

### CALL OUT ALL BAY CITIES

### Small Says Western Union Violated Agreement With Commissioner Neill.

### STRIKE WILL BE GENERAL

### Operators' President Accuses Officials of Intimidation—Many Unions Declare for Struggle in Every City.

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 10.—President Samuel J. Small, of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, said today: "The union telegraphers are going to quit telegraphing tomorrow everywhere, including Alameda County and San Francisco. The prevailing sentiment is to strike."

"At the Western Union headquarters in Oakland the union telegraphers are sitting at the edge of their chairs waiting for me to blow the whistle for a strike. They will be justified in striking right now, as the company officials have not lived up to the agreement."

"There will be a meeting tomorrow at 1 o'clock of the local union at its headquarters in Sunset Hall, when the strike situation will be discussed and a conclusion will be arrived at, which will determine the hour of the strike here. At a meeting the following resolution will be acted upon:

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"Whereas, by the action of the Western Union officials in San Francisco in violating both the letter and spirit of the agreement of San Francisco and Oakland between the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Department of Commerce and Labor, and

"Whereas members in a number of cities in the United States quit their positions in consequence of the discrimination and intimidation practiced by the officials of the Western Union Company in San Francisco, and

"Resolved, that the local executive board of local union No. 34, Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, recommend that its national president call on every member employed by the Western Union in San Francisco and Alameda County to leave his or her key at his or her home."

Further discussing the problem, Mr. Small said:

"The men ran out of the Western Union office in San Francisco when the last strike was called off. They were completely walk out. I do not intend to give the Western Union any warning this time. We were entirely too lenient with them."

"The strike seems inevitable here. It is hard to say when the men will walk out. It is likely to be at any moment. This, of course, will be of their own volition."

### Strike Spirit Everywhere.

The following telegrams were received by Mr. Small this morning:

**KANSAS CITY, Aug. 9.**—Western Union will quit tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock to decide whether its members will go on strike or remain at their keys. There is no word as to whether a majority either one way or the other and the result of the vote is a matter of conjecture. One quiet canvass is said to have disclosed a sentiment in favor of striking among the men who were identified in the first trouble with the company and who, it is said, were cramped financially by the strike.

The following telegram was received by President Small of the Telegraphers' Union from Ethelbert Stewart, the representative of the Western Union, who is at Los Angeles:

"I have been informed that you have called a meeting for tomorrow for a vote as to whether the strike shall be called at San Francisco and Oakland. I trust this is not true. Even to vote on such a proposition there inside of 30 days from July 15, would indicate a willingness to break that agreement and to strike there would end all possibility of a settlement here."

Mr. Small sent the following reply:

"Report not correct. To hint at willingness on our part to break the agreement sounds like a huge joke. I would respectfully suggest that you return to Oakland and investigate carefully. You will find that Manager O'Brien and Chief Operator Jeffs have broken the agreement every hour of the day since July 15. The matter cannot be settled locally. See my telegram to Wooten."

Mr. Small's reference to Wooten means that the latter wired him today asking if the reinstatement of Mr. Ryan, the operator whose discharge caused the walk-out would result in a settlement of the strike. Mr. Small replied that the Los Angeles strike had ceased to be a local one and, it having become national, he was no longer able to control it.

### PREDICTS GENERAL STRIKE

### New York Leader Expects It—Companies Are Ready.

**NEW YORK, Aug. 10.**—A strike of the 300 telegraphers in New York in sympathy with the Chicago strike is to be considered at a meeting being called for tomorrow. President A. H. Ahearn, of the local union, said early today:

"It is likely that New York will be involved in the strike, as the company has done all in its power to prevent a strike, but the company has not acted fairly. I think the strike will become general throughout the country."

Officials of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies who yesterday expressed the belief that the strike in Chicago would prove to be local in its nature, said today that the situation was such that preparations were being made to handle the business in case the men walked out. Minor officials and clerks of both companies, who have not worked at the keys for years will be called upon to

man the wires, while non-union men who remain at work will be given opportunities of making double time. When a strike was threatened several weeks ago the Western Union purchased scores of cots to take care of the strike-breakers in the main office of the company if necessary. The company officials believe that they will effectively break the strike, should it be called, within a short time. They assert that the union does not control over 10 per cent of the telegraphers here and the union treasury is empty. President Ahearn denied today that the local union was without funds, and any number of telegraphers could finance a long strike.

### ONLY HALF NORMAL BUSINESS

### Western Union Crippled at Los Angeles—Neill's Man Investigates.

**LOS ANGELES, Aug. 10.**—The Western Union has 22 operators at work today and there was no congestion of business in any direction. The office was working directly with Chicago and New York and there was only the normal amount of business on the lines. It was stated, however, that the business with New York, where the union operators were working with the non-union men here, was moving slowly. Only 200 messages were handled yesterday against 600, which is a normal day's business.

There were no developments regarding the local Postal operators. The local office is working direct with Philadelphia and St. Louis instead of Chicago, the usual western relay point. This is to obviate the necessity of forcing the union operators to work with the men of the Chicago Postal office who have refused to go out, thus endangering friction and a possible walk-out here. Business was slow, and the Postal office and messages were being taken to Chicago subject to delay.

Ethelbert Stewart, special representative of the Department of Commerce and Labor, at Washington, arrived in the city today, and held a long conference with Western Union officials over strike conditions. He said he believed that there was possibility of settlement of the local differences and that he would make such an attempt.

"I came here on the order of Commissioner Neill to investigate and ascertain the true conditions relative to this strike. My report of local conditions will be made to Mr. Neill direct, and I can say nothing at this time regarding them. I am here to investigate the strike, and a short time, as conditions elsewhere require my attention."

