FREE SPEECH IS ISSUE--GOMPERS

Head of A. F. of L. Tells Senators War Is Only Excuse to Curb Labor.

STEEL MEN ABUSE WORKERS

Declares Union Employees Have Been "Dogged" by Detectives Who Tried to Force Strikes-Open Shop Misnomer.

Washington, Sept. 29.—The issue in the nation-wide steel strike was defined by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, as recognition of the right of employees "to be heard, to organize and to have some voice in determining conditions under which they labor,"

Appearing as labor's second witness chairman of the first committee to or- trial conditions. ganize the steel industry and traced the history of organized labor's efforts to unionize the steel workers.

When he finished the committee adjourned until next Wednesday, at which time E. H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel corporation, has promised to appear.

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

has been denied, denied with all the advices from Copenhagen. power and influence and wealth of the steel corporation, denied by brutal and unwarrantable means.

"It has been said that most of the men taking part in this strike are of foreign birth and not naturalized citizens. That may be and no doubt is true. The largest proportion of steel corporation employees are of foreign birth, but these men were brought here by the companies.

"There was for years a systematic effort to bring in these gangs from Europe. There was a systematic effort to eliminate Americans. They have a harvest to reap now. These steel companies brought about the state of which they now complain,

"Under the efforts of the steel corporation the hours of labor were always abnormally long. They never seemed satisfied until they had their Italy to annex Fiume, because such men tolling seven days a week, 365 days a year. When the shifts changed, from day to night, they got them working 24 hours a day.

"The right of association, the at- Roumanians to annex Banat. tempt to organize met with the stern-

"The appeals coming to us from their employees were for help in organizing. But most of the efforts were slaughtered by the detectives and the agencies in the company pay. More than 60 per cent of all the private dehas been devoted to spying on eminduce men to commit some overt act; to get them to strike too soon."

"men were discharged for merely talking of organization or for grumbling.

"There have been numbers of men watched so closely that when they to lock the doors against them. Their all of those who have injured me." meetings on rented ground have been dispersed and some assaulted."

"Can you give instances of that last practice?" asked Senator Sterling (Rep.) of South Dakota,

"Yes, at McKeesport," Gompers responded. "Since this strike the offices of the iron and steel workers there have been closed against them.

"I suppose that has been done on the theory that collection of crowds would create disorder," Senator Ster-Hng remarked.

"I don't know the theory," Mr. Gompers said. "But I do know the purpose. It was to prevent the leaders from counseling with the men and

making the strike effective." Only in the event of war, the labor leader declared, should the rights of free speech and assembly be restricted. They should not be, he said, for a

"privateering corporation." "I know that many of the public authorities in districts of Pennsylvania are under the direct domination of the United States Steel corporation," the witness declared, pounding the table,

"The whole conduct of the strike in Pennsylvania shows," Mr. Gompers asserted, "that whatever helps the corporation against the workers will have the support of Pennsylvania authoritles."

Spanish Troops After Raisuli, Tangler, Morocco, Sept. 29.-Travelers returning from the interior bring accounts of the beginning of military sperations by Spanish troops against the bandit, Raisull, who is reported to have been wounded.

Hold Up Train; Take Meat. Pine Bluff, Ark., Sept. 29.-The crew of a Missouri Pacific freight train reported to the local police that their train was held up by four armed men west of here and robbed of a large quantity of meat.

THOMAS L. CHADBOURNE



Thomas L. Chadbourne of New York. in the senate labor committee's investi- is one of the "representatives of the tion by mustering a large force of depgation of the steel strike, President people," named by President Wilson utles. He declined to call out the Gompers drew from his experiences as for the October conference on indus- militia at present. All was quiet about

YANKS HALT ITALIANS

U. S. MARINES STOP LATINS FROM SEIZING PORT OF TRAU.

Order From Allies Stops Italians From Annexing More Territory-Must Give Up Flume.

Paris, Sept. 27.-American naval force. forces have taken a hand in the swiftly-moving events along the eastern "The right of workers to association shore of the Adriatic, according to

> United States destroyers, appearing off the port of Trau, when Italian soldiers attempted to force their way into Pittsburgh district centered today the town, brought the attack to a sudden stop, the Italians retreating hastily, it is said.

> One Italian armored car, with its crew of an officer and three privates, fell into the hands of the Jugo-Slavs, to a head by the walkout of steel who were defending the place, but the prisoners were taken over by the American marines and transferred to an Italian ship.

Serbian troops arrived at Trau soon after the marines were put ashore, and the town was turned over to them by the marines who returned to their ships, according to report.

Rome, Sept. 27.-Tomasso Tittoni, foreign minister, declared during the meeting of the crown council that the action would authorize the Czecho-Slovaks to occupy Teschen; the Jugo-Slavs to move forces into Klagenfurt; the Greeks to claim Thrace and the

est opposition by the steel corporation. SLAYER OF CHILD MUST DIE

Thomas Fitzgerald of Chicago Sentenced to Hang on Friday, October 17.

