

LOYD GEORGE ZEALOUS FOR PEACE

British Premier Working to Obtain Peaceable Adjustment of Irish Affairs

London, Sept. 15 (By the Associated Press).—The arrangements for the proposed Irish peace conference are cancelled, but the negotiations still are not ruptured. That in brief is the story of today's unexpected and surprising developments.

Gammon De Valera, the Irish republican leader, having reaffirmed his claim to enter the conference as the representative of an independent sovereign state, Premier Lloyd George declares that such a concession is impossible. He announces the cancellation of the arrangements for a conference and the necessity of his consulting his colleagues on the subject.

The premier is careful not to close the door to possible resumption of the negotiations. On the contrary, he gives Mr. De Valera and his supporters the amplest opportunity to reconsider their position.

Declaring that there was but one answer to a claim which would be equivalent to Great Britain's acknowledging Ireland's right to negotiate a treaty of closer association with "some other foreign power," he mildly reproaches the Irish people for taking no single step to meet the generous advances of the British government.

The whole tone of the letter, in fact, reveals that the premier still retains hope of some more favorable development.

The text of Mr. Lloyd George's reply, which was telegraphed to Dublin, says:

"I informed your emissaries who came to me here Tuesday that negotiation of your claim to negotiate with his majesty's government as the representative of an independent and sovereign state would make a conference between us impossible.

"They brought me a letter from you in which you specifically reaffirm that claim, stating that your nation has formally declared its independence and recognizes itself as a sovereign state and it is only you added, 'as representatives of that state and as its chosen guardians that we have any authority or powers to act on behalf of our people.'

"I asked them to warn you of the very serious effect of such a paragraph and offered to regard the letter as not delivered to me in order that you might have time to reconsider it.

"Despite this intimation you have now published the letter in its original form. I must accordingly cancel the arrangements for a conference next week at Inverness and must consult my colleagues on the course of action this new situation necessitates. I will communicate to you as soon as possible, but as I am for the moment laid up here a few days, delay is inevitable. Meanwhile I must make it absolutely clear that his majesty's government can not consider its position which I have stated to you.

"If you accepted a conference with your delegates on the formal settlement of the claim which you have reaffirmed it would constitute an official recognition by his majesty's government of the severance of Ireland from the empire and of its existence as an independent republic.

"It would moreover entitle you to declare as of right acknowledged by us, that in preference to association with the British empire you would pursue closer association by treaty with some other foreign power. There is only one answer possible to such a claim as that.

"The great concessions which his majesty's government made to the feeling of your people in order to secure a lasting settlement deserving in my opinion, some more generous response, but so far every advance has been made by us.

"On your part you have not come to meet us by a single step, but have merely reiterated in phrases of emphatic challenge the letter and spirit of your original claim.

"I am yours faithfully,
"Lloyd George."

SIX GEORGIA TRAIN WRECKERS ARRESTED

Fitzgerald, Ga., Sept. 15.—The jury in the case of O. C. Fairfield, one of 26 persons indicted in connection with the alleged "interference with employees of the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic railroad," was put to bed at 11 o'clock tonight.

Fifteen minutes later Fairfield, who was under a \$500 bond, was placed under arrest on a warrant charging murder, the warrant being issued on an affidavit signed by Mrs. W. T. Reed.

The case of Fairfield went to a jury in Ben Hill superior court after Judge O. T. Gover charged the jury at 9 o'clock tonight.

The grand jury, which is investigating the death of Engineer W. T. Reed, who was shot in his locomotive on July 5, had not completed its work tonight, although more than 30 witnesses appeared before that body.

With four additional arrests today in connection with the death of Engineer Reed, six persons are now held in the county jail on warrants issued on affidavits sworn to by the widow of Engineer Reed, each charging murder.

John L. Lyle, 55, former member of the board of education and former engineer, was indicted well-to-do was taken into custody shortly after noon. J. W. Hornsby, 55, former engineer; Alf Smith and D. V. Myrick, former employees, are others in custody of the sheriff.

