

STATE LABOR FEDERATION WANTS A NEW LABOR PARTY

WILSON TO ACT ON THREATENED STEEL TIEUP

LABOR MEN GATHER IN WASHINGTON

Steel Officials Renew Strike Threat Unless E. H. Gary Reconsiders Tonight.

(BULLETIN.)
BILERICA, Mass., Aug. 30.—Boston & Maine car shopmen here voted overwhelmingly against acceptance of the government's award of a four cent per hour advance in wages. It was announced today.

Sixteen hundred men are employed at the plant. The result of the vote will be made known to national officers Sunday.

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(STAFF CORRESPONDENT, I. N. SERVICE)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—A general strike of the organized workers in the iron and steel industry is inevitable unless President Wilson can find some means to avert it. The eyes of the steel world are on him.

Leaders of the metal trades department of the American Federation of Labor so declared today. They said that, so far as they personally are concerned, there is nothing more that they can do.

Nothing has changed it. The representatives of the steel workers presented the details of their side of the situation to the president in the White House yesterday, leaving the matter temporarily in his hands. Nothing the president said at that time has changed the situation, it was stated.

Today the committee were scattering to various quarters of the United States to make speeches at Labor day celebrations on Monday. The only one left this afternoon was John Fitzpatrick, who was to leave this afternoon. All are to return Tuesday when definite action regarding any strike proposed, including the date it is expected.

TIME LIMIT EXPIRES TODAY.
The time limit for the negotiation to the United States Steel Corporation expires today and the committee has notified Judge Gary, chairman of the executive board of the steel corporation, that they would remain in Washington until last night to receive any reply he desired to make.

"So far as Judge Gary is concerned," said Mr. Fitzpatrick today, "we are through. The incidents connecting him with our plans are closed."

WON'T DISCUSS SITUATION.
At the White House the president was excluded for the best portion of the day. He was said to be "speeding up" preparations for his departure for the west next Wednesday. A circumstantial report that already he had communicated with Judge Gary asking for a reconsideration of the refusal to meet the union committee was in circulation here. The White House declined to discuss it. However, it was generally credited in administration circles. In the event that Judge Gary stood firm in his refusal there was a growing belief that when the steel men returned to Washington next week, the president might ask them to refrain from ordering a walkout pending his return from the west.

WHAT WILL WILSON DO?
The possibility of the president taking action to prevent the threatened tie-up of the industry was the one topic of discussion among labor leaders gathered in the national capital today.

NO WORD FROM GARY.
The president had before him the request of Samuel Gompers, president of the A. F. of L. and of the committee representing the steel workers, that he urge Judge E. H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the U. S. Steel Corporation, to give the men a hearing. But up to the present time there has been no intimation of what his action would be.

END OF TEN DAY PERIOD.
Tonight will mark the end of the ten days given the steel workers to get their demands of the men before Judge Gary. In its reply to the refusal of the steel corporation head to receive the demands of the men, the committee stated positively that the strike vote would be put into effect unless Judge Gary reconsidered his position before tonight. In the meanwhile the committee was sitting tight, with some of the members confidently expecting that the White House would intervene in their behalf.

Gary Refuses to Meet Steel Union



Elbert H. Gary.

Judge Elbert H. Gary, head of the U. S. Steel Corporation, has refused to confer with members of the Amalgamated Iron and Steel Workers' union on the demands made recently in regard to new wage scales and working conditions. Judge Gary says the directors of the steel industry believe in the open shop, and will deal only with individual employees.

Labor Troubles Throughout the United States

NEW YORK—Actors' strike has practically all theaters closed. Eight thousand drug clerks in stores and hospitals call strike for Monday for more pay and shorter hours. Cable operators of Commercial Cable Co. strike for more pay. Eight thousand paper box workers out. Window cleaners on strike. Partial strike of cigar store clerks.

CHICAGO—120,000 carpenters and allied building trades workers on strike demanding wage increases. 200 lunch-room employees striking for increased pay. Actors and actresses striking for recognition of union. 600 cleaners and dyers on strike for wage increase and shorter hours. 200 optical workers on strike for wage increases.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—15,000 insurgent miners demanding statewide strike for wage increases. DENVER, COLO.—300 workers at Gates Rubber Co. striking, demanding recognition of union. PEORIA, ILL.—Eight thousand Industrial Workers on three day strike in protest against general working conditions.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Union motion picture operators on strike for minimum wage of \$1 an hour. RICHMOND, IND.—Employees of Malleable Castings plant idle because of damage done to factory during rioting by friends of striking workers. BOSTON—500 actors vote to join in strike, darkening six leading theaters beginning Labor Day.

