

ARKANSAS TROOPS REACH RIOT SCENE

Arrival of 500 Soldiers Eases Tension at Elaine Following Pitched Battle

SEVERAL PERSONS KILLED

By the Associated Press
Helena, Ark., Oct. 2.—The arrival today at Elaine of 500 United States troops, accompanied by Governor Brough, somewhat eased the tension of the situation brought about by yesterday's race riots in which three white men were killed, two wounded and an unknown number of negroes killed and wounded. At least six negroes were killed.

The arrest of twenty alleged instigators of the rioting is also believed to have removed a great deal of the source of the trouble. The prisoners were brought here and placed under heavy guard.

Besides the troops from Camp Pike several hundred deputy sheriffs and civilians, all heavily armed, are moving about the affected area.

Reports today indicated that trouble was expected to break out again, but the authorities, it was stated, were making no efforts to meet any emergency that might arise.

Darkness Halted Fighting

Fighting yesterday ceased with the coming of darkness. Between 1000 and 15000 negroes were reported banded in the caserbrakes about, awaiting opportunity to renew hostilities. They were armed with long-range rifles.

The race trouble started with an attack Tuesday evening upon W. A. Adkins, a special railroad officer.

Charles Pratt, a deputy sheriff, and a negro trustee who had gone by automobile to Elaine to arrest a suspected bootlegger. The officers stopped at Hoop Spur, two miles north of Elaine, to repair a tire puncture, and were fired upon by unknown persons opposite a negro church. Adkins fell dead and Deputy Pratt was wounded. The negro escaped and called the sheriff's office here by telephone and advised officials of the affair.

White Man Under Arrest

One white man was among those arrested. He has been identified as S. Bratton, Jr., of Little Rock.

According to the authorities a quantity of questionable literature was found in his possession. He has been charged with murder in connection with the killing of Adkins.

A sheriff's posse, which left Helena yesterday morning in an attempt to capture Adkins's slayer, met organized opposition from negroes at Elaine. A pitched battle was fought in the streets of Elaine between the posse and negroes.

Women and children of Elaine and the vicinity are being brought to Helena by a special train for safety and armed men are patrolling the streets here.

An engineer of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, who arrived in Helena last night, said he pulled a steel gondola

loaded with women and children out of Elaine late yesterday and that his train was fired upon by negroes from trees along the track.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 2.—(By A. P.)—One negro suspect was under arrest today in connection with the attack on Mrs. H. G. Wisener, a white woman, yesterday afternoon. Military authorities in control of the city since last Sunday's rioting refused to say where the negro was confined or the extent of the evidence against him.

The attack, one of a series of thirty-eight similar crimes since June 1, occurred within a few blocks of army headquarters, where a machine gun is mounted. News of the crime was withheld in the afternoon papers at the request of Major General Leonard Wood, who is actively in command of the situation.

The number of troops in the "black belt" was doubled immediately following the attack, and 600 soldiers are today on duty in that section.

Steel Chief Won't Talk Arbitration

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unions," said Senator Jones, Democrat, New Mexico.

Fears for Nonunion Men
"Unions are endeavoring to compel employers to contract with them," Judge Gary answered. "and when that is done, nonunion men cannot be employed."

"What good is it for men to belong to unions," said Senator Walsh, Democrat, Massachusetts. "if, when they join, their representatives?"

"Is it right," Judge Gary countered, "for 10 per cent of the men who may belong to unions to dictate conditions for the other 90 per cent?"

"But your position is the same," Senator Walsh continued, "even if 90 per cent of the men were organized, you would not confer with their representatives."

"I have not said so," Judge Gary replied. "That question has not come up. We shall not do anything to injure the open shops."

"Let's settle this point right here," Senator Walsh broke in. "Will you confer with any representative of organized labor today, to help settle this strike?"

"I will not," Judge Gary retorted. "Asked if he had any suggestion for settlement of the strike, Judge Gary said if peace were maintained, the law upheld and 'individuals left free,' the employees would 'settle it themselves.'"

Senator Walsh and Mr. Gary engaged in a spirited colloquy over the latter's refusal to see the labor leaders.

"If you were convinced that fifty per cent of your men were organized and represented would you confer with them?" asked Senator Walsh.

"No," said Mr. Gary. "I'm sorry if I differ with you, or with others." "I'm sorry for hundreds of thousands of suffering families," Senator Walsh retorted.

Sticks to Open Shop Issue
Mr. Gary protested that his position had not been fairly explained and added, with careful choice of words:

"We put ourselves squarely upon the issue that this is a question of the open or closed shop. Now as to what will bring about the closed shop we must decide, from time to time, depending upon the facts presented."

"At the present time, the union leaders have brought about this strike, which is no more nor less than an attempt of a minority to secure control of the interests of the large majority including not only the employers, but the employees."

