

CONFLICTING REPORTS AS TO THE SUCCESS OF STRIKE OF STEEL WORKERS BEGUN TODAY

Fifteen Thousand Workers Out at Cleveland, 8,000 at Wheeling and Thousands at Other Places.

FULL WEIGHT OF STRIKE NOT FELT YET

The Unionists Claim That the Strike Is a Complete Success.—Every Mill in Mahoning Valley Closed.

(By The Associated Press.) The preliminary skirmish in the great industrial struggle which opened today between labor unions and the United States Steel Corporation...

In the great centers of the struggle, the Chicago and Pittsburgh districts, many thousands obeyed the strike order, but early reports indicated comparatively few plants are compelled to close.

Albert H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the Steel Corporation refused to make any comment on the situation.

Secretary Foster of the steel workers union issued a statement expressing gratification with the outlook and claiming that reports from outside of the Pittsburgh district showed that the shutdown was general.

An important feature of the situation was the announcement by a representative of the 35,000 workers employed by the Bethlehem Steel Co. that these men would not join the strike.

Some of the blast furnaces in the Pittsburgh district were banked, but the majority of the plants were in operation, although with losses ranging from 15 to 60 per cent.

At less important points in Ohio and Pennsylvania, including Portsmouth, Warren, Canton, Toledo, Columbus, Lorain, Pottsville, Reading and Harrisburg, officials of the various plants announced that their men had remained loyal and that operations were in full swing.

Outside the great pivotal states of Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania, conditions were reported nearly normal, with few important exceptions.

Union Leaders Claim Favorable Start Pittsburgh, Sept. 22.—"We got away in good shape at most of our plants in and about Pittsburgh this morning," said a representative of the Carnegie Steel Company when asked for a statement on the effect of the steel workers strike which went into effect today.

"We are greatly surprised at the showing made," was the announcement by Wm. Z. Foster, secretary of the National Committee for organizing the iron and steel workers, who is in charge of the Pittsburgh district.

At Charleston where the Carnegie by-products coke works are situated, and where the Pennsylvania State Police clashed yesterday with a crowd of men in breaking up a mass meeting, the situation was reported worse than at any other place heard from.

Summing up the representative of the company said the "situation may have been worse."

Mr. Foster in his review of the situation from his early reports, said he was agreeably surprised at the number of men out. "It will be two days before the full weight of the strike will be felt," he said.

From labor corporations and police sources came information that there was no trouble reported anywhere in the Pittsburgh district at early hours of the strike.

CHILD STRUCK BY AN AUTO; DEATH FOLLOWS

Accident Happened on Corbin Street.—Irene Ragan Was Child's Name.—Walter Lambert Driving the Car.

Irene, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Ragan, who live on Young street, died at the Concord Hospital Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock from injuries she received when struck by a "jitney" driven by Mr. Walter Lambert, a public service driver of this city.

The accident occurred on Corbin street, at the intersection of this street with Phoenix street, at 4:15 Saturday afternoon, as the little girl was on her way to pay some bills. She was struck in her right side, and all her ribs and side were completely crushed.

The child was struck by a "jitney" driven by Mr. Walter Lambert. Mr. Lambert stopped his car immediately following the accident and did everything possible for the little girl. He carried her to the hospital, and after taking her there he went to the police station and surrendered. He is under a \$1,000 bond for appearance in recorder's court Friday, September 29.

Reports vary as to the cause for the accident, but the most generally accepted one is that the child had stepped on the opposite side of Corbin street from Mr. Lambert, who was carrying passengers to the depot. Two cars were coming up from the depot, and it is thought the child was waiting for these cars to pass before she started across Corbin street.

For this reason she did not see Mr. Lambert's car, and he could not see her. Just as the two cars passed Mr. Lambert the little girl ran into the road, and was struck before the car of Mr. Lambert could be stopped.

The funeral services over the remains were held yesterday afternoon at three o'clock, and the interment was made in Union cemetery.

UNION MEN WILL FIGHT TO FINISH

About 85 Per Cent of Albemarle Operatives to Remain Out. Albemarle, Sept. 22.—The optimism of those who expected, following the statement by Mayor Groves yesterday that the mills would reopen Monday morning with all the old operatives on the job, was dealt a death blow today when it was learned that the members of the local textile union, at a meeting held Friday night, voted unanimously not to return to work until their union had been officially recognized by the mill owners.