Judge O. T. Gover held that the walkout of former employees of the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic railroad was not an issue in the trial of O. C. Fairfield and he sustained the objection of Solicitor General Justice to the effort of the defense to show that the "strike was justified by acts of officials" of that road. The jury was sent from the court room while the lawyers argued this point.

Fairfield, in a statement to the jury, said that "we are organized to protect ourselves, to get a good living and to be able to send our children to school and to live decently."

He denied that he had ever intimidated any present employee of the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic railroad and denied that he had attempted to destroy company property.

"I have tried to have the men uphold the law. I am innocent," he said in conclusion.

In rebuttal the state put on a number of witnesses who charged that former employees had threatened present employees of the road. Sheriff Dorminey, one of the witnesses, said that "many of the strikers carried sticks." He said that E. W. Mayo, one of the joint defendants, refused to give up his shotgun and of picket duty when the officers demanded it. Mayo had sworn for the defense that the officers had not asked for the gun.

J. H. Snellgrove told the jury that C. O. Russell, former employee, said he would "blow the shops into hell," if he could get in for a few minutes.

Louise Cox, negro, one of five men on the locomotive when W. T. Reed was shot on July 5, and the first negro witness in the trial, said that the crew was fired upon by strikers' pickets.

DE VALERA'S REPLY TO LOYD GEORGE

Dublin, Sept. 15.—The text of the reply of Eamon De Valera to Premier Lloyd George's latest communication is as follows:

"We are unhesitating in declaring our willingness to enter a conference to ascertain how the association of Ireland with the community of nations known as the British empire can best be reconciled with Irish national aspirations.

"Our readiness to contemplate such an association was indicated in our letter of August 10. We have accordingly summoned the De Valera that we may submit to it for ratification the names of the representatives it is our intention to propose. We hope that these representatives will find it possible to be at Inverness on the date you suggest, September 20.

"Sovereign State"

"In this final note we deem it our duty to reaffirm that our position is and can only be as we have defined it throughout this correspondence. Our nation has formally declared its independence and recognizes itself as a sovereign state and as its chosen guardians that we have authority or powers to act on behalf of our people.

"As regards the principle of government by consent of the governed, in the very nature of things it must be the very basis of any

MURDER TRIAL POSTPONED

Case Against Newt Kelly in Lexington County Continued on Motion of Cole L. Bleas

Columbia, Sept. 16.—A surprise was sprung in the court of general sessions in Lexington Thursday, resulting in postponement of the next term of court of the case against Newt Kelly, charged with murder of David Shull, of Columbia. Judge Sease granted the continuance on motion of Attorney Cole L. Bleas, for the defense, on the ground that the record of the clerk of court did not show that the grand jury returning the indictment against Kelly for the murder of Shull had ever been sworn. It is expected that the legality of the present indictment will go before the supreme court. The murder case against J. C. Swygert, charged with killing Dr. J. C. Nicholson, of Leesville, was postponed to next week because of the illness of Swygert's brother.

TEXILE WORKERS HINT AT STRIKES

Warn Against Any Further Reduction in Mill Wages

New York, Sept. 15.—Election of Thomas F. McMahon of Providence, R. I., to the presidency of the United Textile Workers of America at the annual convention tomorrow was forecast tonight after William Johnson of Maynard, Mass., withdrew as a candidate. Mr. McMahon, who was a first vice president, became acting president upon the death of John Golden of Fall River, Mass., last June.

James Starr of Patterson, N. J., Thomas J. Reagan of Lowell, Mass., and Frank McKensky of Philadelphia announced their candidacies for the two vacancies of vice president.

Today's session of the convention was featured by adoption of resolutions protesting against reductions of wages in New England textile factories and endorsement of a plan for workmen's banks. The delegates said that any effort to decrease textile workers' wages further would result in strikes. The executive council was directed to gather data regarding operation of banks catering solely to the working class. The movement launched by the Philadelphia Central Labor Union which resulted in the organization of the Producers' and Consumers' Bank of that city was endorsed.

Calls for organizers were received from locals throughout the country and the convention left this subject in the hands of the executive council. Members in Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island, North and South Carolina, Maryland and California urged that greater efforts be made to organize non-union workers.

