

WATER MAIN AT SPENCER SUPPLYING THE SHOPS WRECKED BY EXPLOSION

**Situation Is Growing More
Tense and Troops May Be
Placed On Guard.**

BOX CARS ARE BURNED

**Promiscuous Shooting Near
Picket Lines But None
Are Identified.**

SPENCER, N. C., Aug. 21.—Quiet prevailed here early today after a Sunday marked by the blasting of the water main supplying the Southern Railway's shops, the burning of several box cars in the yards and an early morning outbreak of scattered and apparently harmless firing. No disorder was reported during the night. Workmen were busy throughout yesterday repairing the 12-inch main broken by the explosion and finally succeeded in restoring the water supply.

Lack of water caused considerable delay in moving trains. Sheriff J. H. Krier and other officials today had not found a clue that would assist in fixing responsibility for the blast.

Colonel Don E. Scott, of Graham, in charge of the nine national guard organizations encamped at the fair grounds three miles from the shops, considered the advisability of placing guards about the shop enclosure as a result of the occurrence Sunday, but has not yet ordered soldiers detailed for such duty. Local authorities have not yet made any request for guardsmen for patrolling the shops.

SPENCER, Aug. 20.—Sunday was featured by establishing camp headquarters for nine companies of state militia three miles from the Spencer shops; by the blowing up of the large water main that supplies the shops and hundreds of locomotives that are used out of Spencer; by the burning of some bad-order box cars near the yard limits; by a small size skirmish reported on the outskirts of East Spencer; by the arrival of 25 recruits for the working force at the shops, and the passing of another group of workmen headed for Columbia College.

Surpassing all other matters in general interest was the blowing up of a water main shutting off the entire supply for engines. A colored fireman passing the scene of the explosion, which occurred about midnight, was severely injured by flying debris and was given medical attention. The main, which was one foot in diameter carrying ordinary city pressure, was apparently blown up by dynamite at a point inside the shop yards, between a row of unused box cars and the fence surrounding the property, and at a point some seventy-five feet from a picket stand, several pickets, it is said, having been endangered by the explosion, which awakened most citizens in Spencer for ten blocks around. A section of the pipe was entirely blown out and a hole the size of a small house left in the ground.

A huge stream of water flooded that section of Spencer for several hours until the supply could be shut off.

There is no known clue as to who blew up the pipe, though Southern officials and Sheriff J. H. Krier have been making strenuous efforts to fasten strikers' disclaimers.

While no charge has been made against anyone, strikers made the statement that the blowing up was done "from the inside," that none of their men had anything to do with it. Workmen set to work today to repair the damage and restore water service for trains, which were delayed several hours twitting engines.

The explosion stirred Spencer as nothing else since the strike occurred and many are asking what steps will be taken to prevent further trouble. It has been charged that a quantity of dynamite caps were stolen from the Southern premises some nights ago near the spot where the explosion occurred.

Crew Was Starving To Save Life Of A Mother and Her Baby

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 21.—A tale of the sea, a becalmed ship, a starving crew and a mother with a new born babe, to preserve whose life every one else sacrificed rations, thrilled the water front here today upon the arrival of the motor ship Annie Johnson with news of the San Francisco schooner William H. Smith.

The schooner was becalmed in the Pacific for 43 days and was discovered on August 14 when Captain Murray of the Johnson, responded to her signals of distress and provided her with supplies.

A pitiable condition was found aboard the schooner. The crew of seven men had been eleven days without food except the Capra with which the schooner had loaded.

They were physically unable to hoist the emergency supply of rations over the ship's side.

In the cabin Mrs. Nels P. Jensen, wife of the master, was attempting to nurse her baby whose cries rapidly were growing weaker. The mother although favored by Captain and crew in the matter of available food, could not supply sufficient nourishment for the infant.

The crew of the becalmed vessel it was said, was beginning to show signs of insanity when the motor ship came to the rescue.

For 116 days no word had been heard from the unfortunate vessel and she had been given up for lost. With favorable winds it is expected she will be in port before the end of the week.

FOOTBALL PLAYERS TO ROTARY PARK WEDNESDAY

Slight change in plans for Gridiron Try-Out—High School Boys Who Want To Try For Team May Register Until 1 P. M. Tomorrow With Supt. Grier.

A slight change has been made in the plans for training the local high school football team, this being necessary on account of some delay in getting all the equipment in shape at Rotary Park, where the training is to be had.

