

## TRIES TO KEEP VIEWS SECRET

Foster Seeks to Exclude Reporters When Quizzed by Senate Committee.

## SAYS PAPERS ARE UNFAIR

Michael F. Tighe Answers Gary—Head of Steel Workers' Union Says Mills' Head Misinformed by His Foremen and Superintendents.

Washington, Oct. 6.—Charging that he had not been fairly treated by the newspapers, William Z. Foster, secretary of the steel strikers' committee, told the senate committee investigating the strike that he would answer a question as to whether he was in favor of organized government if the correspondents were excluded from the room.

The committee took no action on the request, and Senator McKellar, Democrat, Tennessee, and Chairman Kenyon pressed for answer to the question, which had been put by the former. Foster said his views had changed, but that he was unwilling to say how far in the presence of the correspondents.

When Senator McKellar first asked his question, Foster laughed. The senator then read from a book, which Foster agreed he had written, declaring social revolution necessary in the United States to secure workers' rights.

"I've repudiated that pamphlet," said Foster, "but I don't want my views handled about by a lot of prejudiced lying newspapers to the damage of the strikers."

Foster said his own views had not been used in the steel strike; that he had adhered to the "principles of trade unionism." He explained that he was raised in the slums and that when he wrote the book he was "a follower of the Spanish, French and Italian union system." Today, he added, he had "become a little less radical, possibly," and was "a believer in American and English trade unionism."

Reading from the pamphlet on "Syndicalism" a section saying that "the wage earner proposes to ignore the code of ethics and wrest from the capitalists the industries they have stolen and bring about the revolution by the general strike," Senator McKellar asked Foster if he entertained those views now?

"I'll say I do not," Foster said in a lowered voice.

Giving a detailed history of union activities in the steel industry, Michael F. Tighe, president of the Iron, Steel and Tin Workers' union, told the committee that the United States Steel corporation, instead of "leading the van in advancing wages, as Judge Gary has claimed, has lagged behind our organization."

"Information given to you by Judge Gary," Mr. Tighe said, "was not first-hand evidence gained from practical knowledge of the industry, but, instead, consisted of the statements made to him by his employees, foremen and superintendents. It was far and away from being the truth about the industry."

Mr. Tighe repeated the charge that the Steel corporation early in its history had appropriated \$20,000,000 to fight unions and gave names of his informants. The unions, he said, had never sought the "closed shop" but "union shops."

"When the management signs a contract as to scales and working conditions it is a union shop," he explained.

"The effect is the same as a closed shop, isn't it?" asked Senator Sterling (Rep.) of South Dakota.

"No," said Mr. Tighe. "We are not asking for closed shops and never have."

Mr. Tighe read an advertisement of 1906, credited to the United States Steel corporation, which said: "Men Wanted—Syrians, Poles and Roumanians preferred."

"The gentleman's (Mr. Gary) remarks about foreigners now," Tighe remarked, "are not well taken in view of that."

"Do you charge that from 1906 on there was a steady increase of foreign workmen in the Steel company's mills?" asked Senator Walsh (Dem.) of Massachusetts.

"Yes, I do," Mr. Tighe answered.

**Mormons in Big Convention.**  
Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 6.—The nineteenth semiannual conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) was convened in the tabernacle here, members of the church from all parts of the world being in attendance. Close to 10,000 visitors were present, it was estimated.

**Vote to Unseat Congressman.**

Washington, Oct. 4.—By a vote of 5 to 2, the house elections committee decided to recommend the unseating of John F. Fitzgerald as representative from the Tenth Massachusetts district.

**Prince Not to Tour U. S.**

Washington, Oct. 4.—The prince of Wales, who now is touring Canada, will come to Washington in about a month for a visit of three days, but he will not make a tour of the United States.

## REAR ADMIRAL COONTZ



Rear Admiral Robert E. Coontz has been appointed chief of naval operations to succeed Admiral William S. Benson, who reached the retiring age September 25. Admiral Coontz has been in command of the Sixth division of the Pacific fleet.

## STEEL WORKERS BACK

MILLS IN CHICAGO DISTRICT OPERATING AT 50 PER CENT.

Union Leaders Deny Plants Are Doing Half of Normal Business—5,000 Back at Gary.

Chicago, Oct. 3.—The steel mills of the Chicago district, crippled for nearly two weeks by a general strike, operated at 50 per cent of their normal capacity, according to United States Steel corporation representatives.