There are approximately 2,250 mill operatives in Albemarle. Of this number 1,967 are members of the newly formed union. Even though the mill officials stand by their promise to open the doors of the mill, which have been locked for several weeks, and blow the whistles as an invitation to the operatives to return to work, it will be impossible for the machinery to start if the 85 per cent of operatives in town who are affiliated with union labor, refuse to return.

one was struck. The city police gave chase and the men disappeared. Unionists Claim Strike is a Complete Success. Youngstown, O., Sept. 22.—Early reports from various steel centers at 8 o'clock today indicated that the men had obeyed the strike orders generally, and that practically all the mills in the Mahoning Valley either were badly crippled or may be forced to suspend operation altogether. At union headquarters it was declared that the strike is a complete success, and every mill is closed.

15,000 Out at Cleveland Cleveland, Sept. 22.—Union leaders claimed that at least 15,000 steel workers are on strike this morning and that plants of some of the independent mills were closed. The company officials would make no statement.

5,000 Join Strike at Wheeling. Wheeling, W. Va., Sept. 22.—All steel plants in this district were closed this morning, approximately 8,000 employees having joined the nation wide strike. No disorder has been reported up to 11 o'clock. It was said no attempt would be made to reopen the plants.

One Plant Operates With Full Capacity Portsmouth, Ohio, Sept. 22.—The steel plant of Whitaker-Glessner Company located at New Boston near here, was operated at full capacity this morning. The plant employs 5,000 men.

But Little Effect at Birmingham Birmingham, Sept. 22.—Little effect of nation wide strike of steel workers was noticed in Birmingham district when the day shift reported for work this morning.

Labor organization attributed the fact to tomorrow is pay day at this district.

12,000 Out in Johnstown District. Johnstown, Pa., Sept. 22.—Twelve thousand steel and iron workers are on strike in Johnstown district, union officials estimated today. No statement came from the companies early in the day.

Schools Open



MISS SALLIE W. HUNTER BRIDE OF MR. O. B. JONES

Wedding Took Place Saturday at the Home of Bride's Parents in Alexander.

The following announcement was received in Concord today: Mr. and Mrs. John Burton Hunter announce the marriage of their daughter Sallie Willie to Mr. O. B. Jones.

Mr. O. B. Jones is principal of the Rowan County Farm Life School, and in this capacity has been unusually successful. He is also well known in this county, and through his efforts farm conditions in Rowan and other surrounding counties have been greatly benefited.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones will return from their honeymoon next week. Mrs. Jones will continue her work in this county until after the community fairs are held next month. They will then make their home at the Farm Life School near China Grove.

ITALIANS GOING INTO JUGO-SLAV TERRITORY Troops Under Insurgent Commander Extend Their Zone of Occupation.

Paris, Sept. 22.—Troops under Gabriel d'Annunzio, the insurgent Italian commander at Fiume, have been extending their zone of occupation into Jugo-Slav territory, according to the Jugo-Slav delegation in Paris. They penetrated seven miles into Jugo-Slavia on Saturday, occupying the heights at Risnik, dominating the surrounding country.

The Jugo-Slavs did not clash with the d'Annunzio forces executing this movement, the delegation stated.

American Marines Landed Near Fiume Rome, Sept. 22.—American marines have been landed at a small town about 10 miles southeast of Fiume, says a dispatch to a local newspaper. One American ship is in Fiume harbor, according to advices, but the anchorage is a considerable distance from the city.

No Confirmation at London of Report. London, Sept. 22.—American navy headquarters here, which is in direct communication with Adriatic ports, has no confirmation of the report from Rome last night that American marines had been landed near Fiume. The fact that an American ship is in the harbor of Fiume is of no significance in the opinion of the naval officers.

Belgian King and Queen Start for the United States. Brussels, Sept. 22.—King Albert, Queen Elizabeth and Crown Prince Leopold left Brussels this morning for Ostend, where they will go on board the steamer George Washington for their voyage to the United States.

ONLY FIVE PER CENT. WENT TO WORK TODAY

When the Wiscasset Whistles Blew This Morning Only About 150 Hands Reported For Duty.