A proposal to hold the convention biennially instead of annually was defeated. The delegates expressed themselves in favor of a monument at Mr. Golden's grave in Fall River, to be paid for by popular subscription among textile workers.

The delegates were entertained by a concert given by an orchestra made up of striking dyers from Philadelphia, who have been out of work for 17 months. A sum was raised to help them and several hundred comrades.

DEATH FROM FAST DRIVING

Lexington, N. C., Sept. 16.—Roosevelt Estes, aged 19, is dead and Pierce Leonard has a broken leg, as the result of the automobile in which they were riding hitting a wagon. The men are said to have been drinking and a warrant charging manslaughter has been issued for Leonard.

PROHIBITION ENRICHED GRAPE GROWERS

San Francisco, Sept. 16.—Prohibition has tripled the profits of the grape growers of California, grapes jumping from ten dollars to a hundred per ton. This year's crop is valued at seventy-five million dollars.

LAST CONFEDERATE COLONEL

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 15.—Funeral of Colonel John W. Hindsdale, who died yesterday, the last surviving colonel of the Confederate army living in North Carolina, will be held tomorrow.

FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT III

New York, Sept. 15.—Franklin D. Roosevelt, former assistant secretary of the navy and democratic candidate for vice president at last year's election, is suffering from a mild case of infantile paralysis, his physician, Dr. George Draper, announced today.

According to Dr. Draper's diagnosis, made immediately upon Mr. Roosevelt's arrival at the Presbyterian Hospital from his summer home at Campobello, New Brunswick, he is slowly nearing recovery after suffering from the malady for four weeks.

Power to control the affected muscles of the lower legs and feet, Dr. Draper said, is beginning to return and Mr. Roosevelt's general condition and spirits are good.

"I cannot say how long Mr. Roosevelt will be kept in the hospital," Dr. Draper added, "but you can say definitely that he will not be crippled, and no one need have any fear of permanent injury in any way from this attack."

POLICEMEN ROB SAVANNAH SAFE

Savannah, Sept. 15.—Paul Daniel, acting cashier of the Fulton Realty Company, reported that policemen entered his office, attacked him and robbed the safe.

Pittsburgh, Kan., Sept. 16.—A strike by three hundred miners employed in the Spencer-Newlands Coal company's two mines has been ordered.

GOSSETT MAY BE RELEASED

Man Serving Forty Year Term Applies For Bail Pending New Trial

Greenville, Sept. 15.—At a hearing in the Greenville county court house before Associate Justice Thomas P. Cothran next Wednesday it will be determined whether or not Kenneth Gossett, convicted of criminal assault in Abbeville and sentenced to 40 years imprisonment, shall be released on bond from the state penitentiary. Upon application this morning of Bonham & Price of this city, and Gen. Milledge Bonham of Anderson, counsel for Gossett, Justice Cothran signed an order directing the superintendent of the penitentiary to produce Gossett at the county court room here Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock for the hearing.

The original order was mailed this afternoon by Gossett's attorneys to Col. A. K. Sanders, superintendent of the penitentiary. A copy will be served on Hon. S. Blackwell of Laurens, solicitor of the eighth circuit, who conducted the prosecution of Gossett.

Gossett was granted a new trial by the state supreme court several weeks ago. No time has been set for the second trial.

Kenneth Gossett was arrested with his cousin, John Gossett, last year in Honora Path on a charge of assaulting two young women at Abbeville. They were tried a year ago from last April. The jury returned a verdict of guilty with recommendation to mercy against Kenneth Gossett and he was sentenced to serve 40 years in the state penitentiary by Judge Sease. The court directed a verdict of not guilty for John Gossett.

SOME NATIONS AFRAID TO DISARM

Proposal of United States Meets With Evasive Replies

New York, Sept. 15.—Only seven of the 26 nations that have answered the appeal of the league of nations for an agreement to keep the military and naval expenditure budgets for the next two years within the appropriations for the current year have replied in the negative, says an official report from Geneva received and made public here tonight by the league of nations news bureau.

They are South Africa, Brazil, France and Finland, Poland, Greece and Yugoslavia.

These seven states, the report explains, all agree heartily to the general principles of limiting armaments.

