

# OHIO ACTS QUICKLY TO BLOCK INVASION

## Cox Tips Off Sheriff When West Virginia Reports Move by Steel Men

### GARY REJECTS ARBITRATION

By the Associated Press  
Columbus, O., Sept. 26.—Upon receipt today of a telegram from Governor Cornell, of West Virginia, to the effect that 5000 men from Steubenville and other Ohio towns are reported to be planning to cross the Ohio line into Hancock county, West Virginia, for the purpose of compelling workers to quit their places, Governor Cox today wired W. G. Baker, sheriff of Jefferson county, to use his best office in order to prevent any possibility of conflict between citizens of Ohio and West Virginia.

"I have no means of knowing whether the delegation in question carries plates anything which would be a violation of the laws of Ohio," said Governor Cox, in his telegram to Sheriff Baker, "but I respectfully urge upon you to use your best office in order to avoid any possibility of conflict between the citizens of this commonwealth and the state government of West Virginia."

The governor asked Sheriff Baker to keep him advised of the developments. In his telegram to Governor Cox, Governor Cornell said such an invasion of West Virginia by Ohio strikers "will be regarded as an attack upon the sovereignty of West Virginia."

The situation in the steel strike in the Steubenville district was quiet today. Steubenville, Ohio, Sept. 26.—(By A. P.)—Local steel strikers will hold a mass meeting at the court house here tonight, at which workers from the Weirton Steel Company mills at Weirton, W. Va., were here, have been invited to attend. Union leaders later announced that if Weirton men do not turn out at this meeting, local strikers will parade to Weirton the next of the week to hold a meeting.

### GARY REFUSES TO ARBITRATE

New York, Sept. 26.—After being shown an Associated Press dispatch quoting John Fitzpatrick, director general of the steel strike, as saying the walkout would end immediately if the United States Steel Corporation would arbitrate differences, Elbert H. Gary, directing head of the corporation, declared in a statement last night, speaking for himself, that he believed the board of directors "cannot negotiate or confer with Mr. Fitzpatrick or his associates."

newspapermen into the hall, read it to them. "The board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation are the representatives of nearly 150,000 stockholders, including from 90,000 to 70,000 employees," said Mr. Gary. "We are their servants and are selected to represent and protect their interests, and also the interests of all our 250,000 employees, the majority of whom I think are not members of labor unions."

"Moreover, I believe our corporation is under great obligations to the general public concerning the issues involved in the pending strike. I will say for myself that questions of moral principle cannot be arbitrated nor compromised, and in my opinion such questions are included in the present unfortunate struggle."

### OHIO STRIKERS TO VOTE ON RETURN

Youngstown, O., Sept. 26.—(By A. P.)—Interest in the steel strike in the Mahoning valley centers in meetings today by unskilled and semiskilled workers for the purpose of considering the proposition of returning to work.

Who is responsible for calling the meetings still remains undetermined, so far as the general public is concerned. Officials of the union say they were not called by union men and that no union men will attend. The manufacturers are equally as forestalled in their contention that they are not connected with the meetings.

### TO ACT QUICKLY ON BETHLEHEM STRIKE

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 26.—(By A. P.)—There were no important changes

in the strike situation in the Pittsburgh district. Both sides continued to say they were satisfied with the situation. The Carnegie Steel Company made known that it is augmenting its forces everywhere. Its big plants at Homestead, Duquesne, Braddock and Clairton were declared to be operating with larger forces.

William Z. Foster, secretary of the strikers' national committee, said the strikers are making progress in many directions and that several small plants had been forced to suspend. He did not give their names.

The American Steel and Wire Company officials gave out word that the situation is better today than ever. A few more men are at work, it was announced, and a good many more are looked for by Monday morning. There was no change at the company's works at Clairton and Chicago, it was said.

Sheriff William Haddock, of Allegheny county, said today that his statement relative to the holding of mass meetings in strike zones had been misinterpreted. He explained that whenever local authorities had not banned meetings he would not prevent them, provided they were held for a legitimate purpose and there was no disorder. State troopers and strike scare-puffblowers exchanged shots early today in the woods between Clairton and North Clairton. No one was injured. The troopers arrested three men, all armed.

Monday morning has been fixed as the time for making general the strike at the Salem and South Side plants of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company. Secretary Foster announced today, "We expect to force both of these plants to close down today."

Carnegie Steel Company officials announced today the resumption of its plate mill in the south works at Farrell and that blast furnaces would be placed in operation tonight.