TRIAL STARTED AT 11:25 O'CLOCK Everything Is Quiet at Mills.—No Attempt Was Made to Keep Anyone From Going to Work.

(Special to The Tribune) Albemarle, Sept. 22.—The trial of the union leaders and officials of the local union on a charge of inciting to riot, in connection with the recent outbreak at the Wiscasset Mills here, began this morning at 11:25 o'clock before County Judge Ingram. Solicitor Brock of Wadesboro, represented the state in the hearing.

The defense insisted on having a bill of particulars in the case, but the Judge overruled their motion. He stated that he would review the evidence before he required a bill of particulars.

Solicitor Brock then moved that all of the defendants be tried at the same time. The defense objected, and insisted and insisted that Attorney Ritch and organizer Graham be tried separately. This will be done.

At the mills this morning everything is quiet. After the blowing of the whistle at the Wiscasset Mills this morning about 150 persons, or about 5 per cent of the total number of employees, went to work at the Wiscasset No. 4 mill. No attempt was made by strikers or strike sympathizers to keep them from work, and the city is quiet today.

Associated Press Report. Albemarle, N. C., Sept. 22.—The court in Albemarle for the trial of the various union men charged with conspiracy at 11:25 this morning and was immediately launched into a verbal battle on technical points. Judge Ingram overruled a motion of Judge Thomas A. Jones, counsel for the defense, asking that the solicitor be required to furnish a bill of particulars in the second and third counts, which refer to "certain" laws of the State. Judge Jones contending that under the law ambiguous wording of the count, a man might be rearrested a number of times immediately following his having been acquitted. Judge Ingram started to hear the evidence before requiring a bill of particulars.

THE COTTON MARKET. Extremely Nervous and Unsettled.—High Opening Followed by Reaction. New York, Sept. 22.—The cotton market was extremely nervous and unsettled during today's early trading. Cables were relatively steady, the rains reported in South were considered unfavorable, and the steel situation was also a factor. The opening was 8 to 22 points higher in consequence, with December selling at 30.30 on the call, but there was considerable Southern selling and scattering pressure, which caused reaction of 20 to 25 points shortly after the call.

Cotton opened steady: October 30.00; December 30.20; January 30.25; March 30.31; May 30.37.

SCHOOLS OPEN

All Public Schools Are Filled to Capacity.—Increase Over Last Year's Attendance.

All of the public schools of the city opened this morning, and each grade reports a record attendance. No change has been made in the faculty, which places new teachers in charge of any of the white schools. Professor Webb has supervision over all of the schools again as city superintendent. Mrs. Laura Leslie Ross and Miss Ethel Constance Cline retain their place as principals of the Central school; Miss Mary Lewis Harris is in charge of the primary department, and Mr. J. W. B. Long is again in charge at School No. 2.

Prof. F. E. Logan is replaced at the college school by Prof. Falkner. The records for the first day's attendance show 1698 white children in the schools and 194 colored students. Of the 1698 eight hundred and eleven are at Central school, 613 at No. 2 and 224 at the High School. One of the biggest increases is shown at the High School. On the opening day last year there were but 179 students in this school. The total attendance on the opening day last year was 1827.

Every effort has been made by the heads of the different schools, together with the school board, to take care of the students this year, and though there has been an increase in the attendance, the pupils will be taken care of easily. At No. 2 school the four additional rooms have made it possible to handle the increase in attendance easily, and while conditions at Central are more crowded, provision has been made to handle the students in a satisfactory manner.

The schools here open under most favorable indications. Capable teachers have been provided for each grade, and it is felt that this year will be one of the most beneficial ever enjoyed by the public schools of this city.

FIRST GAME WILL BE PLAYED IN CINCINNATI First Game Scheduled to Be Played in Cincinnati on Wednesday, October First.

(By The Associated Press.) Cincinnati, Sept. 22.—Cincinnati won the toss for the opening game of the world's series at the meeting of the National Baseball Commission here today.

The first game is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1st. The first two games will be played in Cincinnati, the next three in the American league city, winning the pennant of that league, then two in Cincinnati if necessary, followed by one in the American league city. The place for the fifth game is to be decided by lot.