"That's what you say; they say they represent a majority," Senator Walsh interrupted. "Is there any reason why we should not leave that to arbitration?"

Judge Gary protested that he had not been allowed to complete his statement, but Senator Walsh broke in.

"I want to know, yes or no, whether you will see any representatives of organized labor. Please answer that or no."

"With all due respect," said Judge Gary, with flushed face, "I cannot answer yes or no."

Sees Danger of Minority Rule
"If the minority could succeed in securing control," said the witness, "that would bring about the closed shop. Therefore, at this particular time, the circumstances are different than ever existed before in this country. I doubt if you realize the danger of the minority securing control."

"I appreciate that," Senator Walsh rejoined. "but I also appreciate the danger of employers refusing to see their workmen."

"I haven't," Judge Gary protested vigorously. "I have refused only to meet outsiders who are trying to organize the steel industry."

"If the union leaders should disclaim any intention to establish what you call

the closed shop, would you discuss the situation with them now?" asked Senator Jones, Democrat, New Mexico.

"If they should make such a disclaimer, in good faith even, it would not satisfy me," Judge Gary said, "because I know that leaders who promise that would be shortly displaced, and their positions taken over by men who would continue progress toward the closed shop."

Won't Talk of Arbitration
"I can't discuss the situation from the viewpoint which members of this committee take. I can't talk about arbitration or compromise at this time."

"Representatives of labor have said the open shop is not an issue here," Senator Jones said. "The public is vitally interested. If your policy now is to refuse to accept any compromise, we might as well quit now."

"We interpret public sentiment in this country differently," said the witness. "I believe the attitude of the public first demands that absolute peace be maintained, and every interest and man protected."

"If that is done public sentiment will enforce decency and justice. The strongest force we have is an enlightened public interest."

Asked for his views regarding possible legislation on the general question of corporation control, the witness suggested a federal commission to charter and regulate corporations with the commission's actions subject to final review by the federal courts.

Believes in Curb on Capital
"I recognize," Gary said, "that the power of concentrated capital necessarily involves the power to do more or less harm. I recognize the fact personally, that concentrated capital has the advantage over the single individual of concentrated capital in the hands of dishonest or unfair men. Therefore, I think concentrated capital should be under control and supervision against wrong."

"I think at the same time that capital is subjected to supervision and control that concentrated labor also should be subjected to control of the government and of the law."

Mr. Gary, waving his hand at Mr. Gompers and other labor leaders, said he had no personal opposition to them and would meet them in next week's labor conference.

Senator Walsh asked if Mr. Gary would agree that capital and labor both have "made mistakes," and when Mr. Gary answered affirmatively, Senator Walsh asked:

"Then isn't that a reason for arbitration?"

"That depends on the circumstances," Mr. Gary replied, amid laughter of the audience.

After conclusion of testimony by Judge Gary, the committee will hear William Z. Foster, secretary of the strikers' committee.

STRIKERS RETURNING IN CHICAGO DISTRICT

Chicago, Oct. 2.—(By A. P.)—Further defections from the ranks of the steel strikers in the Chicago district were reported today, although union leaders declared that a large majority of the men who have returned to work are laborers and that the mass of skilled workmen are standing firm. At the plant of the Indiana Steel Company at Gary, Ind., 1500 additional strikers are reported to have returned to work, while at Indiana Harbor, Ind., about 5000 of the 7000 striking employees of the Inland Steel Company and the Mark

Manufacturing Company are said to have expressed a desire to return as soon as proper protection is assured.

The American Steel and Wire Company, at Waukegan, Ill., started its rolling mills today for the first time since the strike began and is reported to have a force of about 300 men at work.

In the South Chicago district the Illinois Steel Company is said to have about 4000 men at work and operating units in a number of departments.

Plants also were reported to be in operation at Joliet and other points with reduced forces.

The only violence reported was at Gary, where Jacob Great, a striker who returned to work yesterday, was found severely beaten by three union men.

PENROSE OPPOSES UNIVERSAL TRAINING

Tells Mother of Dead Hero That Small Standing Army Is Sufficient


Washington, Oct. 2.—Senator Boies Penrose is opposed to universal military training. In a letter addressed to Mrs. Clarence E. Allen, Salt Lake City, Utah—the mother of a boy killed in France—the Pennsylvania senator declared himself opposed to all the bills now in Congress providing for compulsory military training.

"I am opposed to the legislation now under consideration, and do not believe it is necessary to resort to compulsory military training in order to maintain a suitable and adequate defense for the country. I am of the opinion that a small standing army, and a volunteer force when needed, will meet all the requirements of the situation."

Yours sincerely,
"BOIES PENROSE."

The letter was made public here today by the American Union Against Militarism, which is fighting the compulsory training bills. At the headquarters of the union it was said the letter had been forwarded to the union by the recipient, who is a member of their advisory council from Utah.

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