The boys, in charge of Supt. W. P. Grier, will leave the Central high school building at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and hike to the Rotary camp, six miles west of the city. They will probably remain there for a week. The original plan was that the party would leave for camp tomorrow. The boys who want to try for the team may register with Supt. Grier up to 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Big Raid In Chicago Unearths Evidences Of Union Propaganda Among Many Railroad Workers

William Z. Foster, Said To Be Most Radical Leader In United States, Headed The League—Believed Responsible For Many Disorders In Train Centers—He Was Deported From Colorado.

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—Early morning examination of papers and correspondence seized in a raid last night on the offices of the Trades Union Educational League which is headed by William Z. Foster, who led the last steel strike and who recently was deported from Colorado as one of the foremost radical leaders of America, lured a widespread "big union" propaganda among workers and gave valuable information concerning a systematic series of radical meetings in railroad centers, according to State's Attorney Crowe.

No arrests were made but a long list of names of radical leaders was unearthed, according to Mr. Crowe.

The State's Attorney's investigation began immediately after receipt there of the report of the Michigan Central wreck at Gary, Ind., in which two men were killed and two injured, and the discovery of two sticks of dynamite on the Pennsylvania railroad tracks.

Foster was said to be in Joliet, Ill., where it was reported he spent several days after he was ordered out of Colorado by State authorities.

Railroad officials said that the Michigan Central express train had been deliberately derailed by plotters. Spikes were removed from ties and rails loosened, they said.

The express train was running five hours late and an hour ahead of one of the fastest New York-Chicago limited trains. It was believed the plotters planned to wreck the passenger train.

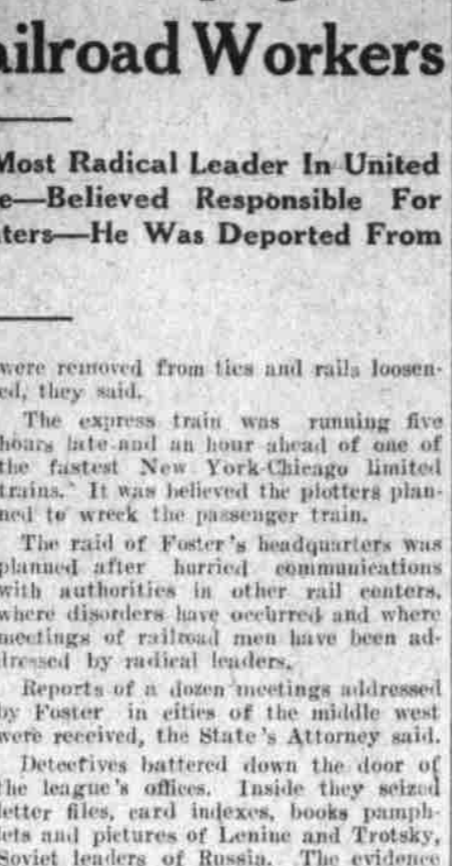
The raid of Foster's headquarters was planned after hurried communications with authorities in other rail centers, where disorders have occurred and where meetings of railroad men have been addressed by radical leaders.

Reports of a dozen meetings addressed by Foster in cities of the middle west were received, the State's Attorney said.

Detectives battered down the door of the league's offices. Inside they seized letter files, card indexes, books, pamphlets and pictures of Lenin and Trotsky, Soviet leaders of Russia. The evidence filled a truck. It included a complete list of meetings held by Foster, the raiders said.

Foster is said to have come to Chicago following his expulsion from Colorado. From here, it was said, he went to Joliet, where Sheriff Newkirk was wounded and two men killed in a rail strike riot two weeks ago.

Trail Finder



Lieutenant Paul C. Wilkins is flying from Washington, D. C., to San Francisco to map out the most convenient air route across the continent.

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Majority Of Senate Favors the Bonus Bill Says Hanford McNider

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Hanford McNider, national commander of the American Legion, in a statement today declared a personal canvass of the bonus bill situation showed that a "majority of the Senate, including both parties, favors the bill and is now pledged for its passage."

Mr. McNider predicted that the bonus bill, which is slated for Senate consideration beginning Wednesday, would be passed by the Senate this week, and added:

"The American Legion has absolute confidence in the good faith and integrity of the Senators pledged to vote for the bill. It realizes that they believe in the justice of the cause of the soldier and knows that they will keep the faith they have pledged and pass the bill now."