Large increases in the working forces of virtually all mills in the district were reported by the companies. Gains of more importance were predicted for tomorrow. Belief that the strike of steel workers has failed, so far as the Chicago district is concerned, was general in circles sympathetic with the employers. Union leaders denied the statement that the mills were doing half their normal business, and insisted that the strikers were as strong as ever. The appearance of the mills belied the union's claims, however. Though still closed to visitors, the plants bore all the signs of activity. Half the stacks were smoking and most of the furnaces were going. At Gary the steel mills reported that 5,000 of the 9,000 men who walked out when the strike was called have returned to work. The South Chicago mills of the Illinois Steel company were lighted up for the first time since the walkout.

Canvassers at Indiana Harbor said a majority of the 7,000 strikers there had signified willingness to go back. Members of the works council of the Wisconsin Steel company, an International Harvester subsidiary at Indiana Harbor, called for a vote on a proposal that the plant be reopened.

Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 3.—More men went back to work at the Steelton plant of the Bethlehem Steel company than on any day since the strike against the company was launched, officials of the company said.

## SHIPLOAD OF COAL BURNED

Steamer Frank O'Connor Takes Fire in Lake Off the Wisconsin Peninsula.

Sturgeon Bay, Wis., Oct. 4.—The steamer Frank O'Connor of the O'Connor Transportation company, North Tonawanda, N. Y., bound down on its way from Buffalo to Milwaukee with 3,000 tons of hard coal, was completely destroyed by fire while five miles off Taylor Island, in the vicinity of Bailey's Harbor. Captain William J. Hayes ordered the crew to the boats and the men reached Sturgeon Bay late Thursday night.

## HOUSES CAVE IN UNDER HAIL

Stones Pile to Height of Six Feet in Spain; 23 People Are Reported Dead.

Madrid, Spain, Oct. 4.—Interruption of railroad traffic and telegraph communication prevents details of conditions in southeastern Spain, where torrential rains have fallen, from becoming known. It is reported that 18 bodies have been discovered at Cartagena and five at Alicante. At Alicante large hailstones were piled in some places to a height of more than six feet, many houses collapsing under the weight.

## French Ratify the Treaty.

Paris, Oct. 4.—The chamber of deputies ratified the German peace treaty by a vote of 372 to 53. The chamber then ratified unanimously the treaties between France and the United States and France and Great Britain.

## Cavell Informer Wins Appeal.

Paris, Oct. 3.—An appeal by Georges Guston Quen against the verdict of a court-martial which recently sentenced him to death for having had treasonable dealings with the Germans and for betraying Edith Cavell, has been upheld by the court. Quen will be tried again.

## Fans Require 12 Specials.

Cincinnati, O., Oct. 4.—Twelve special trains carried baseball fans, players and news writers to Chicago for the opening of the series there.

## REJECTS FALL AMENDMENTS

First Test on Treaty is Hailed as Victory by Both Sides.

## VOTE IN SENATE IS 58 TO 30

Senator Lodge Says He is Delighted Beyond Measure and Hitchcock Declares Vote Indicates No Textual Changes Will Be Made.

Washington, Oct. 4.—By a vote of 58 to 30 the senate rejected Senator Fall's amendment disentangling the United States from participation in the multitude of commissions which will enforce the terms of the peace with Germany.

The vote of 30 to 58 was on the amendment to eliminate American representation on the commission to demarcate the boundary between Germany and Belgium. On succeeding votes on other amendments Cummins and Kenyon of Iowa, Jones of Washington, Sterling of South Dakota and Townsend of Michigan, Republicans, and Thomas of Colorado, Democrat, joined the supporters of the disentangling program.

On the amendment to keep the United States out of the Silesian imbroglio, 30 senators were recorded for the proposition.

The leaders of both factions professed entire satisfaction with the result.

Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, made this statement:

"I am delighted beyond measure. The result conclusively shows that the treaty must be written to suit us or it will be rejected."

Senator Hitchcock, the administration leader, said:

"The action indicates a well-defined determination on the part of the senate not to do anything which will send the treaty back to the other signatories. It indicates the defeat of all textual amendments, and of all reservations which have the effect of amendments."

## E. H. GARY DENIES CHARGES

Steel Corporation Head Testifies Before Senate Committee Investigating Strike.

Washington, Oct. 3.—Denying that the United States Steel corporation had mistreated its men, as charged by union labor leaders, Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the corporation, told the senate committee investigating the steel strike that in his opinion there was no basic industry in the world which had paid larger wages than his company.