Reservations accompany almost every one in the affirmative answers. In addition, declaring that the main reservation, which occurs in almost every answer, emphasizes the impossibility for any one nation to lead the way to disarmament without regard to what is done by other nations.

Two governments, Austria and Bulgaria, answer that the question has been settled for them by the peace treaties, which regulate the extent of their defensive establishments.

"Fourteen governments," the report continues, "accept the proposition with only such conditions as have been indicated above. These are Bolivia, China, Guatemala, Australia, Canada, Belgium, Great Britain, New Zealand, India, Italy, Holland, Chile, Denmark and Norway."

"Spain, Japan and Rumania have given evasive answers, the spirit of which, however, indicates unmistakable agreement with the purpose of the appeal. Rumania agrees in practice but points to the precariousness of its present situation in regard to Russia. Spain agrees also at points out the uncertainty of the budget as a measure of the extent of armaments."

Japan, while expressing a desire that there should be an agreement on limitation of armaments, pointed out, the report says, that in view of the fact that the council of the league was studying disarmament plans, it did not believe it advisable to take any action on the recommendation of the assembly until these plans had been completed.

FOOD PRICES CONTINUE TO ADVANCE

Increases Were Recorded During August in Southern Cities

Washington, Sept. 17.—Retail food prices increased average 4.3 per cent August as compared with July prices in Atlanta, Charleston, S. C., Jacksonville, Louisville and Mobile. There was a four per cent increase in Birmingham, three per cent and in Memphis one per cent.

THE FUTURE OF CAMP JACKSON

Big Cantonment May Be Used As Industrial Site

Columbia, Sept. 16.—With the completion of the abandonment of Camp Jackson today, with the exception of a small garrison to protect government property, the commander of the cantonment announced that the government was ready to lease the site for residential or industrial projects to a responsible leasee. The lease would only be terminated by war in which case the government would desire the cantonment for mobilization purposes. Col. Jackson, members of the directorate of the Chamber of Commerce and other business men held a conference with Governor Cooper on the matter today and the executive offered the suggestion that as the boll weevil had traversed South Carolina, it might be a good idea to secure the camp as a center of distribution for the assembling of grain or potatoes from all parts of the State under a cooperative system. Tonight at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce the matter was discussed but no plan could be developed on such short notice. It seems to be the consensus of opinion that for the advancement of the interests of Columbia, the better plan would be to secure the site for a large industrial development. Col. Jackson stated that the government was willing to lease the plant with its land, buildings and improvements, costing the government an initial outlay of approximately \$31,000,000, except that small area needed to house a guard, to some responsible bidder. The government desires one leasee. There has been a move on foot to have the government turn the abandoned cantonment into a vocational university for wounded ex-service men the branch of the American Legion going on record for such a school at its annual convention at Newberry in a few days ago. However, the proposal of Col. Jackson, transmitted to him by the War Department apparently would mean that the camp will not be utilized for any such purpose. Edwin W. Roberts, president of the National Loan and Exchange Bank whose traction lines are operated into the interior of the camp, is interested in the matter, it is understood, and he might develop some plan for utilizing the plant and its grounds. Governor Cooper stated that he would be willing to go with a committee of the local chamber of commerce to Washington to present any feasible plan for the reclamation of Camp Jackson. The abandonment of Camp Jackson was completed today when the Fifty-First Coast Artillery with its motorized equipment, went through the streets of Columbia this morning on its way to Camp Eustis, Virginia. The regiment was reviewed by Governor Cooper and others. In a march with the regiment will stop at Charlotte, Durham and Richmond, before it reaches its destination.

NO CLEMENCY FOR S. J. KIRBY

Columbia, Sept. 15.—Mrs. S. J. Kirby's oral plea for executive clemency in behalf of her husband, made to Governor Cooper yesterday, will not receive official consideration from the governor.

It was stated at the governor's office today that unless a petition was filed with the executive, no consideration could be given the plea.

Mrs. Kirby and her eleven-year-old daughter called on the governor today and asked that he change the sentence from death to life imprisonment. Mrs. Kirby gave as her reason that her husband had often been subject to temporary periods of insanity.

