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# ITALIANS ATTACKING JUGO-SLAV TOWNS

# BLACK HAND BOMB KILLS THREE IN BATAVIA, N. Y.

## U.S. SENATE OPENS INQUIRY INTO STEEL STRIKE, HEAD OF CORPORATION CANNOT APPEAK

Investigation Is Called To Ascertain If Federal Action Can in Any Way Help To Relieve Situation-Judge Gary Will Be Asked Why He Refused To Deal With the Union

CANNOT CALL OFF STRIKE. Washington, Sept. 25.—Even should the United States Steel Cor-poration consent to meet representatives of the men, the nation-wide strike of steel workers could not be called off, in the opinion of John Fitzpatrick, chairman of the strikers' committee, as expressed today at the of the Senate labor committee's investigation of the strike. "The 350,000 men on strike," Fitzpatrick declared, "are going to demand from the United States Government Justice, decent justice."

Washington. Sept. 25.—Senate investigation of the nation-wide strike of steel workers, to determine whether remedial action can be taken by the Federal Government, was opened today, with John Fitzpatrick, chairman of the union committee conducting the strike as the first witness before the education and labor committee. Fitzpatrick, accompanied by William H. Rubin, counsel for the steel strikers, who at the outset of the hearing, asked what assurance had been given by Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of the United States Steel Corporation, that

#### JUDGE GARY WILL BE ASKED POINTED QUESTIONS AT PROBE

Washington. Sept. 25.—Investigation of the nation-wide steel strike by the senate labor committee, which begins today, was called to determine "if the situation in any way can be relieved by federal action."

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John Fitzpatrick, chairman of the strikers' organization, has assured the committee he would present "labor's side" of the controversy, and he was summoned as the first witness.

Judge E. H. Gary, chairman of the united States Steel Corporation, was summoned to present the other side of the controversy, but will be unable to the controversy. appear until next week. He will be asked to make a detailed statement and then submit to cross-examination.

Failure of negotiations to avert the filter of negotiations to avert the first own in the many being ordered out on sympathetic strike. committeemen said, also would be investigated, and why it was not postponed at President Wilson's re-

# TWO BOLSHEVIK

London, Sept. 25.-Fierce fighting was in progress throughout the day yesterday in the region of Pskov, southwest of Petrograd, where the Esthonians annihilated two Bolshevik regiments, according to Esthonian dispatches received here today.

#### THANKSGIVING DAY THIS YEAR WILL BE ON MONDAY, OCT. 13

November 11, Not Effective Until Next Year.

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the end of this time the conference took an adjournment until 4 o'clock this afternoon. Before the session, it was stated by the president of the union that if the conference failed to avert a strike the walkout would begin at midnight on Friday.

#### CONFERENCE BEING **HELD IN EFFORT TO** AVERT BIG STRIKE

Permanent Date Is Set For Sir Eric Geddes and British Railwaymen Discuss the Transport Problem.

London. Sept. 25.—Sir Eric Geddes, minister of transport, and the entire executive committee of the National Union of Railwaymen, conferred for two hours and a half this morning over the signing of the armistice on that the signing of the armistice on that the end of this time the conferees took in 1918, will not go into effect.

# Don't Forget!

#### Read Over These Reasons Why The Advertiser Puzzle Is a Real One

A contest with 50 cash prizes, many of which have a value each of hundreds of dollars.

A contest where every man and woman has an equal chance from A contest where the demonstration of the result is printed out so plainly that even a child can figure it out as being conclusive.

A contest that not only offers big rewards, but which those engaging in it assert is attractive because of the nature of the work t presents. An Oxford street man says: "I am working at the puzzle; it is very interesting, but takes patience to keep at it. Anyway, I am doing my best."

A contest where individual effort is rewarded in accordance with what that effort entitles you to.

A contest in which no one loses, because the money you pay is applied on subscriptions to The Advertiser. A contest where what somebody else pays does not affect what

you may win. Whatever amount you pay for The Advertiser, it has just as much winning power as what your competitors pay. A contest which has the confidence of the public. A Wellington street woman writes: "I am putting my best effort into winning one of your many prizes, because I know I will receive full measure for whatever I may be entitled to."

A contest that within five and a half weeks will result in the share in the reward?

#### STEEL STRIKE SITUATION

With no radical change reported in the actual strike centres, interest in the great struggle in the steel industry shifted today to Washington, where the labor committee of the Senate opened an investigation with the avowed intentention of discovering "if the situation in any way can be relieved by federal action. It was labor's day in court, for the first witness called was John Fitzpatrick; chairman of the National Steel Workers' Committee. The employers' turn will come next Wednesday, when E. H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the U. S. Steel Corporation, will present the case for capital.