JUDGE WEBB'S CHARGE DEALT WITH DUTIES OF UPRIGHT CITIZENSHIP

**In Charge Of One Hour and
a Half, Judge Outlines
Duties Of Citizens.**

MORE HOME TRAINING

**Charge Was One Of Most
Forceful and Helpful Ever
Heard Here.**

The regular August term of the Gaston Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases convened at ten o'clock this morning with Judge James L. Webb, of Shelby, presiding, and Hon. A. E. Wells, of the Gastonia bar, acting by appointment of the court as prosecuting attorney for the state with all the powers of solicitor.

The court room was well filled with an interested audience to witness the opening of the court. From the panel of jurors summoned for service at this term a grand jury of eighteen men was chosen by lot to serve for the six months term ending December 31 of this year.

In delivering his general charge to the grand jury for the term Judge Webb gave his hearers one of the most splendid discourses on the needs of the state and community and the importance of a wise and proper enforcement of all the laws of the state which has ever been delivered to a jury in Gaston county.

It was not only a technical charge to the jury upon the duties required of them by the position to which they had been legally chosen, but was a sound and logical presentation of good citizenship and the function of the law and the courts in contributing to the welfare, the happiness and the best moral interest of the people.

CITY SCHOOLS OPEN FOR FALL TERM FRIDAY, SEPT. 1; 90 TEACHERS EMPLOYED

Next Week Will Be Given Over To Matriculation and Registration.

MANY NEW FEATURES

High School Faculty Is Increased By Addition Of Four Men.

Two weeks from this morning the city school system will be going full blast, with all steam ahead, and the officials most successful years both in the school room and on the athletic fields.

Numerous modern and up-to-the-minute methods have been installed to do away with old time methods that held the schools from jumping to the front long before this year. All possible means have been carried out by which the ever increasing population of the combed yarn center can be taken care of.

A great deal of attention has been given the high school department by the local board of education. The best faculty possible has been employed.

Athletics will have a prominent part in the year's work, which the officials will keep many boys in school and at the same time urge them to seek a high plane in life. New courses that appeal to both boys and girls will be offered.

One of the new plans to be installed will be the three days preceding the opening given over to the matriculation and registration of all high school students. The last week of this month will find the pupils registering for their work and getting their schedule of studies planned. On Friday, September 1, all matter will be cleared up and the new session will get under way promptly.

Heretofore the first few days of the school year have been taken up with the arranging of schedules and registering of new students. This held up the class room work considerably so the new plan has been adopted.

On Monday, August 28, a matriculation day will be held for all new students. All new pupils who expect to enter high school and who have attended elsewhere during 1921-22, will go to the offices of the high school principal and school superintendent for the purpose of enrolling.

On Tuesday, August 29, registration day will be held for the eighth and ninth grade pupils. The students will report to the school building and register for the year's work. The following day, Wednesday, the students qualified for the tenth and eleventh grades will do likewise.

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JUDGE A. C. JONES BACK ON CITY COURT BENCH

Number Of Drunks, Speed Artists and Other Law-Breakers Face Recorder—Fined \$10 For Carrying a Pistol.

Judge Arthur C. Jones returned to municipal court this morning after a week's absence and found several drunks and scoundrels awaiting his resumption of dealing out the law as he saw fit.

Two speed fiends were up for breaking the blue laws, one getting a fine of ten and costs as this was his third or fourth offense. S. S. Robinson, a South Carolinian, was charged with driving his automobile while in a drunken condition. None of the officers who made the arrest could swear that the defendant was such, Recorder Jones returned a verdict of not guilty.

A baker's dozen of liquor, beef wine and iron, and peptone consumers were on hand, most of whom drew fines of \$10 and costs. One B. Swaringer, who said he was on his way to Asheville from Charlotte on a business trip, was arrested by Officer Whitlow on two charges. The first charge of operating his auto without state license went at one-half the cost.

The second, a more serious one, was that of carrying a concealed weapon. The officer found a pistol in the seat of the car. A fine of \$50 and costs was the price paid for the latter.

FARM BOYS AND GIRLS CAMP BEGINS AUG. 23

Annual Encampment To Be Held At Garrison's Park—Friday Is Day For Whole Families To Come and Picnic Together.

More than 125 boys and girls of the county are now enrolled for the Club Encampment at Garrison's Park beginning August 23 and continuing through Friday, August 25. County Agents Altman and Pickens have been busy lining up their forces and all indications point to a successful three-day outing.

In addition to the club leaders, a number of other people are on the program as instructors and helpers. Secretary Allen, of the Gaston County Fair, will assist on the program, as well as give instruction in swimming. County Superintendent of Public Welfare, Miss Fay Davenport, Supt. F. P. Hall, Hugh A. Query, of The Daily Gazette, Misses Esther Davenport, Leila Durham, Pearl Stowe and others whose names will be announced later, will help.