### POSTAL MEN JOIN BROTHERS

### Nearly Every Kansas City Operator Idle—Demands Are Prepared.

**KANSAS CITY, Aug. 10.**—All the Postal telegraph operators in this city, with the exception of the wire chiefs, quit work today. They demand an increase of 15 per cent in wages and an eight-hour day.

The executive committee of the Western Union strikers met today and formulated demands which will be presented to the superintendent of the local Western Union office next Monday. They include an increase of 15 per cent in wages and an eight-hour day.

George Brownson, local manager of the Western Union, stated that he had about 30 operators at work at the main office, as indicated by the strike yesterday. On the other hand Cal E. Ryle, who has charge of the strike for the operators, declared that none of the strikers had gone back to work and that the Western Union force consisted of the wire chiefs, the four or five operators who failed to go out yesterday, and a few operators who were still closed. The strikers agreed to let the Board of Trade operators go to work, the board and not the Western Union to pay the strikers. Pickets were ordered at all Western Union offices.

The two day Western Union operators at Sedalia, Mo., struck today.

### SEATTLE MEN AWAIT ORDERS

### Ready to Strike Whenever Union Gives the Word.

**SEATTLE, Aug. 10.**—(Special.)—Local telegraph operators intend to abandon their keys the minute they receive notice that they are expected by the National union. A meeting of the local union has been held and the telegraph operators of Seattle voted by a bare majority to promptly obey any order issued by the strikers at a meeting appointed a picket committee, and it was the sentiment that the men return when the trouble was settled at Chicago and elsewhere. We have no word as to whether other centers now affected by the strike.

### Helena Office Is Silent.

**HELENA, Mont., Aug. 10.**—There is no change in the Western Union strike situation. So far as known the company has made no effort to displace the strikers. The strikers at a meeting appointed a picket committee, and it was the sentiment that the men return when the trouble was settled at Chicago and elsewhere. We have no word as to whether other centers now affected by the strike.

### W. U. at Standstill at Salt Lake.

**SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 10.**—Business in the local office of the Western Union was almost at a standstill today. The only man at work was Manager W. L. Jones. Chief Operator McDonald having worked all night. The Postal operators remained at work today.

The force of 20 messenger boys employed by the Western Union did not report for duty today. Manager Long having refused their summary demand for an increase in pay. They asked for half a cent more on each message delivered and an increase of \$5 per month for district service.

### Both Offices Idle at Topeka.

**TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 10.**—Both the Western Union and Postal Companies here were parties tied up this morning. The managers of the two companies today are handling the work.

### Paëblo Men Follow Denver.

**PUEBLO, Colo., Aug. 10.**—Because they were asked to work with non-union men at Denver, the local Western Union operators went on strike at 1:15 this afternoon.

### Only Manager Stays at Work.

**MERIDIAN, Miss., Aug. 10.**—The Western Union operators struck today, except Manager Head, who is taking all messages subject to delay.

### Nashville Men Join Strike.

**NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 10.**—Sixty-five telegraphers of the Western Union struck at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

### Jackson, Miss., Keys Silent.

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### Postal Men Out at Dallas.

**DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 10.**—The Postal operators here struck today. About 25 or 30 men are out.

### OFFER IS REJECTED

### Stewart's Effort at Mediation in Strike Fails.

### NO LONGER LOCAL FIGHT

### Los Angeles Operators Say Other Unions Must First Approve.

### Will Draft Counter Proposition to the Company.

**LOS ANGELES, Aug. 10.**—With Ethelbert Stewart, representative of the Commissioner of Labor, acting as intermediary, negotiations have been commenced in an attempt to settle the strike of the Western Union telegraphers. Following the statement of the company's position by Assistant General Superintendent Miller, of San Francisco, that official gave Mr. Stewart a list of the conditions on which the men might return to work. The proposals were laid before a meeting of the Los Angeles telegraphers and unanimously rejected. Following this the union appointed a committee, which was instructed to formulate demands upon behalf of the operators.

**Company's Offer of Terms.**

The proposal submitted to the men through Mr. Stewart was the first reply the local Western Union officials have made to several communications from the operators. Mr. Miller, according to the statement, offered to take back all the men who walked out and give them their former positions at their former salaries. Exception was made, however, in the case of Night Chief Operator E. E. Nye, who, it was stated, would be made late night chief, with a reduction of \$9 per month in salary, and an operator who was employed as secretary of one of the officials, in whose case offer is made of a salary slightly less than he is said to have received.

It is specified that the case of John Ryan, the operator whose discharge precipitated the walkout in this city, may be taken up by himself or a committee of employees after the men return to work under the terms of the letter addressed by Colonel Clowry to Labor Commissioner Neill last June. If Mr. Ryan justifies himself in the investigation that will ensue, he will be reinstated, according to the proposal, and paid for the time that he has lost.

**Await Other Unions' Approval.**

Half a dozen speeches were made by members when the offer was laid before the meeting. The operators were in favor of rejecting the offer and this was done by unanimous vote. The operators then decided to prepare a counter-proposition to be submitted through Mr. Stewart, but in appointment of a committee it was stipulated that there would be no settlement of the local strike without first obtaining the approval of the Western Union strikers throughout the country.

Demands formulated by the Telegraphers' Union and which will be presented to the superintendent of the Western Union officials are as follows:

"Reinstatement of Ryan, Night Chief Picket, and all other operators without prejudice; operators here not to be asked to work on wires with non-union men; a 25 per cent increase in salaries; an eight-hour day; the company to furnish typewriters; equal pay for equal work, and, finally, recognition of the union."

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