"There is no reason for this strike," Mr. Gary said. "The men didn't want it. They were satisfied with their jobs. It was the union leaders who wanted the strike."

"If unions control industry in the United States it means decay and a dropping off of production," Mr. Gary told the committee.

"It means this country cannot keep up in the race with the world. It means the condition I fear England is in today."

"It has been stated before the committee," said Judge Gary, "that the steel companies have been guilty of ill-treatment of their employees. Some statements have been made on misinformation and some absolutely without foundation."

"I wish to state, Mr. Chairman, that there is no basic industry in this country, nor in the world, in my opinion, which has paid larger wages than the United States Steel corporation, and perhaps not as large, nor has treated their employees in greater respect and consideration if as great."

## U. S. FLYERS' BODIES FOUND

Lieuts. Waterhouse and Connelly Were Buried 300 Miles South of Los Angeles.

Nogales, Ariz., Oct. 3.—The bodies of two men, dressed in American army uniforms and with insignia of the aviation corps in their pockets, found buried in the beach of the Bay of Los Angeles, about 300 miles south of San Diego, are believed to be the bodies of Lieuts. Frederick B. Waterhouse and Cecil H. Connelly, according to a report made to military authorities by Joe Allen Richards of Chicago upon his arrival from Guaymas.

Lieuts. Waterhouse and Connelly disappeared while on border patrol duty between Yuma, Arizona, and San Diego. Richards said the bodies were found by himself and William Rose when they landed on the Bay of Los Angeles September 23 to get water.

## Reads Ball Score in Court.

Evansville, Ind., Oct. 6.—For the benefit of fans who were compelled to attend court, Judge Philip C. Gould, who was presiding at a trial in the circuit court here announced the world series score from the bench.

## Albert Calls Off U. S. Tour.

New York, Oct. 6.—Because of the illness of President Wilson, King Albert of Belgium will cancel all engagements in connection with his tour of the United States after those in Boston and Buffalo until October 14.

## JOHN G. COOPER



Representative John G. Cooper of Ohio, Republican, who charges that William Z. Foster, secretary-treasurer of the steel strikers' organization committee, represents radical labor leadership and has been active in I. W. W. propaganda.

## BELGIUM RULERS HERE

KING ALBERT AND QUEEN ELIZABETH ARRIVE AT NEW YORK.

Monarch Issues Message to American People—Says He Brings "Profound Gratitude."

New York, Oct. 3.—King Albert of the Belgians, Queen Elizabeth and Prince Leopold, who came to America personally to express their gratitude for the aid extended by a generous nation to their martyred country, received a noisy welcome to New York when aroused at dawn by the firing of salutes as the transport George Washington steamed past the outer harbor fortifications.

It was a truly American welcome, such as has greeted returning heroes from France since the cessation of hostilities, and not even deference to royalty was observed to still siren or whistle.

Upon his arrival here King Albert of Belgium issued the following message to the American people:

"At the moment of setting foot on American soil, the king of the Belgians desires to express to the people of the United States the great pleasure with which the queen and himself are coming to its shores at the invitation of President Wilson.

"The king brings to this nation of friends the testimony of the profound sentiment and gratitude of his countrymen for the powerful aid, moral and material, which America gave them in the course of the war. The name of the commission for the relief of Belgium will live eternally in the memory of the Belgians.

"The king rejoices at the prospect of visiting the cities whose hearts fought with the cities of Belgium and whose continual sacrifices knew no measure. He happily will be able to meet the eminent citizens who, animated by the highest thoughts, placed themselves at the head of organizations for relieving the sufferings of the war.

"The American people, their splendid army and their courageous navy, powerfully served a great ideal."

## 16 KILLED IN RACE RIOTS

U. S. Troops on Guard at Helena, Ark., Where Whites Clashed With Negroes—Alderman Among Dead.

Helena, Ark., Oct. 3.—With federal troops on guard the race rioting situation at Helena is believed to be well in hand. Troops patrol the village of Elaine, detachments are on duty at Melwood and other centers of population in the southern part of Phillips county, and a company of soldiers is stationed in Helena as a precautionary measure, following the killing of O. R. Lilly, a member of the board of aldermen of this city.

The killing of Mr. Lilly, who was shot to death by one of four negroes who had been taken prisoner and whom he was guarding in an automobile en route to Helena, and of a soldier, increased the number of white deaths as a result of the disorder to five. Eleven negroes are known to have been killed and several others are reported to have lost their lives, but their bodies have not been located.

