

NATIONWIDE STRIKE IS ON

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SENATE OPENS FIGHT ON TREATY

FIRST CLASH OCCURS AT PITTSBURG

Senator Reed Opens With Fierce Denunciation of the President

Strikers Attack Troops and Are Fired Upon; Leader Hurt

(By the United Press) PITTSBURGH, Sept. 22.—The first disorder in the steel strike was reported here when a street fight occurred in Clairton where a crowd of strikers or sympathizers attacked the mounted police patrolling the streets. Mike Hodak, alleged leader of the crowd, was severely beaten when he attempted to pull a trooper from his horse. Several shots were fired but none were hurt. Nineteen arrests were made, and order restored.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 22.—Many union switchmen employed on railway lines serving the steel plants struck today in sympathy with the steel workers. Other union switchmen pledged themselves not to handle materials to or from struck plants.

The seamen's union is only awaiting word from Chicago to call a strike on the lake ore freighters.

(By the United Press) PITTSBURGH, Sept. 22.—Strike leaders and steel company heads alike claimed the advantage when one of the biggest industrial struggles America has ever known was only a few hours old today. Union leaders claim the plants are "down" everywhere, while company officials assert that not more than fifteen to twenty-five per cent of the men have struck.

Refusal to recognize the unions caused the strike. The unions demand the right to bargain for the workers regarding hours, wages and working conditions.

Unskilled workers now receive from \$3.50 to \$6 per day, and skilled employees from \$7 to \$70 and \$80 per day.

Steel corporation officials claim the strike so far has failed to tie up the industry. Union leaders declared, however, that the strike is "effective," and that two hundred thousand men are out.

Reports this afternoon indicate that the strike is effective generally in the Chicago, Ohio, Indiana, and Colorado districts, only partially effective in the Pittsburgh district, and generally not effective in Alabama.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 22.—The steel strike, if continued, may tie up

structural building trades, according to union leaders, who say they won't handle "scab" material.

GARY, Ind., Sept. 22.—Wives of the steel strikers have joined the regular pickets in their efforts to keep steel workers off the job. Union leaders here claimed a big victory as a result of the stationary engineers joining the strikers. They declared that 85 per cent of the engineers employed in the Gary works walked out, that this would tie up the plant.

Members of the citizens' committee are assisting the police in keeping the crowds moving. There has been no disorder, and not a single arrest. The committee which claims to have a membership of two thousand, announced that it would tolerate no disorder.

The league's membership is secret. Trouble is freely forecast tonight when those working in the plant will leave for their homes.

(By the United Press) PITTSBURGH, Sept. 22.—The nationwide steel strike is on. All over the United States men employed in steel production and steel working plants failed to report for duty this morning, and plants are either closed down or working with reduced forces.

Early reports fail to show, however, whether or not the walkout will develop into America's greatest industrial war. In some districts all the plants are closed, while in others the mills are still in full operation it is reported.

Secretary Foster of the steel workers' national committee claims today that the strike is "ninety per cent effective."

The police here declare that only a few workers in local mills and plants struck, while union officials claim that most of the men have quit.

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—Steel production in the South Chicago district is practically at a standstill.

Of eleven furnaces at the Illinois Steel company's plant, but two are burning, with pensioned workers who feared they would lose their priority rights to pensions, firing them.

The Iroquois plant is completely

INFORMATION REGARDING STEEL STRIKE

Strike centers, Pennsylvania and the middle west states. Approximate number of men affected by strike in United States, 600,000.

Employees United States Steel corporation affected, 268,710. All independent steel plants in U. S. also affected.

Total wages and salaries paid by U. S. Steel corporation in 1918, \$452,663,524.

Reason given by labor leaders for calling strike: refusal of Judge Gary and other steel plant heads to confer with committees representing organized labor regarding wages and working conditions.

Work is apparently suspended in practically all plants in this district.

Two of the three furnaces at the Wisconsin steel plant are burning. The managers claimed today that 50 per cent of their workers are on the job, while union officials declared that only a few returned.

