen accepted a resolution under which an election will be called to determine whether the city will issue bonds not exceeding \$30,000 to be used in providing an other school building for the colored residents.

Lumberton.—Robeson superior court for the trial of civil cases adjourned. Ten divorces were granted during the term, which was perhaps the largest number ever granted at one term of Robeson court.

Services at St. John's next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.