## Senate Confirms Whitlock.

Washington, Oct. 2.—The senate has confirmed the nomination of Brand Whitlock to be ambassador to Belgium.

## Strikers Hold Up Train.

London, Oct. 6.—The first active military participation in the railway strike occurred when soldiers took over the Boston station, following the arrest of strikers for holding up the departure of a train.

## Troops and Negroes Fight.

Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 6.—A battle was fought between 50 soldiers of the Fourth infantry and armed negroes in a heavily wooded district three miles east of Elaine. Fifteen negroes were captured.

## NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

Timely News Culled From All Parts of the State, Reduced for the Busy.

## SCORES OF EVENTS COVERED

Judge Payne in the district court at Grand Island ruled against the county board in the case in which the board had refused to allot claims for a farm bureau, as required under the new law. The court granted the writ of mandamus and ruled that the board shall immediately meet and allow the claims, and that it was not within the function of the board to pass upon the wisdom or unwisdom of the law.

Attorney General Davis has ruled that a special session of the legislature will not be necessary to provide funds for repairing the Douglas county court house, damaged during the recent riot at Omaha. Indications are that it will require the expenditure of \$1,000,000 to repair the structure and replace records and fixtures destroyed by the fire.

According to an estimate made by the United States bureau of agriculture, now in the hands of Secretary Weher of the Nebraska board of horticulture, there will be an estimated crop of about 23,072,000 barrels of apples from this year's crop. The price should be \$1.45 a bushel and \$4.03 a barrel.

The Nebraska college of agriculture stock judging team, composed of C. F. Wiedeberg, D. P. Moulton, P. H. Stevens, R. E. Fortna, M. V. Kappius and H. M. Adams, took fourth place at the national swine show at Des Moines.

Governor McKelvie has proclaimed the week beginning November 3 as "educational week," when people of Nebraska are asked to give their attention to the changes and reforms in our educational system brought on by the war.

Total enrollment at the State university agriculture college at Lincoln the first of the month was 445. The freshman class this year has reached a total of 178, the largest first-year class in the history of the college.

The Kearney high school is swamped with students this year, over 350 having enrolled and but twelve teachers on the faculty. Extension of the school facilities is the problem the board of education now faces.

Indications are that the wheat acreage in the south central part of the state will be about the same as last year. Farmers are losing no time in getting the crop in, reports say.

Agnes Loebeck, 20-year-old Omaha girl, has volunteered that she was absolutely convinced that Will Brown, negro who was lynched, was the man who attacked her.

Potatoes in western Nebraska are selling for \$1.25 a bushel bulk and \$1.40 bushel sacked in carload lots. The dealers are asking 10 to 15 cents a bushel for handling.

Scottsbluff county has the honor of winning second place and being a close competitor for first at the International Soils Products show at Kansas City.

City commissioners of Lincoln refused to allow moving pictures of the riot at Omaha shown in the capital city for fear they might incite violence.

A new council of the Knights of Columbus was organized at Lexington last week. The work of initiating 60 candidates was handled by the O'Neill council.

The Nebraska Consolidated Mills Co., recently organized in Omaha, has taken options on four mills at Hastings, Grand Island, St. Edward and Ravenna.

Robert Gale and Ed Sweat conductors on the C. & N. W. railroad, both with families in Chadron, were killed in a wreck at Smithwick, S. D.

Washington reports state that a total of 3,472,000 pounds of sugar was shipped into Nebraska in the three weeks prior to September 25.

The Bethlehem Oil company has leased 15,000 acres near Riverton and expects to begin active operation drilling for oil at once.

A boys' and girls' bee-keeping club has been organized in Douglas county, it being the first in the state.

A movement to organize a national guard company at Columbus is receiving encouraging support.

Reverend Seiple, Ogallala garage m.e.a., has purchased a Curtiss airplane for use in his business.

Some wheat fields in Perkins county have averaged as high as 35 and 40 bushels to the acre.

Plans and specifications for light and water system for Venango, Perkins county, have been completed. The town's rapid growth has made it necessary to improve the light and water system.

Two samples of water from the municipal service at Tecumseh, examined by the State Board of Health, were pronounced impure. The board states the water is not fit for human consumption.

Farmers report that the corn yield in Gage county this fall will be heavier than a year ago. Some fields will make as high as 25 and 30 bushels, while others will not make scarcely anything. The average over the county will be around 15 bushels to the acre.