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STRIKE WITHIN A STRIKE BUFFALO, Sept. 22.—There was a strike within a strike at the Lackawanna Steel company's plant here. The colored cooks and helpers, hired to feed the workers while the strike was on, demanded increased pay. This was refused, and they struck.

WHEN?

(By the United Press) PALO ALTO, Calif., Sept. 22.—"Food prices throughout the world are declining, but it is a matter of conjecture when the high cost of living will cease to be a menace," said Herbert Hoover, who arrived home here yesterday. He said the speculative boom in food stuffs had collapsed.

On hearing before mediation board on printing trades wage scale it was shown that living expenses at Salem were lower than 50 cities.

Lack of "Gobs" Ties up Fleet

(By the United Press) SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—With the initial maneuvers of the Pacific fleet completed, the acute shortage of man power is emphasized by the announcement that the super-dreadnaughts New Mexico, Mississippi and Idaho will be anchored in San Pedro harbor until their crews can be recruited to full seagoing strength.

It will probably be six months, it is said, before these ships have enough men to take them out of the training ship class.

RATIFY TREATY

(By the United Press) MELBOURNE, Sept. 22.—By a viva voce vote the Australian national assembly today ratified the German peace treaty and defensive alliance between France, Great Britain and the United States.

DOG CATCHER OUTCLASSED

(By the United Press) OAKLAND, Calif., Sept. 22.—The city council today authorized the appointment of ten rat catchers at a salary of \$10 per month. The rats taken will be examined in San Francisco for traces of bubonic plague.

RUMANIANS FIGHT SERBS (By the United Press) LONDON, Sept. 22.—Rumanian and Serbian forces met in battle near Hersez today, according to Budapest reports. Artillery was employed.

STRIKE ON; WANTS HIS ALIMONY CUT DOWN

GARY, Ind., Sept. 22.—One of the steel workers here today appealed to the circuit court to have the alimony of \$100 per month which he has been paying his divorced wife cut down, as owing to the steel strike, he will be unable to pay that sum.

INVESTIGATE STEEL STRIKE

(By the United Press) WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—Investigation of the steel strike is proposed in a resolution which Senator Kenyon introduced today. The resolution directs the senate committee on education and labor to ascertain the reasons for the strike and whether any federal action can or should be taken to meet the situation.

CINCY GETS FIRST GAME

(By the United Press) CINCINNATI, Sept. 22.—The first two games of the world series will be played in Cincinnati, the next three in Chicago, if the White Sox win the American pennant; the next two in Cincinnati, and the eighth in Chicago, if necessary to determine the championship, the national commission announced today.

The flip of a coin will decide the scene of the ninth game if it is necessary.

The first game is scheduled for October 1. Cincinnati won the right to stage the first games on the toss of a coin. Louis Cominsky, son of the owner of the White Sox, tossed a half dollar and President Hermann of the Reds, called the toss.

RAILROAD BLOCKADE

(By the United Press) REDDING, Calif., Sept. 22.—The railroad blockade in tunnel No. 2, on the Southern Pacific, probably will not be broken until Wednesday night, as the tunnel, which is 535 feet long, must be retimbered. Sixty feet at the northern end keeps caving in.

BOUND TO MAKE PORTLANDERS WALK

(By the United Press) PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 22.—Eight cent fare on Portland railway lines was asked of the public service commission by President Griffith at the opening of the hearing on increased fares today.

BROKE JAIL

(By the United Press) ROSEBURG, Sept. 22.—Daniel Perkins and William Gordon broke jail here early today. They took iron slats from a bed and broke down the door. They were alleged to have robbed a store and garage at Glendale.

WHEAT IN DANGER OF ROT

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 22.—Hundreds of thousands of bushels of wheat are on the ground in danger of rotting in western Nebraska because elevators are already filled and because there is a shortage of railroad cars, together with an embargo on wheat shipments to Omaha and Kansas City, according to information reaching Governor Samuel R. McKelvey.