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BOTH CLAIM ADVANTAGES.

As far as actual conditions on the battle line were concerned, the most important definite news came from the Chicago district, where both sides claimed specific and significant advantages. Steel Corporation officials announced that the steel and slab mills of the corporation at Gary would resume partial operations today, the most extensive resumption claimed in the district since the strike was declared. Offsetting this, 195 steam engineers employed in the Illinois Steel Company's plant in the same town, were called out by their local, raising again the possibility of a general strike by this most important branch of the workers.

All Ohio Mills Closed.

In the Mahoning Valley district of Ohio the complete paralysis of the industry achieved by the strikers continued, and the success on the Ohio sector was emphasized by the closing of the plant the Barmill Empire Rolling Company, with the exception of the sheet mill department, which employs only 500men. This department is the only mill now operating in Cleveland.

But the Issue in the great Pittsburg area, where both sides concede the battle must be lost or won, remains uncertain.

#### LENINE IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN **ASSASSINATED**

Rumor to This Effect in Circulation On the Paris Bourse.

Paris. Sept. 25 .- A rumor was current on the Bourse here today that Nicolai Lenine, the Russian Bolshevik premier, had been assassinated.

#### LONDON, MOOSE JAW AND SYDNEY TRYING FOR LABOR CONGRESS

Delegates at Hamilton Convention Making Every Effort to Land Next Gathering.

MINISTER MAKES SPEECH

Sir Henry Drayton Urges Cooperation in Victory Loan Campaign.

Hamilton, Sept. 25 .- Officials Moose Jaw and delegates from that city to the Dominion Trades and Labor Conselection of Moose Jaw. London and Sydney delegates are also anxious that the congress should be held next year in their cities.

Urging co-operation in the Victory Loan campaign, Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance, addressed the deleminister of finance, addressed the delegates.

"There has been a war," he declared, "and there is a mess to be cleaned up. There are our commitments to soldlers which must be fulfilled to the last letter. There is not a man in this audience who does not want to see everything possible done for the returned soldier.

"A working capital would have to be provided for the country to see that the wheels of industry did not cease to turn."

to turn."

Speaking on behalf of the Ontario Labor party, H. J. Halford, Hamilton, advocated the election of labor candidates to both Federal and Provincial parliaments. "We have got to take a stand in the political field," he declared. "It has been shown to us that we will not get anything until we send our own representatives to parliament." our own representatives to parliament."

Mr. Halford was supported by James Simpson, Toronto, who said that the trades unionists of the country needed Continued on Page Four.

### What's Doing Tonight?

THEATRES.

Majestic - Mabel Normand in "Upstairs." Grand-Mary Pickford in "The Hoodlum," and vaudeville. Patricia—Monroe Salisbury in "The Sun-Down Trail," and vaudeville.

OTHER EVENTS. King Solomon Lodge, G.R.C., A., F. and A. M.—Meets in the Masonic Temple, 7:30 p.m. Federal Labor Union-Meets at 8



John Bull (to Post-war Dismal Jimmy)-"Come, buck up! It's not so long D'Annunzio Will Not Consent ago that we were up against something worse than this!"-London Saturday

#### Garibaldi Says Italy Will Keep Fiume Even If It Means Starting New War

Paris, Sept. 25.—Havas.—The crisis through which Italy is passing is imputed to the great powers by General Giuseppi Garibaldi, in an interview printed in the Petit Parisien this worning. He reproaches them for not having given Italy all that was promised in the Treaty of London, and declares it to be the intention of the Italian people to keep Fiume, "even at the price of another war."

'It depends on Great Britain and France," he says: 'whose populations are with Italy in the Fiume affair. Whatever should be President Wilson's answer to Italy's proposals, we will say to him that this dispute is between Europeans, and must be settled between Europeans. We know the British, French and American peoples are with

## THREE PERSONS ARE KILLED WHEN BLACK HANDER'S BOMB WRECKS HOME

Restaurant Keeper Who Owned Building Had Previously Received Threatening Letters — Explosion Blows House to Pieces.

Batavia, N. Y., Sept. 25,-Black Handers are believed to be responsible for the wrecking by a bomb of the two-story dwelling of Carl Trimarchi in this city early today, killing three persons and injuring four.

