

## FOSTER, FITZPATRICK, GARY CALLED BEFORE COMMITTEE

Union Leaders to Answer the Charges That Strike Was Forced by Radical Labor Element—Will Face Investigating Committee.

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Chairman Kenyon, of the Interstate commerce committee of the Senate, said today that William Foster, organizer of the United Steel and Iron Workers, would be summoned as a witness in the probe into the steel strike which is to begin tomorrow. John J. Fitzpatrick, of the strikers' committee, telegraphed that he would be on hand to testify tomorrow. Judge Elbert Gary, head of the United States Steel Corporation, which is bitterly fighting the union, is scheduled to testify next Wednesday. Union leaders are to answer charges made in the House that the strike was forced by the radical labor element.

## LEADERS OF OPPOSITION FORCES IN WHAT MAY BE GREATEST STRIKE IN HISTORY.



John A. Fitzpatrick and Judge Elbert Gary.

John A. Fitzpatrick, leader of the steelworkers' unions, and Judge Elbert Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, who heads the opposition forces in what may develop into the greatest strike in the world's history. More than 2,000,000 men will be involved. The steel workers' unions have refused to postpone the strike until questions involved can be threshed out at the employers-employees conference called by President Wilson in Washington on October 26.

## NATION-WIDE STEEL STRIKE ENTERS THIRD DAY WITH BOTH SIDES MAKING CLAIMS

Union Men Declare That Thousands of Workers Are Joining Ranks of Strikers—Employers Counter With the Statement That They Are Pleased With Conditions—Disorders Continue in Pittsburg District.

(By Associated Press.)

PITTSBURG, Sept. 24.—Interest in the nation-wide steel strike, which has been in progress since last Monday, centered today in the meeting here of the national committee for organizing iron and steel workers. Those in close touch with the strike are of the opinion that the session, called by William Z. Foster, secretary-treasurer of the committee, will bring out important facts relating to the walkout of the thousands of workers who heeded the call of their leaders.

Mr. Foster declares that the committee will not consider "peace plans," but will discuss the advisability of extending the strike to include seamen on Great Lakes carrier vessels and union trainmen. The question of financing the strike will come up, and Mr. Foster says he will bring to the attention of the committee the "unprovoked assaults" by state troopers on strikers. According to the secretary the union is preparing for a long struggle, and he declares the workers will "fight to the bitter end."

The strike situation in the Pittsburg district remains practically unchanged with employers and union leaders issuing conflicting statements as to the number of men involved in the walkout. The union men declare that thousands of workers are joining the ranks of the strikers daily, and that scores of mills have been crippled. Employers say that they are pleased with present conditions, which, it is announced by a representative of the Carnegie Steel Company, are improving and encouraging. Despite the conflicting statements from the contending parties it is known that many mills in the district are shut down entirely, some are working with short forces while others are operating at almost 100 per cent.

Union activity in the district today was marked for the first time since the strike opened by the placing of pickets near plants, this action being taken on instructions from the strike committee. Meetings of strikers throughout the district will be held during the day, according to announcement from Secretary Foster.

Disorders incident to the strike continued in the Pittsburg district yesterday and last night. The most serious outbreaks occurred at Farrell, Pa., where two men were killed during a clash between strikers and their sympathizers and state troopers. In the disorders of Monday and Tuesday at Farrell, Newcastle and other points, four persons have been killed, more than a score shot, many others have been slightly wounded and hundreds of arrests have been made.

### TROUBLE LAST NIGHT AT INDIANA HARBOR

(By The Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 23.—While leaders of the striking steel workers in the Chicago district and heads of steel mills each claimed gains, there appeared little change today in the number of plants in operation.

A majority of the mills were still closed and one in operation worked with a reduced force.

The only disorder in this district since inception of the strike occurred at Indiana Harbor, Ind., last night, when strike sympathizers outside the coke plant of the Mark Manufacturing Company attacked about 25 men as they left

work. Eight or ten men were badly beaten and were taken to an emergency hospital after Indiana Harbor police stopped the fighting. A number of shots were fired at the police but none was hit. A negro striker who carried a rifle was arrested.

The men who were attacked had remained to pull fires and prepare the plant for an extended shutdown, it was stated.