Three thousand shoe workers out at Thomas G. Plant factory. PITTSFIELD, MASS.—Trolley men on Berkshire street railway lines on strike for higher wages. WORCESTER, MASS.—Strike-breakers imported to take places of striking gas house workers and gas supply back almost to normal. ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Eight hundred cigar-makers on strike for higher wages. SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Five hundred machinists on strike here for more pay. KANSAS CITY—More than 150 cigar makers employed in Kansas City factories have served notice on their employers they will strike next Monday, unless granted wage increases.

SEATTLE, WASH.—Strike or lockout of 6,000 building tradesmen appears inevitable next Tuesday as a result of the deadlock in negotiations between master builders association and union over wage demands. LOS ANGELES, CAL.—Three hundred Pacific Electric and Los Angeles street railway men out demanding increased wages.

RICHMOND STRIKE: PLANT IS CLOSED
(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
RICHMOND, Ind., Aug. 30.—The plant of the Richmond Malleable Castings Co. was closed today because of damage done by rioting mobs early yesterday. The city was quiet today.

More than fifty names of participants in the riot are in the hands of the authorities, it is said, and will be placed before the special grand jury which will probe the disorders next Tuesday.

ACTION IS BEGUN IN CIRCUIT CT.

Remonstrance is Started By City and M. E. Church Against Street Vacation.

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)
CROWN POINT, Ind., Aug. 30.—Remonstrances were filed this afternoon in the Lake circuit court against granting the petition filed by E. N. Russell of Hammond for the vacation of seven feet of street to the south of the property which he recently purchased at the corner of Hohman and Russell streets, in Hammond.

The remonstrances filed today were from the City of Hammond through Attorneys McMahon and Conroy and the trustees of the Methodist church through Attorney Jesse Wilson.

The original petition which was filed by Attorney Jacob Gavit & Stinson asks that the seven foot strip of land which lies to the south of the Standard Oil Co. filling station along Russell street be vacated from Hohman street to the alley at the rear of the lot. The matter is to come up for hearing by the court Monday and all remonstrances and objections must be filed before that time.

The remonstrance of the city names the three statutory objections which can be raised.

1. That the preservation of the present width of the street is essential to the growth of the city.
2. That the vacation would leave the remonstrator's real estate without ingress by means of a public street.
3. That the vacation would cut off public access to a school or church.

This also covers part of the contention of the remonstrance by the church trustees. The argument is presented by the attorneys that the movement in Hammond now is towards wider streets as shown by the agitation for the widening of State and Hohman streets and that the idea of making Russell street in the heart of the city smaller is absurd.

When the Methodist church was built at a cost of \$50,000 the building was constructed seven feet from the sidewalk in order to preserve the present street width, it is contended, to the limit specified in the city plat.

The church expects to start work soon on the new settlement house next to the church, which will also cost \$50,000. The trustees contend that with the increase in automobile traffic and the number which park in the vicinity of the church the street should be widened rather than made smaller.

Remonstrances by other interested citizens of Hammond are expected before the case is called Monday.

BROKER BEATS MONON LIMITED; IS ARRESTED
And the Way He Tore Thru Lake County and Got Away With It.

A plea that he had a bet with a friend that he could beat the Monon Limited from Indianapolis to Chicago failed to save W. E. Young, an Indianapolis broker and he was fined \$50 and costs by Judge Stelk in the Speeders' court in Chicago yesterday on a charge of speeding. Arrested at E. Seventy-first and South Short drive, Young told Judge Stelk that he beat the train to the Folk street station by over an hour.

Young thought it pretty tough after streaking it all the way through the state that he should be picked up so near his goal. Young said that a friend was coming to Chicago and that he bet he would beat the train by driving his automobile. He was driving north on South Short drive going thirty-six miles an hour when he was arrested. When taken to the station at the time of his arrest he deposited \$100 as a cash bond which he said was a small amount compared to the bet.

WHY DID THEY ASK FOR SO LITTLE A WAGE?

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—The garbage haulers went on strike today for a flat rate of \$10 a day and the city is without any means of getting rid of its refuse. The city officials enlisted all the private vehicles possible to clean up the city because of the menace to the public health.

U. S. AGENT FOILED BIG GERMAN PLOT



Dr. Paul Bernardo Altendorf.

Dr. Paul Bernardo Altendorf, a U. S. military intelligence officer serving as a German captain and a Mexican colonel, organized 45,000 Mexicans for an invasion of the United States at the time the Germans launched their last drive on the western front in July 1918. But he kept the U. S. government informed of the plot's progress and thus prevented an invasion.