American Sheet and Tin Plate Company said today the company's mills here would resume next week. The Shenango furnaces at Sharpsville went into operation also today.

Secretary Foster was summoning the national organizing committee for a conference on the reply of the Bethlehem

Steel Company, refusing the union a conference. He said John Fitzpatrick, chairman of the committee, will be in Pittsburgh tomorrow morning for the meeting.

Mr. Foster said that the union employees of the Bethlehem Company had been informed of the reply and had acted. He refused to say whether the employees had determined on a strike, to take place next Monday morning at 6 o'clock, as was reported here.

### STRIKERS DENY LOSS AT CHICAGO

Chicago, Sept. 26.—(By A. P.)—Despite appearance of added industry at several steel mills in the Chicago district, statements of directing heads that employees were returning to work in sufficient numbers to permit operations in some departments were met by denials of defections from the strikers' ranks by labor leaders.

At Gary, Ind., site of a big plant of the United States Steel Corporation, a slab mill and five batteries of coke ovens were in operation, and it was stated a rail mill soon would be put to work. At the Illinois Steel Company's plant in South Chicago it was stated 1000 men were at work and six blast furnaces, a slab mill and a plate mill were running.

Officials of the latter company asserted that they were operating with employees who had returned to work and a very few new men. They denied reports negro strike-breakers were at work.

On the other hand, labor leaders claimed the union men who went on strike were standing fast and that others were coming into the unions. John De Young, assistant secretary of the Chicago district, issued a table showing union claims of 100 per cent of the men still out at Easton, Waukegan, Sterling, De Kalb and Joliet, Ill.; Milwaukee and East Chicago, Ind.

### PUEBLO CHIEFS SEE EARLY SETTLEMENT

Pueblo, Col., Sept. 26.—A conference

between steelworkers and J. F. Wellbron, president of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, was called late today.

"We hope to settle the strike in the Pueblo district before night," representatives of the union said before entering the meeting.

### HARRISBURG MEN STRIKE

300 of the 700 Employees of Pipe Plant Quit Work

Harrisburg, Sept. 26.—About 300 of the 700 or more employees of the Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe-bending Company have responded to the strike call issued yesterday.

The strikers are orderly and the committee in charge has gone to the police station with announcement that the men intend to be peaceful.

Among the demands of the committee is a twenty per cent increase in wages for an eight-hour day. Replying to this, W. T. Hildrup, Jr., general manager of the company, is quoted as saying:

"I wish we could give the men more money, but present industrial conditions make it impossible."

The men at the Steelton plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company are still at work.

### HOLD 2 IN COOPER MURDER

Gardner and Maid Arrested on Complaint of "Psycho-Analyst"

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 26.—(By A. P.)—Dennis E. Metcalf, a gardener, and Nora L. Jones, a negro maid, both employed at the Cooper home here, were arrested today in connection with the murder, August 28, of Robin Cooper, a prominent lawyer of this city. Metcalf is charged with murder and the maid as an accessory. The warrants having been sworn out by Gabriel Hansen, a "psycho-analytical" detective from Memphis.

The Cooper murder caused a sensation and no clue to the murderer has been developed despite a heavy reward offered. The police examined Metcalf and the servant without finding reason to arrest them.

### WETS PIN HOPE TO JERSEY

Believe by Holding State They Can Win First Skirmish

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 26.—The New Jersey Liquor Dealers' Protective League today heard that this state was looked upon as the big hope of the liquor industry.

"If we can keep New Jersey from ratifying the amendment at this coming session of Legislature, the first victory in the skirmish against the federal amendment will be won," said

George J. Carroll, the retiring president, adding that for this reason the Liquor Dealers' Association for the first time in its history would support a Democrat. Senator Edward I. Edwards, of Hudson county, in the gubernatorial contest.

The convention today placed itself on record as against the federal prohibition amendment and adopted resolutions urging the freedom of Ireland.

Albert Illinger, of East Rutherford, was elected president. Other officers are: First vice president, William Duling, of West New York; second vice

president, Leo Hallsbury, of Phillipsburg; third vice president, William Hartman, of Camden; secretary, John Weiter, of Jersey City; and treasurer, Theodore Berhart, of West Hoboken.

### Burned While Lighting Pipe

Dennis Chism, sixty years old, 1904 South Twenty-fifth street, was lighting his pipe in the fire room of the Philadelphia Electric building, Tenth and Sansom streets, this afternoon, when a back draft sent a sheet of flame from a furnace door. He was badly burned about the face and head and was taken to Jefferson Hospital.

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