It is also stated that relatives of Jesse Gappins will make a similar plea to the governor.

C. O. Fox is assigned to his fate. His aged father, who is here, states that his only concern is the "eternal welfare of his son's soul."

CAMP JACKSON DESERTED

Last Military Outfit Left Camp Friday Morning For Camp Eustice, Va.

Columbia, Sept. 15.—Camp Jackson became a thing of the past as an army post Friday morning, when the last military outfit left the camp on its journey to Camp Eustice, Va., leaving only a few hundred men to "police" and guard the camp and take care of the supplies and army property.

The last regiment to leave was the Fifty-First Coast Artillery, and marching through Main street, with flying colors and with martial music, the outfit was reviewed by Governor Cooper, Mayor Hancock and E. C. Black, president of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, from the Chamber of Commerce balcony.

The advance guard of the artillery outfit left two days ago. With the outfit today went engineers, who will repair roads and bridges as the heavy trucks and gun carriages and tractors pass along.

The regiment is approximately \$50 enlisted men strong, with twenty-seven officers. The equipment includes 200 trucks, 50 motorcycles, 28 tractors, eight 8-inch Howitzers, and eight 6-inch G. P. F. guns.

With the outfit went "Dixie Girl", the famous gun which fired more shots during the war than any other gun of such caliber. The gun has made many friends at Camp Jackson, hundreds of people seeing it in action and being struck with the name, painted on its side.

The 51st is all that is left of the famous 39th coast artillery brigade, an outfit which has spent many days in Camp Jackson than any other.

The first stop of the regiment will be at Charlotte, then Durham, next Richmond and then Camp Eustice. Columbia bids farewell to the men of the outfit with a sad heart, for Camp Jackson, its bustling military suburb of days gone by is now a deserted collection of army barracks.

EFIRD'S CHARLOTTE STORE BURNED

Big Department Store Destroyed Thursday Night

Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 16.—Fire of undetermined origin, discovered shortly before midnight, gutted the big department store of E. F. Bros. here, headquarters and parent store of a chain of 34 stores in the Carolinas and Virginia, entailing a loss which may amount to between \$200,000 and \$250,000.

The fire was under control at 1:20 o'clock, but at 2 o'clock all the city's firemen and fire fighting apparatus were engaged in vigorous efforts to extinguish the flames. The stock on hand was estimated at \$200,000 and it was declared that the entire stock was ruined. A large proportion burned and the balance was damaged by smoke and the floods of water poured into the building through more than half a dozen lines of hose.

The walls of the building were left standing, but the flames burst through the roof and lighted up the business part of the city. No statement of the amount of insurance carried could be obtained. The fire was discovered on the second floor in the rear of the store.

SOUTHERN ARTILLERY POSTS REDUCED

Washington, Sept. 16.—The five southern coast artillery commands placed on reduced personnel basis in line with the reduction of the strength of the army are Cape Fear, N. C., Charleston, S. C., Savannah, Ga., Tampa, Fla., and Mobile, Ala.

NEWSPAPERS ON TRIAL

Chicago, Sept. 14.—Whether a city or other municipal corporation may sue a newspaper for libel, alleging damages approximating the value of the entire establishment of the latter and through a possible verdict for the full sum, virtually put the newspaper out of business, will be one of the chief issues in the case of the city of Chicago against the Chicago Tribune, which is to be called for hearing September 22.

The suit, filed in circuit court December, 1920, after the bitter Illinois Republican primary campaign of that year, asks damages of \$10,000,000 alleging that published charges against the city's financial credit and hampered the conduct of municipal business. A similar suit has been filed against the Chicago Daily News.

SHOOTING SPREE IN YORK

F. L. Hinnant Seriously Wounded by Robert McGinnis at Home of Latter

York, Sept. 16.—Following the exchange of a few words about a domestic matter, Robert McGinnis, 43, watchman of the Southern railway shot and seriously wounded F. L. Hinnant, 35, one of the proprietors of the Palmetto Monument company, at noon here today. Two shots were fired from a 45-caliber revolver at a distance of only a few feet, one bullet only grazing the skin, while the other pierced the left side, perforating the intestines in several places. Hinnant was taken to a Rock Hill hospital this afternoon. McGinnis made no effort to escape, waiting at his home, where the shooting occurred, until arrested and committed to jail.