Altendorf also brought about the arrest of a German spy said to have admitted the Black Tom explosion near New York; got the German imperial code for our government, warned this country of an impending submarine raid on the Atlantic coast in 1918, and nipped scores of other conspiracies.

OFFICERS QUITTING THE FORCE
Claiming that the police of Hammond are the poorest paid of any in the Calumet region and that they are unable to live on their salary, two of Hammond's best police officers, Harry Cordua and Edward Palmatier, have sent in their resignations to take place the first of September.

The Hammond police are now getting only \$122.50 a month and work eleven and a half hours a day and seven days a week. Though the council has granted them a raise of \$7.50 to take place the first of next year, which will make \$130 a month, but even if they were able to pull through for the next four months they claim they would not be able to live on that.

Hammond has now thirty-three men on the force and they are asking \$150 a month, saying that with the high cost of food and clothing it is impossible to live on less.

The petition will be brought up Tuesday before the council and if it is not granted at least ten more of the force will be compelled to accept better paying positions.

The Whiting police are receiving \$120 a month, the East Chicago police \$140 a month and the Gary police \$150 a month.

ROBERTSDALE H. S. COURSE DISCONTINUED
(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)
WHITING, Ind., Aug. 30.—At a recent meeting of the Hammond Board of Education it was voted to discontinue the two year high school course at the Robertsdale school and transfer all the high school pupils from Robertsdale to the Whiting high school.

The board has figured that this is the only logical thing to do and will be a saving proposition in the end. The number of students are as a rule not many and the necessity of hiring the teachers for the number of students is a large one. Furthermore it will give more space for grade work. While this rule is in order, the Hammond board has agreed to pay a sum of about \$70 a year tuition for each Robertsdale student enrolled in the Whiting high school.

STREET CAR SERVICE IS RESUMED

Cheaper to Travel From E. Chicago to Hammond Than From Hammond to East Chicago.

Street car service was resumed in Hammond, Whiting and East Chicago Friday evening shortly after 6 o'clock and today the riding public finds it cheaper to come to Hammond from East Chicago or Whiting than to go to those places from Hammond.

The new seven cent fare is in effect in Hammond but the other cities have not granted the increase so the company can only collect five cents from passengers in East Chicago or Whiting.

Representatives of the street car company spent some time consulting with officials of the other cities yesterday and it is said they have reason to believe that the city councils will grant the raise. Unwilling to put the public to further inconvenience because of the street car tie-up the company decided to ask the men to start the cars and take a chance on East Chicago and Whiting granting the new fare.

Barney Carter, executive committee man representing the men of the Hammond barn was in Chicago yesterday and returned in the evening with William Quinlan, president of the surface lines employees. After conferring with the company officials he issued the order for the men to return to work and in a few minutes the first cars were leaving the barns on Gostlin street.

Conductor Robert Glasen, 431 Hickory street, at 5:55 last night on Car No. 77 with Motorman McNally took the first to fare at the South Shore depot for East Hammond.

Anticipating the resumption of traffic, laborers were sent out during the afternoon to sweep out the switches and the tracks. In some places the rails could no longer be seen because of the dirt which has accumulated during the two weeks of idleness. Much trouble was experienced in getting the cars over the line and caution was necessary to prevent them from leaving the tracks at many places.

The matter of increasing the fares will be taken up by the Whiting city officials Monday and East Chicago will take some action Tuesday.

PEOPLE SWARM TO BUY U. S. FOODSTUFFS
One of Biggest Shopping Crowd City Ever Sees, Buys Canned Goods.

When the clocks pointed to 8 o'clock this morning the hour appointed for the opening of Hammond's municipal grocery, one of largest shopping crowds ever seen in the city was ready for the doors to open. For days the people have been pestering Mayor Brown and other city officials with personal and telephone inquiries as to when the government foods were to be placed on sale.

Hundreds of buyers with their baskets visited the store in the Kleigebur building today and departed with canned goods. Others simply took whole crates and carried them away on their shoulders. The clerical force was supplemented by attaches who could be spared from the city hall and calls were sent to the employment office for help.

One man was kept busy smashing open boxes while others dealt the cans out to the shoppers. The canned meats could not be placed on sale today, but will be ready later. If the stream of eager buyers continues there will be little left of the stock by closing time tonight. It was planned to place orders at once for more of the government supplies if the demand justified and it looks as though the demand was there.

MERE YOUTH GETS SEAT IN CONGRESS



Mr. and Mrs. King Swope.

