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Asserts Companies Reaping Harvest on Importations

Washington, Sept. 26.—The right of the employees to have some voice in determining the conditions under which they work is the paramount issue in the strike of steel workers, Sumbl Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, told the Senate investigating committee today.

"The right to be heard is what the steel workers are asking above all else," Mr. Gompers said. "The right to speak with their employers through their own representatives to have some voice in determining conditions under which they work."

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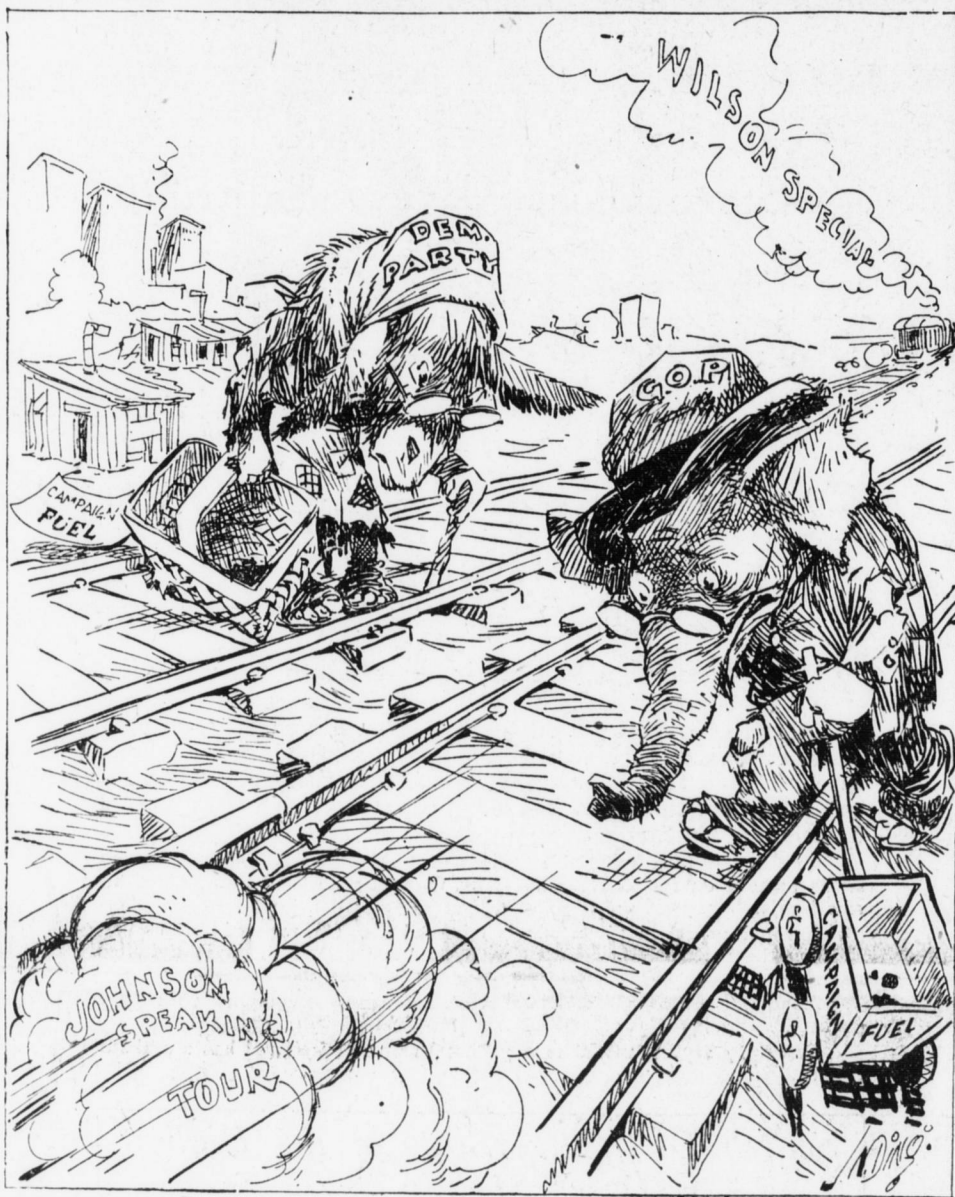
"Under the efforts of the steel corporation the best of labor has always abnormally long. They never seemed satisfied until they had their men toiling seven days a week, 365 days a year. The largest proportion of steel corporation employees are of foreign birth, but these men were brought here by the companies."