The governor announces he will appeal to the railroad administration to take steps to relieve the situation.

"PAY AS YOU LEAVE" IS O. K.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 22.—"Pay as you leave," a plan now being tried out on one of the Seattle street-car lines to eliminate congestion and save time in the downtown districts, is "working like a charm," according to superintendent of utilities, Thomas Murphree.

It is too early to tell just how much time it will save, he said, as the system was established a few days ago for the first time.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—Bitterly attacking President Wilson, Senator Reed opened the senate fight over the Johnson peace treaty amendment, which would equalize the vote of the United States and Great Britain in the League of Nations assembly.

He declared the president's statement at San Francisco that America with her one vote to Great Britain's six cannot be outvoted, as "erroneous to the last degree," and said, "The president disregards the fact that when the United States is the party in interest it is denied the right to vote at all."

In a dispute between the United States and Great Britain where neither was permitted to sit in judgment, the five British colonies and dominions are, as independent self government bodies, permitted to cast their votes.

Referring to the president, he said, "A man who is willing to give to any nation or assemblage of nations the right to mind the business of the American people ought to disclaim American citizenship and emigrate to the country he is willing to have mind America's business."

WILSON HITS HOME TRAIL

(By the United Press) ABOARD THE PRESIDENT'S TRAIN, Sept. 22.—President Wilson is leaving the Pacific coast, headed east on his campaign for ratification of the peace treaty. He speaks at Reno tonight.

Most of today was spent in the mountains of California. Telegrams were delivered aboard the president's train at several stops. It is understood Wilson is keeping in close touch with the labor situation.

He Does Not Like Kings

(By the United Press) MILWAUKEE, Sept. 22.—"To hell with royalty; don't ask me to invite king, kaiser or czar," was the reply given by Mayor Hoan, socialist, to the Association of Commerce, whose officers requested him to extend an invitation to the king and queen of Belgium to visit Milwaukee during their visit to the United States.

Electric power to be used on construction Teel irrigation plant.

FRISCO AND PUGET SOUND FLEET BASES

(By the United Press) WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—Puget Sound and San Francisco harbor will be the permanent bases for the battleships of the Pacific fleet. Secretary of War Daniels stated today upon his return home. The smaller ships will be distributed all along the coast.

The secretary stated that there was no plan at present for extending the trip of the fleet or for any big maneuvers. He declared that it will take several months for the fleet to be overhauled and that it is hardly possible that any big fleet movement can be made before January.

THE WEATHER

For Oregon—Fair and warmer; east winds.

Ten Thousand Acres Burning

OROVILLE, Calif., Sept. 22.—Cinders are falling in the streets of Oroville, while ten thousand acres of timber are burning in the foothills. Four disastrous forest fires near here are spreading rapidly under a strong wind.

Ship Blows Up; Crew Missing

MOBILE, Ala., Sept. 22.—The Italian auxiliary barkentine City of Boloxi, with a cargo of explosives, blew up twenty miles off Mobile harbor Thursday, burned to the water's edge and sank, according to report reaching shipping circles here today. The fate of her crew is unknown.



BELGIUM AND HOLLAND ON VERGE OF RUPTURE

Labor Names It's Delegates

(By the United Press) WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—The American Federation of Labor announced the names of its delegates to the "Round-Table" conference to be held October 6. President Sam Compers and Frank Morrison, secretary of the Federation, head the list.

HE'S AGAINST IT

(By the United Press) WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—Senator Thomas, democrat, today came out as definitely against ratification of the treaty in its present form.

(By the United Press) LONDON, Sept. 22.—It is stated at the Dutch legation today that no news has been received of the reported break between Belgium and Holland.

A Berlin dispatch received by wireless to the press, dated Saturday, said the Belgium ambassador to The Hague and the Dutch ambassador to Brussels had been withdrawn.

The disagreement between Holland and Belgium, reported recently, is a result of Belgium's demand that the treaty of 1839 be revived.

Under the laws of this treaty Holland obtained a part of Limburg and the southern bank of the Scheldt river.