Hinnant is said to have entered the house in response to an invitation to "take a drink," when McGinnis upbraided Hinnant for receiving letters from the former's daughter. After a few words McGinnis, who had been flourishing a revolver, suddenly shot Hinnant twice.

DE VALERA TALKED TOO FAST

Cancellation of Inverness Conference by Lloyd George Causes Anxiety in Dublin

London, Sept. 16 (By the Associated Press).—In a telegram sent this evening to Premier Lloyd George at Gairloch, Scotland, Gammon De Valera is considered in high quarters in London to have indicated a desire for continuation of the negotiations looking to peace in Ireland which were terminated momentarily, at least by Mr. De Valera's communication earlier in the week insisting on the independence of Ireland and Mr. Lloyd George's cancellation of the conference with delegates of the Sinn Fein which he had proposed for next Tuesday.

The letter of Mr. De Valera was as follows:

"I received your telegram last night and am surprised that you do not see that if we, on our side, accepted a conference on the basis of letter of September 7, without making our position quite clear, Ireland's representatives would enter the conference with their position misunderstood and the cause of Ireland's right irreparably prejudiced. Throughout the correspondence that has taken place, you have defined your government's position. We have defined ours.

"If the positions were not so definitely opposed there would, indeed, be no problem to be discussed. It should be obvious that in a case like ours, if there is to be any result, the negotiators must meet without prejudice and untrammelled by any conditions whatever except those imposed by the facts as they know them."

Up to a late hour Mr. Lloyd George had made no response, but the consensus of opinion was that since neither side to the argument seemingly is desirous of a rupture in the negotiations there doubtless will be held a further exchange of messages.

From advice received in London the Sinn Fein leaders were surprised by the effect of Mr. De Valera's letter which induced Mr. Lloyd George to cancel the proposed conference. From these advices it would seem that the Sinn Fein leaders in Dublin hold the view that their leader's letter was unfortunately phrased and that it is advisable to make a further attempt to bring about a conference. It appears to be realized, however, that some weeks will be lost in the situation. There is some talk of holding a conference in London in October.

Premier Lloyd George has not yet called the meeting of his cabinet, but it is expected that it will be held early next week at Inverness, or at Gairloch, where the premier is now staying. It is expected that there will be an early session of the Dail Eireann to consider the new aspects of the situation.

EX-RAILWAY WORKER IS FOUND GUILTY

Six Men, Alleged to Have Been on Picket Duty Indicted on Murder Charge

Fitzgerald, Ga., Sept. 16.—Six former employees of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railroad are charged with murder in a true bill returned by the Ben Hill county grand jury today after an investigation of the shooting of Engineer W. T. Reed, while he was on duty on his locomotive on the night of July 5. Three no bills were returned.

The six arrested under the indictment are: O. C. Fairfield, J. W. Hornsby, Harvey Booker, Perry Booker, Jr., Tom Hendricks and G. V. Myrick. There were no bills against A. K. Hall, Alf Smith and A. T. Lisle, three of the six men taken into custody on the preceding day on warrants issued on affidavits sworn to by the widow of the engineer.

An hour after the indictments were returned the jury that heard the case of O. C. Fairfield, one of twenty-six persons charged with "interfering with the employees of the A. B. and A. railroad," reported a verdict of guilty on one count of the indictment. This count charged that Fairfield personally had "interfered with employees of the A. B. and A. railroad." He was sentenced to three months in jail and twelve months on the state farm.

The other counts in the indictment, for which the jury held that Fairfield was not guilty related to an alleged conspiracy with others to interfere with the employees.

It was announced late tonight that the trial of the six accused men will be held the second week in October. Representatives of the organization to which the men belong assert they will fight the case and predicted that it will cost Ben Hill county \$5,000 to try the accused men. Unless the defense objects Solicitor General J. B. Wall said they would be tried jointly.

The six men arrested on the indictment declared that they were doing picket duty on the night Engineer Reed was shot and indicated that they would endeavor to establish an alibi when the cases are called for trial.

