I was doing some research on a Company called Charleston Steel, (not to be confused with the current Charleston Steel in Dunbar) This Charleston Steel was built in Rand WV

It appears that the company went out of business after the government interned the German who ran the plant due to WW1. Then the government took the plant over and was in the process of turning it into a mustard gas chemical plant. The plant became an offshoot of the Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland. They spent a million dollars installing all the tanks and equipment for making chlorine, which is used to make mustard gas. Like Nitro however, the plant never made anything because the war ended first.

Charleston Steel, (now the Edgewood Arsenal) along with the Charleston Chemical Company (which was almost next door and was also making war chemicals) was located up river just beyond the Dickinson Salt Works, about where Carver School is now.

In April 1918 construction was begun on a large-scale mustard plant and in the next month on a chlorine plant. The chlorine plant, which when completed had two 50-ton units with a total capacity of 100 tons of liquid chlorine a day, was the largest plant of its kind in the United States at that time. These plants collectively were on 4 May 1918 designated “Edgewood Arsenal,” an installation of the Army Ordnance Department.
The property involved in the transfer was owned largely by local interests. The Charleston Steel Company was organized about two years ago and after operating for a short time failed. The company was reorganized under the style of the Charleston Alloy Steel company but again failed.

An interesting feature in connection with the transaction is that Johannes Schoenawa, who was in charge of the operation in the manufacture of steel, was some time ago interned by the government as a German enemy alien.

The property includes numerous buildings, equipment for the manufacture of steel and about 30 acres of ground.