Eleven steamers carrying 100,000 tons of iron ore today were tied up in the outer harbor at South Chicago by the refusal of the crews to dock the vessels.

Federal officers at Gary arrested Michael Yelovitch, charged with making seditious utterances.

### EVERY MILL CLOSED IN MAHONING VALLEY

(By Associated Press.)

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Sept. 24.—Ohio's greatest steel center, the Mahoning valley, with the city of Youngstown as its axis, is completely paralyzed.

The steel strike which began last Monday morning, has resulted in the closing of every mill in the valley. Forty-four thousand men are idle and weekly wages aggregating approximately \$2,500,000 are unearned and unpaid.

Throughout the valley, the same peacefulness which marked the walkout of the first men Monday morning continues. Picketing is almost nil at the plant and the crowd upon the streets are good natured.

Today is pay day at the Youngstown sheet and tube company, but in view of the past peaceful attitude neither company nor city officials anticipate any trouble.

### NEGROES USED AS DEPUTIES IN PENNSYLVANIA TOWN.

(By The Associated Press)

FARRELL, Pa., Sept. 24.—Although all was quiet today here, following last night's outbreak in which one man was killed and several persons were wounded, the situation was tense.

State police and a large number of deputy sheriffs were patrolling the streets within the riot zone. Thirty or more of the constabulary have arrived.

Among the armed deputy sheriffs patrolling the streets were about fifty negroes. Their presence has aroused the feeling of the foreign element and race rioting is now feared.

Two men were arrested early today at the home of Burgess Moody. One had a pistol, the police said. The police believe they were planning to make an attempt on Moody's life. Burgess Moody has received many anonymous letters. A special guard has been placed about the Moody home.

### FOUR MEN STABBED IN NEWBERRY RIOT

(By The Associated Press.)

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 24.—Four men were stabbed, two probably fatally, and two others were badly beaten near the entrance of the American Steel and Wire Company, Newburg plant, this morning in the first serious local disorders of the steel strike. The trouble broke out when a street car stopped near the plant to let off men bound for work at the mills.

## INTEREST REVIVED IN THE RUSSIAN SITUATION

PARIS, Tuesday, Sept. 23, (By The Associated Press).—The attempt by the bolsheviks to negotiate peace with Esthonia and Latvia and indications that the Poles and the forces of General Denikin, the anti-bolshevik leader in southern Russia, soon may establish communication and co-ordinate their efforts in fighting the bolshevik in the Ukraine, have revived interest in the Russian situation among the peace conference delegates.

The refusal of the German General von Der Goltz to obey the orders of the peace conference, that he evacuate the Baltic provinces of Russia and Germany's declaration that she cannot be responsible for his movements, leaves the conference for the moment in a helpless position, as there is no disposition to ask the Poles, who already are engaged, to expel von der Goltz and no other nation has forces available.

The Poles already are so busy with the bolsheviks and so unsettled at home that the great powers apparently are unwilling to impose more military burdens on them.

American officers recently returned from Latvia express the belief that von der Goltz soon will retire.

Reports received from Kolehak by the Russian committee in Paris give hope that the anti-bolshevik leader in the Omsk region has greatly improved his position on both lines of the trans-Siberian railway and that his armies again are well organized and moving westward against the bolsheviks. Reports received from the Denikin forces also are favorable.

While the attempts of Nikolai Lenine, the bolshevik premier, to negotiate a peace with Esthonia, Latvia and Lithuania apparently have failed because Lenine insisted that all three states should join in the negotiations, it is expected that he will renew his efforts.

### DEATHS.

#### ROBERT MINTER FAIRES.

Robert Minter Faires, fifteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Faires, formerly of Gastonia, died at the home of his parents in Greensboro Sunday morning, the cause of death being diphtheria. Young Mr. Faires had been suffering with a complication of troubles following an attack of influenza and these finally developed into diphtheria. Funeral services were conducted at the home on Asheboro street, Greensboro, Monday afternoon at two o'clock by Rev. Charles E. Hodge, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church, and interment was made in Green Hill cemetery. Attending the funeral from Gastonia were Mr. C. M. Faires, uncle of the deceased, and Mrs. Will Lineberger and Mrs. Wiley Hanna, his aunts. The bereaved family have the sympathy of many friends here in their sorrow.