Steps have been taken at Omaha to prosecute ring leaders of the mob that lynched Will Brown, negro, alleged assailant of a white girl, almost killed the mayor of the city and wrecked the Douglas county court house. State officials are to assist in punishing the guilty.

Nearly 500 miles of long-distance telephone lines in northwest Nebraska and parts of South Dakota and Wyoming and exchanges in 15 towns along the lines between Valentine and Lusk, Wyo., and between Hemingford and Ardmore and Edgemont, S. D., have been purchased by the Nebraska Telephone company from the Wyoming and Nebraska Telephone company.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the entire milling plant of the Platte Valley Milling company at Gothenburg, and for a time threatened to destroy the town. The buildings burned included the power plant, office, mill and elevator, the latter containing 85,000 bushels of wheat. The total loss is placed at \$200,000, partly insured.

There seems to be a misunderstanding throughout Nebraska as to just what day should be observed as "fire prevention day." All other states observe October 9. The Nebraska legislature set aside November 7, and State Fire Warden Ed Beach wishes all counties throughout the state to observe that day.

Preliminary steps were taken at a meeting of the business men at Beatrice for the formation of a hotel company to be capitalized for \$500,000. The company expects to erect a modern hotel in the city room, as the city has been without a first-class hotel since the Paddock burned some time ago.

Alliance is to have a \$75,000 memorial building to commemorate the acts of soldiers and sailors of the district who took part in the war. The structure is to be designed and built with the idea of providing a suitable place for holding public meetings.

Nearly 1,000 American soldiers, a number of whom were Nebraska boys, arrived at Hoboken, N. Y., from overseas, aboard the transport George Washington, which brought King Albert and Queen Elizabeth of Belgium to America.

Nebraska coal dealers are said to have received word that all hope of averting a nation-wide strike in the bituminous coal industry, November 1, ended with the adoption of the miners' wage demands at Cleveland.

Governor McKelvie, through the secretary of state at Washington, has extended an invitation to the king and queen of Belgium to visit Nebraska during their stay in the United States.

Thorne A. Brown has assumed the duties of state railway commissioner. He is now filling the place made vacant by the resignation of Commissioner Victor E. Wilson.

The John Pesek-Jim Landos wrestling match, scheduled to take place at Omaha Oct. 2, postponed because of the riot, is to be staged the evening of October 10.

Maj. Ira H. Dillon of Auburn has been appointed to the head of the department of health to take the place of Dr. W. F. Wild, who recently resigned.

Miss Ester Kroger has been made secretary of the Kearney Commercial club, being the first woman to hold such a position in the organization.

A number of prominent Lincoln politicians got together the other day and organized a club to boost Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood for president.

Because of the overcrowded condition of the consolidated school at Venango, Perkins county, a bigger and better structure is to be erected.

Guy, the 15-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Powell of Wymore, was drowned in a tub of water while the mother was absent from the home.

One hundred returned soldiers and sailors met at Columbus and organized the Platte County Post of the American Legion.

Theford village voted \$10,000 for water bonds by a majority vote of 9 to 1. This will be a big improvement for the village.

When all reports are in it is believed Nebraska's quota for the Salvation Army home service fund will be reached.

The village board of Plymouth has contracted with the Beatrice Electric company to furnish the town with lights.

The principal streets of Ainsworth are to be lighted in the immediate future by a strictly up-to-date lighting system.

A charter has been granted a post of the American Legion recently organized at Pender.

Preliminary steps have been taken at Ainsworth to organize a post of the American Legion.

Odell is without a newspaper, the Weekly Wave having ceased publication.

Post No. 27 of the American Legion was organized at Beatrice the past week.

The sum of \$45,000 is to be raised by the assessment plan at Scribner to install a sewer system.

The Dan Cahill 2,500-acre ranch in Wheeler county, bought three years ago for \$23 an acre, was sold the other day for \$65 per acre, making the owner a profit of approximately \$100,000.

The passing of an airplane over Fremont about midnight every night for the past few weeks has aroused Sheriff Condit to the belief that the machine is engaged in bootlegging, and he is planning to hire a plane to make an air raid.

Several live wires at Sutherland have started a movement to organize a band.

Twenty-five negro prisoners in the Douglas county jail were taken to the penitentiary at Lincoln for safekeeping, following the riot and lynching at Omaha.

The Douglas county court house, which was damaged to the extent of more than a half million dollars by the mob that hung and burned Will Brown, negro, was built in 1910 at a cost of \$1,000,000. Work on repairing the structure is to start at once.