Friday is the big day of the encampment. On that date the general public is invited to come to the camp and share in the gayeties of the day. The club members will put on a program, and in addition there will be a speech by some prominent North Carolinian.

The following letter from the agents, Mr. Altman and Miss Pickens, is explanatory:

"The Agricultural Clubs of the county are on encampment at Garrison's Park August 23, 24 and 25.

"On Friday, the 25th, we are asking all the people in the county who are interested in the agricultural welfare of the county to meet with the boys and girls as a boost to the work they are doing. We are arranging a program of interest for the youngsters and for the grown-up.

SALISBURY FEARFUL OF OUTBREAK AT SPENCER

Some Wild Rumors Afloat Sunday Run Down—Everything Apparently Quiet, But People Are Uneasy.

SALISBURY, Aug. 21.—The total number of men and officers camped at the fair grounds a mile west of the courthouse is 525, according to Col. Don Scott, in charge of the troops. Colonel Scott stated today that disorders of sufficient magnitude reported to Sheriff Krier, himself or Governor Morrison would put the troops in action. Until there is such report the men will be kept within the fair ground enclosure. General visiting by the public at the fair grounds was prohibited and will continue to be prohibited while the troops are there.

Two large cars of the North Carolina Public Service company have been seized by the troops and the cars and crews are kept at the fair grounds for use by the soldiers.

To clear up repeated rumors that a number of men hurt in skirmishes had been taken to the Salisbury hospital for treatment two newspaper men visited the hospital this afternoon and learned from the superintendent that only one victim of the Spencer trouble had been treated there.

This was a negro named Hargrove who was shot in the hand some days ago and was brought there to have the bullet removed. He left the hospital Saturday. His case was given publicity at the time it occurred. A negro fireman, who was passing nearby when a 12-inch water main was blown up at Spencer last night, had his right eye injured by some flying substance from the explosion, but he was treated by railroad physicians.

One of the soldier boys arriving last night was taken from the train in an unconscious condition and after reaching the hospital he regained consciousness and apparently got over his trouble which seemed to come from an injury received some time ago.

Many Salisbury people were awakened at 4 o'clock this morning by much shooting in the direction of Spencer. The shooting continued for a half an hour or more and occasioned much uneasiness. No casualties have been reported and no one has volunteered any information as to who it was doing the shooting.

Sheriff Krier today declined to give out any statement, leaving that for Col. Scott. No arrests have been made today. There prevails a general uneasiness and fear that something will break loose just any minute.

ANTHRACITE WORKERS AND OPERATORS CONFER

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 21.—Representatives of anthracite workers and of the men who operate the mines assembled here again today for another session of the negotiations to reconcile the differences between the two factions which have kept the hard coal mines idle since April 1. Today's meeting was scheduled for 4 p. m.

The same personnel of representatives present at last week's parleys were here for today's session. John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, remained in the city over the week-end.

The mine workers were to sit in consultation this morning, while the operators, headed by Samuel D. Warriner, president of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, and chairman of the operators' policy committee, were to convene in a separate meeting.

Aside from the personal interest in solving the problem, the negotiators returned to Philadelphia after a Sunday in the country or at the seashore, facing pressure from constituents on both sides.

A bill to create a fact-finding body to investigate the coal industry is to be introduced in Congress immediately, Chairman Winslow, of the house commerce committee, announced.

Anthracite operators and miners prepared to proceed this afternoon with negotiations in effort to settle hard coal strike.

Scale committee of Indiana operators and miners arranged to open negotiations for soft coal settlement.

Illinois operators and miners resumed sessions after all day meeting yesterday.

Michigan mines resumed operations after a shutdown of nearly five months.

Pennsylvania bituminous coal shipments dropped 100,000 tons last week, compared with preceding week.

A party made up of Mr. and Mrs. R. Play Davis, and daughter, Catherine, Miss Bess Aiken and Mr. Carl Laughridge or spending the week on a pleasure trip to Asheville on other mountain points.

Men with light heads seldom shine like those with lantern jaws.

COTTON MARKET

Receipts 2 bales
Price 22 cents

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—Cotton futures closed firm; Spots, steady 50 points up.

October 22.95; December 22.95; January 22.75; March 22.75; May 22.62 Spots 23.20.

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Tuesday, warmer Tuesday, and in northwest tonight.

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