The dead: Joseph Battagli, Mrs. Joseph Battagli, 2-year-old son of the Battaglis. The house was literally blown to pieces. One of the Trimarchi children was thrown into the street by the force of the explosion. The Battagli family lived upstairs and the Trimarchi family downstairs. The bodies of the former were found in the debris in the cellar. The neighbors claim that they heard two revolver shots. A man was seen running away from the scene shortly after the shots were heard. Mr. Trimarchi is a restaurant keeper. He recently has received three Black Hand

#### GEDDES AND RAILWAY \$3,000,000 INFLATION WORKERS MEETING TO IS CHARGE AGAINST DISCUSS SITUATION WINNIPEG

Nation-Wide Strike Will Be Sensational Called Friday Unless Settlement Is Reached.

London, Sept. 25 .- Sir Eric Geddes,

#### Developments | Due to Investigation of Railway Company's Books.

Winnipeg, Sept. 25 .- Charges that standardization of wages be settled. In the event the situation is not adjusted, according to J. H. Thomas, secretary of the union, a strike that will be nation-wide, will be called on Friday.

The oblight was in the said of the sensational developments at the meeting of the Buffalo. of the union, a strike that will be nation-wide, will be called on Friday.

The cabinet was in session yesterday afternoon for three hours, and discussed the situation. An announcement after the meeting said the government was willing to continue negotiations with the union, it being declared a "misunderstanding" existed. Members of the union are now working under an agreement with the government, by which the men will continue to draw their war-time wages until December 31. The sudden demand for an immediate settlement, therefore, came as a surprise yesterday, and there were hints that the union's action was of political significance.

#### Italian Forces Advancing On Jugo-Slav Towns On Adriatic Coast--Plans Are Under Way To Restore Throne To Nicholas Peace Conference Circles Are Greatly Alarmed Over Latest

#### ITALIAN MINISTERS IN DILEMMA OVER FIUME SITUATION

Members of Cabinet Regard **Present State of Affairs** As Serious.

Slightest Compromise.

Rome, Sept. 25.—Cabinet ministers grave. do not conceal the enormous gravity of the situation, and the serious difficulty. not to say the impossibility, of finding a satisfactory solution to the Fiume problem. They do not want to use force against Capt. d'Annunzio, wishing to avoid fratricidal conflict, and it is said that this hesitation may be partially due to the fact that troops tion of the city Trau, about fifteen are hints, too, that a governmental ordered against the poet's forces might miles northwest of Spainto. Further refused to obey orders.

Persuasion, it is said here, is useless without agreeing to Capt. d'Annunzio's ders, reports from Rome indicating conditions—the annexation of the port there is a virtual reign of terror at of Fiume and the hinterland to Italy proper. It is asserted that if the Italian Government should accept such conditions, she would have against her not only her allies, but her erstwhile enemies, headed by Jugo-Slavia, which perhaps would already have acted but for internal troubles and the lack of a responsible man in power. The Italian The Italian

# **ROYAL GEORGE AND BALTIC BRINGING**

Both Liners Are Expected To Dock in Next Few Days.

Ottawa. Sept. 25.—The Royal George, carrying 71 officers and 451 other ranks, will reach Halifax on or about September 28. She carries 5 officers and 139 other ranks for Halifax dispersal area: 23 officers and 168 other ranks for Toronto and 16 officers and 67 other ranks for Winnipes. There are small drafts for other dispersal areas.

The liner Baltic is also on her way across and should reach Quebec about September 27. She has 31 officers and 206 men on board, and 195 of the latter are for Quebec dispersal area.

#### THE WEATHER LOCAL TEMPERATURES

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 69; lowest, 49.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 68; lowest, 50.

TOMORROW-FAIR AND COOL. Toronto Sept. 25—8 a.m.
Forecasts.
Strong west to northwest winds, decreasing tonight; fair and quite coot tonight and on Friday.
Temperatures.

Kingston 70 52 Fair Ottawa 60 48 Rain Montreal 54 48 Cloudy Quebec 56 48 Cloudy Father Point. 48 38 Cloudy Weather Notes.

A disturbance which is moving eastward across the Ottawa Valley has caused showers over Northern and Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

Light showers have also occurred in Manitoba. Elsewhere the weather has been fair.

It has been comparatively cool in nearly all parts of the Dominion.