Chicago, Sept. 25 .- Thomas Fitzgertective agency effort in this country ald, confessed slayer of six-year-old Jeannette Wilkinson, must pay for his ployees, in mines and mills, They have crime with his life. He was sentenced been used as agents provocateurs to by Judge Crowe to be hanged Octo-

Before passing sentence, Judge "In the steel industry," he continued, Crowe asked Fitzgerald if he had anything to say.

"I am very sorry," declared the defendant. "I ask the forgiveness of the child's parents. I throw myself on the rented a hall the proprietor was told mercy of the court and I ask mercy for

broken up. The men were run down, \$235,000 BLAZE IN TEXAS

Fire Destroys Two Buildings in Business Center of Greenville-Dry Goods Firm Hit.

Greenville, Tex., Sept. 26.-After a stubborn fight firemen checked a serious fire in the business district here after it had destroyed two buildings 231 occupied by the Hudspeth Dry Goods company, entailing a loss estimated at Steamship Rosalind, Bound for New \$235,000.

FRENCH CLASH WITH HUNS

Many on Both Sides Are Wounded in Encounter at Saarbrucken, Berlin Reports.

Berlin, Sept. 26.-In an encounter at Saarbrucken between bourgeois and sides were wounded, according to a stove in the bow of the steamer. The feller today contributed \$2,000,000 to the conflict.

Secretary Lane to Resign? Washington, Sept. 27.-Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior is about to resign from the cabinet to become

according to strong rumors here. Government to Sell Steel.

the head of a large industrial concern,

Washington, Sept. 29.-Approximate 11,000,000 pounds of finished and unfinished steel will be offered for sale by the war department through district ordnance officers at Boston and Philadelphia between October 1 and 9, year.

Cudahy Company Fined.

Chicago, Sept. 29.-Federal Judge Evans fined the Cudahy Packing company \$8,875 for collecting excessive gation of the department of justice, is damage claims from a railroad com- in Pittsburgh. It was said he probapany which the packing company al- bly would look into the strike situaleged had improperly iced ment cars. | tion.

TROOPS REFUSED IN STEEL STRIKE

Authorities at Waukegan, Il., Requested Militia Be Sent to Keep Order.

ANOTHER PLANT IS OFEN

Illinois Steel Company in South Chicago Puts Mills in Operation-Mob Stones Foreman's Auto-Pittsburgh Strikers Aided.

Chicago, Sept. 27,-Two hundred deputy sheriffs were sworn in at Waukegan to be in readiness to quell further disorders among striking employees of the American Steel & Wire compuny. An appeal was made to Governor Lowden for state troops, but Adjutant General Dickson, after a visit to the city, decided that Sheriff Elmer J. Green could handle the situathe wire works during the morning.

Another mill of the Illinois Steel company's South Chicago plant was placed in operation today and the actual manufacture of steel begun for the first time since the calling of the

Even union officials admitted that night and the extension of activities

The duplex mill was manned and reopened and preparations made to fan to flame the banked fires under two more furnaces.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 27,-Interest in the steel strike situation in the about the fight of the union for "the right of free speech and free assemblage" in Allegheny county, a question which has been prominent here for many months and which was brought workers.

According to union representatives, authorities of certain cities and towns in the country have refused to grant permits for the holding of mass meetings, and have sanctioned the breaking up of such sessions by state troopers and local police in many instances.

According to union representatives, the sheriff has given them permission to hold indoor meetings within the county, and has promised protection peace conference would not permit for "orderly gatherings" of strikers in

Youngstown, O., Sept. 25 .- Ohio's greatest steel center, the Mahoning valley with the city of Youngstown as its axis, is completely shut down. No dark clouds of smoke indicating obscure the skies. The sun shines un-

The steel strike 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.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 25,—Disorders Pittsburgh district. The most serious outbreak occurred at Farrell, Pa., where two men were killed during a clash between strikers and their ympathizers 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.

Cleveland, Sept. 25.-Four men were others not so severely, at the entrance pany's Newburg plant in the first serious local disorder of the steel strike. The trouble broke out when a car stopped to let off workmen.

WRECKED LINER ON

York From St. Johns, Goes on Reef-Has Hole in Bow.

Stamford, Conn., Sept. 26, -The steamship Rosalind of the Red Cross JOHN line, bound from St. Johns, N. F., to New York, with a crew of 90, and 141 passengers on board, many of them American tourists, ran on Cowe's reef off Shippan point in a heavy fog in French soldiers many persons on both the sound off here. A big hole was dispatch to the Lokal Anzelger. One passengers, it is said, remained entire hundred Frenchmen participated in after the accident and the pumps were ing the ship affoat.