COMPERS LEADING FIGHT AGAINST WAGE READJUSTMENT

Conference With Mill Workers Held in Atlanta

Atlanta, Sept. 16.—Decision to resist all attempts at further reductions of wages in the textile industry and to inaugurate a permanent campaign to organize the non-union workers of the south was announced here today after a conference between more than 200 southern leaders and Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

While the 48 hour week was not mentioned in the announcement here dispatches from Washington said it would be one of the subjects to be discussed at a conference next Tuesday in Washington, on wages and working conditions in the textile industry. Charlotte, N. C., is to be headquarters for the campaign and a meeting of leaders of the United Textile Workers of America will be held there September 22 to formulate a definite plan of action.

"It is not a declaration of war," said Jerome Jones, editor of the Atlanta Journal of Labor, who acted as spokesman for the conference, "but it is a step toward active resistance to the effort to reduce textile wage scales below a living figure."

South Carolina was to have been represented at the conference, but the delegates failed to arrive.

"As for the trouble in the southern textile districts I expect to witness soon a great amelioration of present difficulties," Mr. Gompers said.

Mr. Gompers visited the Atlanta federal penitentiary this afternoon, making a brief address to the prisoners who were assembled in the chapel, and holding a 20 minute conference with Eugene V. Debs, Socialist leader, who is serving a ten year sentence for violating the war time espionage laws.

DILLON CITIZEN STRUCK BY TRAIN

Emory Davis May Die of Injuries in Wreck

Dillon, Sept. 16.—Emory Davis, a highly respected citizen of Dillon and an electrician by profession, was struck by No. 83 train this morning as he was crossing the railroad near the Carolina Milling plant. He has since been unconscious and is not expected to live.

The touring car which he was driving was completely wrecked and strewn along the railroad track.

Mr. Davis received first aid treatment here and was then taken to Florence on the fast train that struck him. He has lived in Dillon for about ten years and the accident is deeply deplored by his many friends in this community.

AN ERRORLESS BALL PLAYER

Stuffy McInnes, of Boston Red Sox Has Played Hundred Games

Boston, Sept. 17.—A hundred games without an error will be the fielding record of Stuffy McInnis, first baseman of the Red Sox, if he completes first game of today's doubleheader against Chicago without a misplay.

ORDINANCE AGAINST KU KLUX KLAN

El Paso Forbids Public Gatherings of Masked Persons

El Paso, Sept. 16.—Apparently designed to counteract the activities of the Ku Klux Klan the city council has adopted an ordinance forbidding public gatherings or demonstrations by masked persons.

ROAD BUILDER KILLED

Two Men Crushed by Fall of Rock Near Elkin, N. C.

Winston-Salem, Sept. 17.—Troy Collins, aged 40, and his son, aged 18, were crushed to death by a cave in of rock while engaged in road building near Elkin.

LARGE GINNEY BURNS

Match in Cotton Thought to Be Cause of Blaze

Newberry, Sept. 16.—The ginney at Chappells, owned by a joint stock company, and one of the largest and best plants in this part of the state, was burned down on Wednesday afternoon about 4 o'clock. It was thought that the fire was caused by a match in the cotton, for the flames burst out in a great blaze while the gin was running. There was only a small quantity of cotton in the ginney. There were several loaded wagons in the yard awaiting their turn but these drove away from the fire and were saved. The capital stock of the company is \$10,000 and the estimated loss is about that sum, as the entire building with its machinery was destroyed. There was some insurance, but not enough to cover the loss.

MONEY MARKET EXTREMELY SITUATION IN FINANCIAL CIRCLES DECIDEDLY BRIGHTER

New York, Sept. 17.—The financial situation during the past week was decidedly brighter. Money was of freer supply and rates inclined to ease off. Most steel mills, equipment, motor and textile concerns reported a marked expansion in operations, while many wholesale lines were on a larger scale.

AN ANCIENT CANOIST

The Pas, Manitoba, Sept. 17.—Sara Donkey, aged one hundred and twelve, traveled a hundred and fifty miles by canoe for a family reunion, meeting Jemina Donkey, aged 2, her great-great-great daughter.