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THE WEATHER

Harrisburg and Vicinity: Fair, continued cool to light; 48, lowest temperature about 44, degrees Saturday, fair and slightly warmer.

Poor Picking and a Long, Hard Winter Ahead



PLAN TO QUIZ FOSTER GIVEN UP BY SENATE

After Gompers Testifies Announcement Is Made That Hearings Are Postponed

TO RESUME WITH GARY Steel Chairman Will Be Summoned Next; Secretary Attacked as I.W.W. Later

Washington, Sept. 26.—After hearing Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, for more than three hours, the Senate committee investigating the steel strike today abandoned its plans to examine to-morrow William Z. Foster, secretary of the steel workers' committee, who has been attacked in the House of Representatives as a radical and an I. W. W. Chairman Kenyon announced that the inquiry would not be resumed until next Wednesday when Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, will be heard.

Efforts to Avert Rail Strike in England Fails; 600,000 Go Out Tonight

London, Sept. 26.—The conference between the railroad men's representatives and the Government today failed to avert a strike on the railroads which has been ordered to take effect to-night at midnight. The strike will affect probably more than 600,000 men. The Government has arranged to have the mails carried by airplanes, and to have large motor cars from the Government services made available for the conveyance of supplies to the big towns which will be seriously affected.

BETHLEHEM STRIKE HANGS IN BALANCE

Definite Decision Late Today; Employers Show No Inclination to Compromise, but Workers Express Optimism; Strike Developments

Three important developments were pending to-day in the steel strike, any one of which may have a vital bearing on the outcome of the great industrial struggle. In Pittsburgh the national steel workers committee was to meet late to-day and a definite decision was expected in regard to calling out the 40,000 workers in the Bethlehem Steel plants on Monday.

In Youngstown, where the strikers had succeeded in completely tying up the steel industry in the Mahoning Valley district, meetings were announced of unskilled and semi-skilled workers to discuss the question of returning to work. Some mystery enveloped these meetings.

INTEREST GROWS IN CAMPAIGN OF TREE PLANTING

Not More Than 100 Norway Maples at the Island Park Nursery

The growing interest in the proposed October tree-planting campaign for Harrisburg is emphasized by the strong communication of State Forestry Commissioner Conklin to City Commissioner E. Z. Gross, head of the Department of Parks, and the activity of City Forester Baltimore, who has completed a comprehensive survey of the shade tree situation. It develops that there are fewer trees in the Island Park nursery this year than was reported some

GARY ACCEPTS INVITATION Washington, Sept. 26.—Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, has wired his acceptance of President Wilson's invitation to participate in the industrial conference here, October 6.

MAYCLOSE MILL PERMANENTLY, COMPANY SAYS

General Manager Hildrup Says Plant Has Been Operating at Loss

STRIKE IS PROGRESSING 300 Out Will Force Closing of All Departments in Short Time

The strike of employees of the Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending Company, called yesterday, may result in the permanent closing of the establishment. This was the statement to-day of W. T. Hildrup, Jr., general manager. The plant has been operating at a loss for some months, Mr. Hildrup added. The demands of the men approximate an eighty per cent. increase in wages over what they are now receiving, the general manager said in a brief summary of the situation. "With the company already operating at a considerable loss, it would be decidedly impracticable for such demands to be met," he said. The demand for increased wages, it was asserted, provided for an eight-hour day with the men receiving for this work a twenty per cent. increase over the wages now paid for twelve hours. This, it was explained, approximates an eighty per cent. increase in hourly wage. "I wish I could give them more money," said Mr. Hildrup, "but present industrial conditions make it

Many Harrisburgers Went Over With First Wave Year Ago Today

One year ago to-day marked the opening of the last great offensive of the war, the Meuse-Argonne offensive. Practically every combat division in France figured in this drive, many going into the line for the first time. Many Harrisburgers were in it. The Meuse-Argonne, fight was divided into two distinct phases, the first being the opening drive which lasted until the latter part of October, the beginning of the first of November and carrying on until the armistice.