Turn in Events-Reign of Terror Reported To Be Prevailing at Dalmatian Town On Montenegro's Frontier-Garibaldi Says Serious Results Will Follow Unless Italians Are Allowed To Settle Fiume Question According to the Will of the People.

lation of Captain Gabriele d'Annunzio, whose dramatic seizure of Fiume centered the attention of the world on the PERSUASION IS USELESS Italian leaders are reported to be advancing on Spalato, Sebenico and Trau, important towns along the coast which have been under the control of Jugoare plainly concerned over the situa-

Jugo-Slavs Overpowered.

Belgrade advices declare Italian soldiers have overpowered a small Jugo-Slav force at Toguire and have entered the town. It is probable that the place south, there appear also to be disor-

the frontier of Montenegro. Nicholas To Get Throne.

Italians plan to restore King Nicholas will of the people." He said the city Government was the first to recognize he was ousted by action of the national Italian Covernment was sending sup

Paris, Sept. 25.—Apparently in emu- the national assembly has never been recognized by the royal Montenegrin headquarters near Paris for several months. King Nicholas is the father of Queen Helena of Italy.

May Consider Compromise.

So far as known definitely no answer to proposals made by Italy relative to Fiume has been received from Presiunofficial Italian circles that it has arrived. There is a disposition on the part of the Italians to reject any pro-

General Guiseppe (Peppino) Garibaldi Ragusa, a Dalmatian town, close to who arrived here yesterday declared: "Serious results would follow if Italians In addition there are rumors that the the Flume question according to the

# considered by said to be almost considered the strongest states man possessed by Italy. He has considered be expecting the warment by Nationalists and Baron Sonnini. Besides the present chamber of deputies may be said to be almost considered dilegal and hardly representing the will of the people, since its term expired during the war, being prolonged to avoid general elections during the conflict. It is pointed out that this naturally weakens the significance of the support given the cabinet. Hope is entertained that the crown council will succeed in bringing about an agreement by all parties on a stable policy. IS SPREADING ALONG ADRIATIC

Another War Is Feared Among Italians and People in the

of deputies have signed a demand for a secret session of the chamber "Do you want another war?" asks the Messaggero in commenting on reports from Fiume and Dalmatia, showing that the D'Annunzio movement is spreading and that others are trying to repeat at Zara, Sebenico. Spalato, Trau and other chief centres of Italian population along the Adriatic his achievement at Fiume. The immense gravity of the situa-

#### CANADIAN TROOPS Predicts Campaign Will Be Launched Against Tobacco

Leamington Man Sees This As Next Move Following Referendum.

Leamington, Sept. 25 .- "In Toronto at the present moment there are ten tons of printed anti-tobacco propaganda ready to flood the country should the referendum on October 20 be in favor tial evidence which the police say will of continuing the province under the yoke of the Ontario temperance act," B. Proteau, who are now in custody said Chairman Hes Milkins at the inaugural meeting of the Liberty League held here Wednesday evening.

"Should these people succeed in cur tailing our liberties on the liquor question their next move will be to cut at the very root of an honorable occupation that means bread and butter to hundreds of families."

#### **ALFONSO CONSULTS** FRENCH SPECIALIST

Sanish King Receives an Enthusiastic Welcome At Bordeaux.

Bordeaux, France, Sept. 25 .- King Alfonso of Spain, who has not visited France since 1914, arrived here incognito last night by automobile from San discussion in the chamber of deputies on the peace treaty, Foreign Minister Pichon upheld the right of British around the hotel to welcome the Spandominions to membership in the league ish sovereign. King Alfonso came here to nations. He declared France had no colony companied with the second colony colon to consult Dr. Moure, and will remain

#### tion is now thoroughly understood by everybody. **POLICE AND FARMERS** OF OUEBEC SEARCH FOR BANDITS' LOOT

The Authorities Are Confident Money Taken From Ocean Limited Will Be Recov-

ered.

Quebec, Sept. 25 .- With circumstan prove that George Topping and J. T. are the masked bandits who stole \$71,000 from the mail car of the Ocean Limited train on the morning of September 18, the police are now turning their attention to the recovery of the missing money, and they are confident that within two days at least the stolen banknotes will have been found. The theatre of police operations has again shifted to the County of Mont magny, and there the police and the farmers are busily engaged in hunting in every nook and corner in the woods and in every barn and stable in the entire district, trying to find the money. The preliminary investigation into the case of Topping and Proteau has been adjourned to await the arrival of Peter Bercovitch, K.C., who is acting for Lloyds Agency in the case.

#### PICHON UPHOLDS RIGHT OF BRITISH DOMINIONS TO LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP

Paris. Sept. 25.—In the course of the discussion in the chamber of deputies three million men during the