RULES TREATY IS ABSOLUTELY CONSTITUTIONAL Judiciary Committee Says United States Could go to Aid of France in Event of Unprovoked Attack.

Washington, Sept. 22.—By unanimous vote of the six members present, the Senate Judiciary Committee decided today that the proposed treaty guaranteeing immediate assistance of this country to France in the event of unprovoked attack by Germany was constitutional.

Twelve members were absent and their votes were not cast. Davidson Wins First Football Game of Season. Davidson, Sept. 20.—With the defeat of the first Guilford eleven, what promises to be the biggest football season in many years, was formally ushered in at Davidson college this afternoon. The final count was 33-0 with the Presbyterians holding the big end. The visitors were handicapped by the loss of two of their all-star stars but put up a very creditable scrap for their initial appearance.

MRS. W. L. YOST WINS THE \$20.00 IN GOLD

Won Only by Very Small Margin Over Miss Lucy Belle Litaker.—Mrs. McLaurin Second in District 1

MISS TUCKER WINS IN DISTRICT NO. 3 Big Offer For This Week's Business.—\$5 to Everyone Who Turns in 25 New Subscriptions to Either Paper.

The fourth week of the campaign breaks fair to be the best week of the contest. With Mrs. W. L. Yost, of Kannapolis, winning the \$20 in gold by a very small margin, candidates are now more determined than ever. Miss Lucy Belle Litaker, of District one, Concord—came second, winning a \$5 gold piece, and Mrs. D. A. McLaurin, also of District one, was a close third, but as only one \$5 was allotted to District one, she does not receive an award.

Miss Coco Walton, of Kannapolis, led second in her district and as Mrs. Yost received the \$20 gold offer she will be awarded \$5. Miss Wilma Tucker, of Mount Pleasant, led District three over Rev. D. F. Helms by even a closer margin than Mrs. Yost led Miss Litaker, and Mrs. D. A. McLaurin, Miss Elsie Barbee and Miss Maud Bigger, both of District three, increased their votes to a greater extent for the period they worked than have any other candidates.

Candidates had better watch both of them, for indications point toward a race for the automobile by both of them, which will have to be held, especially due to the fact that their territories are undivided and they will receive their entire support.

Candidates are particularly cautioned to take advantage of this week's special offer in votes and in gold. To begin with, a \$5.00 gold piece will be awarded to each and every contestant who during this week, ending Saturday the 27th, turns in 25 new yearly subscriptions, either to The Times or The Tribune. That will mean four yearly subscriptions each day, which by Saturday, the Campaign Manager states that he has had in contests he has held in other cities contestants to reach as high as seventy-five in one week, so you see he is not pushing you too hard. Further, if you intend to win that automobile, or one of those Columbias, you can readily see that he is looking out for your interest by giving you a reasonable stipulated goal to reach each week. The winners are always the ones who meet these conditions.

In votes the offer is better than last week, and this is doubly more the reason why you should take advantage of the offer. For each club of \$25.00 in new subscriptions 50,000 additional votes will be awarded, as was the case last week, this offer in addition to the regular vote schedule. There is not a candidate on the list but what should build up at least four of these clubs. Do not lose a day in starting out for your quota, for each day you lose will mean that it will be just twice that much to make up the next. We are reaching the stage of the game which will mean more to you than any period heretofore and you must begin to think seriously of the end. Do not at any time concede your defeat and do not have any prize in your mind other than the automobile.

Whatever you do "do not put your hand to the plow and turn back." When the campaign is over we are going to show you just how your interests were taken care of all through the campaign. We want you to be satisfied with the results and the only way you can be satisfied will be in a realization that you have done your best and a knowledge of fair play by all others concerned. You are going to get it.

Let's go over the top this week, and make it the best week of the campaign.

Supreme Council IS IN SESSION TODAY Frank L. Polk, Head of the American Delegation is Present.

(By The Associated Press.) Paris, Sept. 22.—The Supreme council of the peace conference met this morning, Frank L. Polk, head of the American delegation, who has been spending a couple of days in the devastated regions, being in attendance.

Members of the supreme council, including Mr. Polk, will go to Versailles this afternoon to attend the signing of the protocol annulling article 61 of the armistice, providing for Austrian representation in the German parliament. The document certifying to the nullification of this clause will be signed by Baron Kurt von Lersner, head of the German mission at Versailles, at 5 o'clock today.