Britain Extends Food Control. food prices to fish, fruit and vegetables.

Cranberry Crop Nearly Doubled. Washington, Sept. 27.—This year's September forecast of the department tee for organizing the steel workers, of agriculture, will be about 537,000 was attacked in the senate by Senabarrels, as against 350,000 barrels last

Chief Flynn in Pittsburgh.

Washington, Sept. 27,-William J. Flynn, chief of the bureau of investiC. F. REAVIS



Representative C. F. Reavis, Republican of Nebraska, is chairman of the house subcommittee which is investigating expenditures in the quartermaster department of the army. He charges that the war department has 17,000 motor vehicles which have been declared "surplus," many of them high-priced trucks and passenger cars, many of them unused since the armisthe activity in the plant was no longer tice, with thousands of them exposed camouflage-for the characteristic to the weather; that notwithstanding glow of steel was in the sky all this big oversupply, the department accepted deliveries of new cars as late indicated an increasing operating as May 31 last and that no effort has been made to sell may of the 17,000 cars. He and other members of the committee have held hearings on the subject and have investigated personally at Camp Holabird, near Baltimore, where 11,000 cars are in open storage.

TROOPS END RIOTING

MORE STATE SOLDIERS READY TO ENTER DRUMRIGHT, OKLA.

Further Trouble Expected From I. W. W. Members Who Are Trying to Incite Oil Workers.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 25,-Should it become necessary Adjutant General Barrett of Oklahoma is prepared to rush additional troops to Drumright, the oil town in Creek county where rloting has been in progress intermittently since Monday night in connection with a strike of girl telephone operators.

One official was quoted as declaring further trouble was expected on the part of members of the Industrial Workers of the World among the oil

field laborers. Orders for sending the troops to the activity of thousands of workmen ertson after he had been advised that conditions there were dangerous. The original trouble is said to have followed the clubbing of a strike picket by a policeman. In the demonstration that followed members of the police force were driven from the city and the mayor and chief of police threatened with death unless they resigned. Several alleged leaders of the mob incident to the strike continue in the have been arrested and taken to jail at Sapulpa.

GOMPERS BACKS STRIKERS

Head of American Federation of Labor Approves Walkout of Men.

Washington, Sept. 26.—Responsibility for the steel strike was placed squarely upon E. H. Gary, head of the United States steel corporation, stabbed, two probably fatally and two by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, testiof the American Steel and Wire com- fying before the senate interstate commerce committee.

Mr. Gompers asserted that Mr. Gary's refusal to deal with the union heads left the workingmen no alternative but to strike,

Mr. Gompers gave his approval of he steel strike, but said he would have preferred to have had it postponed until after the conference between capital and labor in Washington next month.

GIVES \$2,000,000 D.

Northern Baptist Convention Receives Gift From "Oll King" for Indigent Ministers.

New York, Sept. 26.-John D. Rockethe ministers and missionary heard of the Northern Buptist convention. No immediately set working and are keep- restrictions are made as to the use of the principal and income, which will be expended to take care of indigent Baptist ministers of the north-London, Sept. 25.—The British gov- ern district. The announcement of the ernment has extended the control of gift was made in a letter to Rev. E. T. Tomlinson, executive secretary of the board.

Attack Foster in Senate. Washington, Sept. 29 .- W. Z. Foscrop of cranberries, according to the ter, secretary of the national committor Pomerene of Ohio as an "autocrat" whom laboring men should beware,

Lansing Issues Injunction. Chicago, Sept. 29.—The local steel strike became a federal matter when Judge Landis issued an injunction forbidding strikers to picket the plant of the Pollak Steel company at Ninetythird street and Baltimore avenue.

DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

BLUE MOUNTAIN SHEEP.

"Dear Mr. Blue Mountain Sheep, you are a handsome fellow," said Mrs. Blue Mountain Sheep.

"And you're a handsome creature, too," said her mate. "I wouldn't like to be ugly," she

sald. "You need never worry about that," he answered her. "You most certainly could never be called ugly."

"Well, I hope not," she said, "for it would not be nice to be ugly when I have such a handsome mate." "One of the reasons I want to be so

handsome is to look well beside you," he said. "That's a noble reason," she an-

swered, "and it shows that you have not been spoilt by your beauty." "Neither have you," Mr. Blue Mountain Sheep answered. "I have heard of creatures who think they are so beautiful that they can be horrid and

need be. Now you are not that way." "Neither are you," said Mrs. Blue Mountain Sheep. "We certainly got out of bed on the right side this morn-

they seem to think that is all they

"Oh, dear! Oh, dear!" said Mr. Blue Mountain Sheep, "whatever do



An Exquisitely Sweet Expression.

you mean? Have you a bit of a headache, or a fever? What is the matter with you?" "Nothing, nothing," laughed Mrs.