Representative King Swope of Kentucky, a returned war hero, is the first Republican in twenty-three years to represent the Eighth Kentucky district in congress. He celebrated his twenty-sixth birthday after his election. Mrs. Swope will prove a charming acquisition to congressional social circles.

LABOR DAY AND WHERE TO CELEBRATE
CROWN POINT.
Meeting Old Settlers' Association at Lake County Fair Grounds. EAST CHICAGO.
Welcome home celebration for soldiers and sailors. INDIANA HARBOR.
Labor Day boxing and beach picnic. GARY.
Labor Day parade. HAMMOND.
Ball game and marathon at ball park. All day events at Hammond County Club. ST. JOHN.
Picnic at Spring Hill Grove.

PRESIDENT CONGRATULATES LABOR LOCAL

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—The labor situation is one "which must be dealt with as much wisdom as energy," President Wilson today asserted in a telegram and expressing his pleasure at the return of striking painters and paperhangers in Hoboken, following his appeal for a truce between capital and labor.

The telegram, addressed to the secretary of the union follows:

"Mar I not express to you, and through you, to your fellow members of Local 78, my admiration of the public spirited action they have taken—an action which I am sure is the interests of the whole country as setting an example of patriotic co-operation in relieving, not complicating, a situation which must be dealt with as much wisdom as energy."

"Cordially and sincerely yours," "WOODROW WILSON."

DELEGATE OPPOSES IT

Referendum Vote to Be Taken By Members of the State Federation of Labor.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 30.

—A referendum vote will be taken immediately by the membership of the Indiana Federation of Labor to determine whether or not a state labor party shall be formed.

Unsubstantiated rising vote of delegates attending the state convention of the organization here disclosed that more than two-thirds favored the new party.

HAMMOND DELEGATE OPPOSED.
Spirited debate marked discussion of a resolution recommending the new party offered by District No. 11, United Mine Workers of America. All but one member of the resolutions committee had signed a majority report to reject the resolution but after O. W. Miller, of Fort Wayne, had offered an oral minority report and the resolution was thrown open to a vote on the floor, a majority were shown to favor the new party. Henry Gahler, Hammond, was among the committee men who opposed the scheme.

COMPERS AGAINST IT.
Opponents contended that labor "would lose a club wielded over candidates by labor," and pointed out that Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is opposed to formation of a labor party. The majority, however, contended that labor "had to get down on its knees and beg for everything it had ever obtained and that the time is ripe for organization of labor's party. It was urged that friendly farmers organizations and unions members of the Federation be invited to participate in the new party. Evansville was chosen for the 1920 convention.

Latest Bulletins

GOMPERS SUMS UP.
JOHN EDWIN NEVIN
(STAFF CORRESPONDENT, I. N. SERVICE)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, summing up this afternoon the work of the executive council of that body, which has been in session for the last three days, said:

"The council considered the situation growing out of a full organization of the iron and steel industry. It is making every effort to bring about the best possible results to all concerned. These efforts are being continued and we hope that an amicable adjustment will be reached before any cessation of work is inaugurated."

WON'T GO BACK TUESDAY.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 30.—The carmen of the Mount Clair shops of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, at a meeting today, voted not to return to work Tuesday, the day after their Labor Day election. The men in the meeting expected to receive the sanction of their grand lodge in Kansas City and they will remain out, they say, until the railroad administration grants them more wages. Today's decision followed a similar action taken on Thursday evening by the 2,000 electricians of shops who also will not return to work on Tuesday.

CIGAR MAKERS OUT.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—The country-wide strike of cigar-makers was this afternoon endorsed by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor.

In a telegram to G. W. Perkins, of Chicago, president of the Cigar Makers International Union of America, Samuel Gompers said:

"The executive council of the American Federation of Labor, having under consideration the strikes of the large number of cigar makers of the country, endorses the attitude of the Cigar Makers International Union of America. The executive council has concluded to appeal to all workers and friends of the normal and financial support for the cigar makers engaged in the justifiable contest."

GARY MAN BUYS HOBBART HOME.
George F. Barnes, who recently purchased the Eckerty house in Hobart Park addition, has sold the place to Fred Walters, who recently sold his house in the Kretz addition. Mr. Walters is a switchman in the "J" yards in Gary, and will soon occupy the new home in Hobart. Mrs. Walters is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Kretz.—Hobart Gazette.

COMMISSION HEARING SEPT. 30
(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)
BRAZIL, Ind., Aug. 30.—Hearing of injunction proceedings brought against the state highway commission and others to block the construction of roads by the state will be held September 27. The date has been set by Judge Hutchinson of Clay county circuit court. The suit contends that internal improvements by the state as a unit and with federal aid are unconstitutional.