State Asks Prompt Start on New Memorial Bridge Over Railroad

Present plans are for the State Board of Public Grounds and Buildings to meet Tuesday to award the contract for the new Memorial Bridge. The official checking up of the bids and the award of the contract will be made at that time. The Pennsylvania Railroad officials are still considering plans in relation to the bridge, but the State Board is going ahead regardless of any studies and will consider the matter later on when the cost apportionment comes up. The railroad company seeks to buy several strips of land from the State. Drilling for the test for foundation for the new Capitol office building started to-day in the park extension.

All Rebel Chiefs, Excepting Diaz, Cast Their Forces With Villa

Washington, Sept. 26.—Information that all the revolutionary leaders in Mexico except Felix Diaz have accepted the offer of General Carranza to join his forces with Villa is reported. The chief and placed at his disposal their men, munitions and money, has reached Washington through a Villa courier who left the revolutionary headquarters in Durango about two weeks ago. The courier bears documents said to be signed by the following chiefs affirming their loyalty to Villa: General Sanguinos, of Zacatecas; General Melquez, Oaxaca; General Magana, Morelos; General Pelaez, Vera Cruz; General Carrillo Torres, San Luis Potosi; General Cabellero, Tamaulipas; General Almaz, Nuevo Leon; Cedillos, San Luis Potosi, and Coahuila and General Gutierrez, Coahuila. The revolutionaries also are said to have approved formally the plan of Villa to govern territory under their control by a junta de gobernacion.

Raisuli Reported Wounded in Head by Grenade From Airplane

Tanzier, Morocco, Sept. 26.—Travelers returning from the interior bring accounts of military operations in the Spanish zone of Morocco. Raisuli, who is reported to have been wounded in the head in an early engagement by a fragment of a grenade thrown from an airplane. Refugees from the area of hostilities are flocking into the international zone.

Lauds Sproul For His Message to Labor

Wilmington, Del., Sept. 26.—Former Federal Judge George Gray, who was chairman of the anthracite coal commission in 1902-3, has sent the following telegram to Governor Sproul of Pennsylvania: "I heartily congratulate and thank you for your splendid message as Governor of the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Its American spirit appeals to the whole country, as well within as without the ranks of union labor, and should arouse in support of our institutions the spirit with which we entered the war for the preservation of the world's civilization."

WONT PERMIT ANNEXATION Rome, Thursday, Sept. 26.—Tommaso Tittoni, foreign minister, declared during the meeting of the peace council to-day that the Peace Conference would not permit Italy to annex Fiume, because such action would authorize the Czech-Slovaks to occupy Trieste; the Jugoslavians to move forces into Klagenfurt; the Greeks to claim Thrace and the Rumanians to annex Danat.

MARKET ST. BRIDGE FREE!

Richard J. Haldeman, president of the Harrisburg Bridge Company, announced to-day that the directors had agreed to declare the Market street bridge free between the hours of 2 and 4.30 o'clock Sunday and Monday next as a courtesy to the soldiers and all who will participate in the features of the homecoming celebration in honor of the Greater Harrisburg men who responded to the call to the colors. Signs will be placed at the entrances to the bridge giving public notice of the fact that no tolls will be charged between the hours of 2 and 4.30 o'clock during the two days of the celebration.