Blue Mountain Sheep. "What do you mean then?" asked her mate.

"When a creature says she gets out of the bed on the right side it means that she got up feeling happy and pleasant and all of that.' "Then it doesn't mean that you

think you got out of a real bed, does "No, no; don't be worried; I'm not

losing my wits," laughed Mrs. Blue Mountain Sheep. "It's a saying, that's all." "Ah, I see," he said. "I see; it means people and creatures begin the day right. It means that the day is

supposed to begin for creatures when they get out of bed so they start the saying at that point." "Right," agreed Mrs. Blue Mountain Sheep. "Do you know I heard Mrs. Arcai Mountain Sheep admiring her

mate the other day and I had to haugh?" "Did you laugh?" asked Mr. Blue

Mountain Sheep, "I suppose you did as you said you had to,"

"Yes, I had to and I did," said Mrs. Blue Mountain Sheep. "And pray tell me what was the

cause of your mirth?" asked Mr. Blue Mountain Sheep. "I beg your pardon," said Mrs. Blue Mountain Sheep, "but did I hear you

correctly?" "I asked you what was the cause of your mirth," said Mr. Blue Mountain

Sheep. "Yes. I heard correctly enough," said Mrs. Bine Mountain Sheep, "But the truth is, I don't understand."

"I asked you what was the cause of your mirth, which means that I would like to know what was the reason for your laughter. Mirth means fun and laughter and such little things,"

"Oh, I see," said Mrs. Blue Mountain Sheep. "Well, I had to laugh when I heard Mrs. Arcal Mountain Sheep-you know them, or at least you knew who they were when we used to live in India-praising up her mate and telling him how beautiful he

"I had to laugh, because goodness, old Areal is nothing compared to you. You have such an exquisitely sweet expression. Your horns, which are so large and which point in such an interesting way, are really lovely ..

"And your beauty is especially fine because you're small. It is true you aren't as strong as old Arcal, but you're more dainty and delicate and far more stylish. Oh, far more stylish. I did have to laugh when I heard

Mrs. Areal praising him up." "I thought it was funny when he praised her," said Mr. Blue Mountain Sheep, "for she isn't half as graceful and levely as you are, Lady Blue Mountain.

Animals With Luggage. Which animal travels with the most

and which with the least luggage? The elephant with the most-because it has its trunk, and the fox and the cock with the least, because they only have one brush and comb between them.



MADE-TO-ORDER INFORMATION.

"I understand you have been going to a fortune teller?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Growcher.

"I'm surprised that a person of your sense should be willing to listen to all that trash about having a syrmathetic nature and being about to take a jourselfish. They may be beautiful but ney and meeting some one who will mean much in your life's happiness,

and so forth and so on." "Well, I get rather lonely sometimes and like to hear a little good news, even if I have to pay for it."

Turned Out Badly.

"Does Mrs. Dubwaite, in the course of a little disagreement, ever remind you of the men she might have mar-

"No," answered Mr. Dubwaite, "In an argument like that I would have a decided advantage." "Why so?"

"One of Mrs. Dubwaite's former sultors is now doing time in the penitentlary for embezzlement and two others are prominent bolsheviki."



PREVAILING FUMES.

"Do you practice deep breathing, as I told you?" "Can't do it, doctor, without get-

ting your lungs full of gasoline. Words Instead of Action. There was a man whose nature balked And tempted him all toll to shirk. About "efficiency" he talked And thus avoided real work.

No Repairs. "Why don't you fix up this house a bit?" demanded the irate poet. "It is tumbling down. Some day people may be pointing it out as the place where

I once lived." "In that case," said the landlord easily, "we'll want it to have an ancient and antique effect."

In Good.

"That writer has become immensely

"I suppose he gets many requests to write for various magazines?" "So many that he has to use a printed slip of refusal, the kind he says he got so many of during his

enrly struggles."

Equals. He-Your consin refused to recognize me at the jazz last night; thinks I'm not his equal, I suppose.

She-Ridiculous! Of course you are;

why, he's nothing but a conceited



CRUEL WOMAN. Mr. Cheapskate: I think I shall buy myself an auto coat. His wife: Why don't you buy a jimey coat-it would be nearer your

speed?

Like Umbrellas. If e'er in blimps and aeroplanes
'Twill be man's lot to roam,
I now believe some fools will leave

Their parachutes at home

Consistency. "Mighty hot weather we're having." "I should say so, I wish winter would come again."

"Why?" "So I could go down South in search of warmer weather."

The Law's Delay. "What's your grudge against Judge Wombat?"

"Too hasty; too hasty. Gives a man no time to prepare his cases. Case of mine has been on the docket only ten years and he insists on my going to trial."

Overwhelming,

Maude-You may have noticed that Mr. Driggs found my argument too deep for him. He simply gasped. Henry-Yes, I noticed him coming up for air.