#### TUSKEGEE GETS \$30,000.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—Tuskegee Institute will receive \$30,000 in bequests from the estate of the late General Horace W. Carpenter, world traveler and one-time mayor of Oakland, Calif., according to an appraisal of his will filed here. The estate, most of which is bequeathed to public and educational institutions, is valued at \$3,377,627.

### SHERIFF CARROLL HAS ACCIDENT

Loses One Rear Wheel As Result of Sudden Stop to Avoid Hitting Another Car.

While returning from Mayworth yesterday afternoon after the rain, Sheriff Carroll and Deputy Will Cole experienced a slight automobile accident, when coming down the hill near the fair grounds. Sheriff Carroll jammed the brakes on too suddenly, the car skidding into the ditch and a broken rear wheel resulting.

According to the Sheriff, a car was standing on the right side of the road headed toward Gastonia as he was coming down the road near the fair grounds. Without looking behind him this man pulled into the road directly in front of Mr. Carroll's car. To avoid hitting him, the Sheriff slammed on the brakes with all force. The car skidded on the wet road with results above mentioned. No one was injured.

### ROUMANIA TO EVACUATE BUDAPEST

(By The Associated Press.) PARIS, Sept. 24.—Roumania, in her reply to the note of the Allies has offered to evacuate Budapest and to cooperate with the Allies there, according to a dispatch published today in Echo de Paris.

### PROTRACTED MEETING AT SECOND A. R. P. CHURCH.

A protracted meeting is being held this week at the Second A. R. P. church, preaching by Rev. E. F. Griffith, pastor of Chalmers Memorial church, Charlotte. This meeting, which was begun last Monday night, is proving especially interesting and much good is being accomplished. Song services at 8 and the preaching at 8:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

—Many Gastonia automobile dealers are in Charlotte today attending the sessions of the Carolina Automobile Association, an assembly of automobile dealers from North and South Carolina. This is the first meeting of the association.

—Mrs. H. W. Oates, of Bessemer City, route two, who underwent a very serious operation Tuesday at the Gaston Sanatorium is recovering nicely from the effects of the operation.

—Miss Nell Pickens, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Gaston Sanatorium some days ago is recovering nicely. She may be able to return to her home at Mrs. S. W. Patrick's by the last of the week.

—The County appraisers of property under the new revaluation act, Messrs. Cornwell, Belk and Armstrong, who have been working Cherryville township will probably finish this week their work in that section and take up the work of valuing the property of Crowders Mountain township.

—Mr. Earle Brintnall, Dairy Agent of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, is spending a few days in the county assisting County Agent C. Lee Gowan in looking after the dairying industry in the county.

—All who are interested in the matter of having their cows tested with the tuberculin test are asked to remember the test to be given at Mr. J. L. Alexander's farm just west of the city Friday afternoon at four o'clock.

—Concord Tribune: Mrs. D. A. Garrison, of Gastonia, is spending several days here with her father, Mr. D. B. Coltrane. Dr. Garrison spent Sunday here, returning to his home in Gastonia Sunday night.

### GOVERNMENT IS BEGINNING TO PAY THE WAR DEBT

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Nearly a billion dollars of Liberty bonds have been retired, and paid off by the government with loans returned by the allied governments and certain taxes which were paid in bonds themselves. The total of all issues of bonds ran to \$17,000,000,000.

Great Britain already has repaid \$32,000,000 of the billions she owes the United States and France has also made a small payment. In all, the allies owe the United States about \$10,000,000,000.

### GASTONIA WANTS PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL

#### Strong Talk Here of This City's Entering Sally League Circuit Next Season.

Soon after the close of the local baseball season here when the Lory team had such a successful record, there was some talk and discussion among local baseball fans of Gastonia's chances in the Sally League circuit for next season. It is the opinion here that Gastonia could easily maintain a berth in this class C league.

This is a good baseball town and draws patronage from a number of smaller towns within a radius of ten and fifteen miles.

Some one from Gastonia has been talking to the sporting editor of The Charlotte Observer on this subject and he says:

Baseball fans of Gastonia have thrown their hats in the ring and are going to fight for a place beneath the sun in organized baseball. Several promoters of the Gaston county metropolis, it is reported, already have garnered enough coin of the realm to back a team for a couple of seasons.