HALF OF SPRING FOWL FOR EVERY VETERAN OF WAR

And They Are of the "Neckless" Kind, Too, Mrs. William Jennings Reports

A half spring chicken for every service man was the promise of the kind of dinner the soldiers, sailors, marines, nurses, and welfare workers of the Harrisburg district will be served next Monday evening at six o'clock, as a part of the welcome home demonstration, to occupy the greater part of next Sunday and Monday. These chickens will be the "neckless" kind, Mrs. William Jennings, who is in charge of the dinner, announced to-day. Every soldier will get his half spring chicken, and no one will have to wrestle with unpalatable neck, back or chest. More than four hundred homemade cakes, "like the kind mother used to make," also will be offered as a thanks offering on the altar of gratitude, by the citizens of Harrisburg, to the heroes of the war. By the way, speaking of figures, did you ever stop to consider how many chickens must lose their heads, to provide a half spring chicken for 2,500 or 3,000 hungry veterans?

Widow of 35 Years

Mrs. Melva Anderson to-day was appointed guardian for Mary E. Witter, aged 19, 1101 North Sixth street, by Judge George Kunkel, so that the latter could secure a marriage license to wed William A. Dell, of West Fairview. George F. Hartzell, aged 17, of Summerdale, secured a license to marry Mrs. Susan E. Evinzer, aged 35, a widow since last November.

MAUK INDICTED ON CHARGES OF FALSE PRETENSE

True Bills Are Returned by Grand Jury Against Undertaker

GIRL-MOTHER ON TRIAL Charged With Poisoning Her Baby; Velco Case Up; Verdict Soon in Shooting

A verdict of involuntary manslaughter was returned by the jury in the trial of Mike Gallus, street, this afternoon. True bills were returned by the Grand Jury to-day indicting Charles H. Mauk, an uptown undertaker, on two charges of false pretense preferred by families of persons for whom Mr. Mauk had charge of funerals. Indictments were returned also in the murder cases against Mrs. Kathleen Stewart, the girlmother charged with poisoning her three-weeks-old baby, and Sim Velco, charged with shooting Thomas Leurui, when it is alleged the latter attempted to rob him. Before Judge C. V. Henry to-day, Mike Gallus, aged 19, a Steeltown youth charged with involuntary manslaughter, was on trial. The case went to the jury room at noon and a verdict may be returned during the afternoon session of court.

At 17 He Is to Wed Widow of 35 Years

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STORAGE OF MEATS PERMISSIBLE

Washington, D. C.—Storage of the unusual "seasonal" requirements of meats is permissible under the food control act, it was held by Attorney General Palmer to-day in a letter to former Governor W. R. Stubbs of Kansas. The Department of Justice, Mr. Palmer said, has no intention of instituting prosecutions in such cases.

STEEL MILLS RESUMING

Darrell, Pa.—Carnegie Steel Company officials announced to-day the resumption of its plate mill in the south works here, as jumbo blast furnaces will be placed in operation to-night. American Sheet and Tin Plate Company officials said to-day the company's mills here would resume next week. The Shenango furnaces at Shippsville, went into operation also to-day.

10,000 SHIP BUILDERS THREATEN STRIKE

Portland, Ore.—Ten thousand workers in steel shipyards of the Portland district will strike October 1 unless an order of Director General Ackerson, of the Shipping Board, delaying wage increases recently agreed to until after the industrial conference at Washington October 6 is rescinded, it was said here to-day by officials of the steel workers union.

PRESIDENT FEELING BETTER

On Board President Wilson's Special Train.—Resting quietly in his private car, President Wilson was described as feeling slightly better this afternoon. Although he was up when his train left Wichita, Kas., Dr. Grayson persuaded him to lie down during the afternoon. It was declared his condition was not at all critical.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

William A. Dell, West Fairview, and Mary E. Witter, Harrisburg; George F. Hartzell, Summerdale, and Susan E. Evinzer, Harrisburg; Herbert Chubb, Millersburg, and Margaret L. Snyder, Elizabethtown; Frank W. Hartline, Reading, and Katherine N. Rudy, Harrisburg; Walter S. Klein, Reading, and Katherine N. Rudy, Harrisburg; John O. Frost, Harrisburg, and Della Anderson, Marshalltown, Iowa; Stanley A. Klinger, Gratz, and Mary M. Scheib, Lykens town; George S. Foreman and Esther M. Black, Hetsch; Charles S. Garrity and Bertha M. Schaefer, Middletown.