Soviets To Evacuate Petrograd. (By The Associated Press.) Copenhagen, Sept. 22.—The Bolsheviks have made all preparations for the evacuation of Petrograd, according to a Helsinki dispatch to the Central News agency.

Proportionately ants have larger brains than any other living creature.

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON SHOWS IT COSTS MORE TO LIVE IN CHARLOTTE THAN IN ANY CITY IN THE SOUTH.

LIVING CHEAPEST AT SAVANNAH, GA. Of Ninety-One Cities Over the Country Charlotte Ranked Sixth in the High Living Scale.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 22.—Charlotte, N. C. had the highest and Savannah, Ga., the lowest average cost of food per year for white families with incomes of from \$1200 to \$1500, in the Southern cities according to an analysis of food subjects gathered by the Bureau of Labor statistics in the cost of living survey of 1918-1919, just made public by the Department of Labor.

Ninety-one cities in various parts of the country were listed and of these Charlotte ranked six in the list, while Savannah was lowest in the average cost of all the cities.

The average annual expenditure for food by all families in all the cities were listed was \$511, while Fall River, Mass., stood at top, with \$624.

The average at Charlotte was \$565, and at Savannah \$427. New Bern, N. C., which was third from the lowest among Southern cities, had an average of \$456.

The Bureau pointed out that there is a weakness in the comparison, in that the families concerned differed somewhat in the income, and varied in size. In Charlotte the families averaged 3.75 equivalent adult males per family, while in Savannah the average was 2.88.

THIRTY FACE TRIAL AT ALBEMARLE TODAY Charlotte Lawyers Present to Defend Marvin Ritch, Who is on Hand.

Albemarle, Sept. 21.—Judge Thomas Jones and Attorney Thomas H. Huskins, of Asheville; Frank Armfield and T. D. Maness, of Concord; C. B. Fetter and J. F. Flowers, of Charlotte, are the counsel for the defense of the union members under arrest in Albemarle for conspiracy so far arrived. Jack Raiston, counsel of the American Federation of Labor, was expected to arrive from Salisbury tonight.

The Central hotel also bears on its register along with these names those of Solicitor W. E. Brock and Marvin Ritch. Ritch arrived in Albemarle late this afternoon. He rode to the hotel in the automobile belonging to H. F. Barbee, president of the union.

Warrants have been issued for 30 alleged conspirators in all, three not having yet been apprehended. Twenty-seven are under bond of \$2,500 each. Their trial is set for Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Attorneys Fetter and Flowers, of Charlotte, resented a flippant remark, aimed against Solicitor Brock in their client, Marvin L. Ritch. They both were strong in the assertion that all members of the Charlotte bar resented insinuation against one of their number. Ritch himself had nothing to say. He seemed cheerful and effervescent in conversation, which is said to be his usual manner.

As 6 o'clock drew near the cotton mill operatives who are under indictment assembled in small groups about the hotel entrance and nearby. They were seeking the men whom Jas. F. Barrett had promised would defend them.

The array of local attorneys employed to assist Solicitor Brock in the prosecution is formidable: viz: R. L. Smith, Judge R. Lane Brown, Judge Oscar J. Sikes, G. D. B. Reynolds, J. R. Price, I. R. Burleson and W. L. Mann.

NEW INDUSTRY STARTS ALONG THE SEACOAST Of the South, With Leather From Fish Skins, as the Chief Product.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 22.—A new industry is springing up along the seacoast of the south, for the production of leather from fish skins. Reports show excellent progress in the tanning of fish leather is being made.

One company which is tanning fish skins has established a station in North Carolina and another in Florida for the capture of sharks and porpoises and is meeting with success. It is understood the number of stations will be increased.

THE ITALIAN PRESS IS PLEASED WITH OUTCOME Of Efforts of Premier Nitti to Settle the Controversy in Fiume.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 22.—Official advices received by the State Department today report that the press in Rome generally approves Premier Nitti's handling of the Fiume incident, saying he has made clear to the allies that the Italian government is not responsible for the d'Annunzio raid and has at the same time vindicated the national dignity of Italy.