There is to be, so Greensboro writers state, a North Carolina-Virginia league formed next season and it is probable that Gastonia will be invited to join hands with the new organization.

But this is not what Gastonia fans have in mind. The Sally Class C league, bossed by W. H. Walsh, is their goal. The promoters feel assured that the grand old game will pay in their city if Charlotte is a member of the same league.

There has been some little talk of enlarging the Sally circuit to eight clubs for 1920. Gastonia, N. C., Florence, and Orangeburg, S. C., have been mentioned as possible additions to the young but Speedy Sally combination.

Nothing definite has been accomplished as yet and will not be until the next meeting of the league is called by Chief Walsh. It is expected, however, that when such convalescence takes place that Gastonia will be represented by a galaxy of business men with real money in their pockets.

Charlotte fans look with glee upon the possibility of their hustling little neighbor being in the same company with the Hornets.

### PACKERS MADE DOUBLE PROFITS DURING WAR

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—The Federal Trade Commission report just published declares that the profits allowed the "Big Five" packers during the war under the food administration's control were double those earned by the packers in pre-war years.

### GERMANY ASKS BIG LOAN FROM ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

(By Associated Press.)

BUENOS AIRES, Tuesday, Sept. 23.—Formal negotiations were opened this afternoon by Germany for a loan of \$100,000,000 from Argentina to facilitate the purchase of raw materials in this country. Foreign Minister Pueyrredon, on whom the German delegation called, told the visitors the matter would be referred to President Rivarola.

### COURT AT ALBEMARLE IN BAD HUMOR TODAY

Judge and Lawyers Wrangle With Each Other—Charge Stands As Originally Made.

ALBEMARLE, Sept. 24.—Court convened this morning with everybody in a bad humor. Solicitor Brock looked as though he didn't sleep well and the counsel for the defense were not overly gracious in seeking information as to whom the various attorneys were representing. Information was given by the various counsel assisting in the prosecution as follows: Mr. E. T. Cansler, attorney for the town of Albemarle, M. L. Reynolds, who heretofore has assisted in the Ritch-Graham trial, on Wednesday morning retained for remainder of the trial, Brown, Sikes and Brown and W. L. Mann are retained in all phases of the trial. No statement was made by M. Gooch of the firm, Smith and Gooch, Mr. R. L. Smith, senior member, being out of town. Mr. J. R. Price also made no statement though it is understood that he also is retained by the prosecution. Judge Ingram started the big row when he asked the stenographer to read his statement made in adjudication. It follows: "I find in this case there is some evidence, and I felt it my duty to let a jury say whether or not it is sufficient to convict these men of the charges under the statute section 3,437." When he then read it Solicitor Brock asked if it were the judgment of the court. The judgment of the court was that the defendants be bound over to the court under all the charges set out in the warrants.

Judge Ingram assured the general element that he only wished a true record made and though he let them talk all they wanted to and did not reprove Mr. Armfield for calling down the stenographer who volunteered that the counsel for the defense interrupted so noisily that she was not apt to get all the judge's charge. She stated that such is a part of her record. The new statement made Wednesday morning is as follows: "After hearing the case the court finds probable cause of charge. Each defendant is set out under each count of the warrant and it is ordered that said defendant be bound to the Superior Court of Stanley county to answer said charges. Bond fixed at one thousand dollars each." Counsel for the defense demanded that a record of the indictment be made. Judge Ingram told them that he would see that they got it but they did not have the satisfaction of hearing him dictate it. They then demanded that their exception to the new judgment be entered on the formal record. This was done.

Court was ready once more for the trial of the 27 defendants. Their counsel asked for them through assigned petition of the 37 that they have a different magistrate to hear the trial. This was granted and Judge Ingram appointed W. K. Littleton, a farmer magistrate who appears to be in Troy on business. He has been sent for and will at the latest arrive Thursday morning.



Bethlehem Steel Works, Bethlehem, Pa.

## BETHLEHEM STEEL PLANT, WHICH WILL BE AFFECTED BY GREAT STRIKE.

A view of the Bethlehem Steel Works, in the city of Bethlehem, Pa., which is affected by the nation-wide strike of the steelworkers. The strike involves more than 2,000,000 men and may develop into the biggest strike in the world's history.