

UNION MEN NOT FORCED TO WALK

Strikers Unwilling to Work Hardship on Residents of Suburbs.

STILL HOPE FOR VICTORY

General Organizer Burton Arrives From San Francisco and Addresses Carmen-By No Means Discouraged Over Outlook.

With the purpose of galvanizing the streetcar strike into some semblance of life, W. G. Burton, general organizer for the Streetcar Men's Union, reached Portland last night and addressed the strikers at Drew Hall. The men announced last night they would continue the fight and win if it took all winter.

Organizer Burton comes from San Francisco. After meeting the men last night he said: "I have no doubt that we shall win the strike. I approve of the way it has been carried on from the start. It may take all winter, but we are prepared for it. The international organization will back the men financially and otherwise. The prospects for winning are bright. We will by no means call the strike off."

Mr. Burton would not disclose the methods by which he plans to win the strike, but it is intimated that persuasion is to be the basis. It is hoped to persuade the men now on the cars to join with the strikers in forcing the company to sign the agreement presented by the strikers' committee last Saturday.

How successful this movement will be remains to be seen. Mr. Burton and strike leaders expect it will work out. However, the unions have decided to remove the ban on the cars and to permit union members to ride when it would work a hardship on them to walk.

A resolution was adopted last night allowing union members to ride to and from work without violation of union rules. The resolution follows:

Text of the Resolutions. Whereas, Several sister unions have seen fit to place signs on their members for riding on cars during present strike of Union No. 141; and

Whereas, The Carmen's Union deeply appreciates this action, but not wishing to force undue hardship on our fellow workers, some of whom live many miles from the heart of the city; be it

Resolved, That the Carmen's Union, No. 141, does hereby request our sister unions that the privilege of riding to and from work between the hours of 5 to 8 A. M. and 4 to 7 P. M. be granted until further notice.

STRIKERS COMMITTEE. Richard Cornelius, district organizer of the international carmen's organization, will not come to Portland immediately. He is detained in San Francisco for a time but is expected here later.

PROBATIONARY MARRIAGE PLAN TRIED BY PORTLAND COUPLE

After Two Years of Tentative Matrimony, Husband Decides It Failure and Will Dissolve Tie.

PROBATIONARY marriage has been tried by a Portland couple and found wanting. After two years of tentative matrimony, separation in about to result in this case. The bride, of course, declares the arrangement a miserable failure, despite the glowing writings of more theorists which have been much in vogue of late. The groom, however, is more inclined to be satisfied with the plan, since it saves the necessity of procuring a divorce and making a division of property.

The contracting parties are Andrew Coughran and Sarah E. Keys, both Portland people. Coughran appears at the county courthouse yesterday morning to seek advice that will enable him to secure an order of court dissolving the matrimonial partnership under which they have been living together for very near two years. He said to an official of the County Clerk's office that he had concluded life with his supposed affinity is not a success and so he intends asking an order of court releasing him from the partnership.

city last night with the exception of the Lower Albina line. A service that was practically regular was given. Reserves of police were held at the station last night as usual, but it was decided not to hold the men hereafter. In case of trouble at any point, there will be enough regular officers to handle it.

Hold Mass Meeting Tonight.

Carmen on strike and sympathizers with the strike are to meet tonight at Merrill's hall. There will be speeches by strike leaders and other union men. Public sentiment in behalf of the strikers is to be expressed.

CONDUCTOR IS ASSAULTED.

Passengers Take His Part and Throw Assault Off Car. A man claiming to be a fireman, but who is thought to be either a striker or a strike sympathizer, assaulted Conductor Blair on a Sixteenth-street car last night at 6 o'clock. The fellow was roughly handled by passengers, who took the part of the conductor, and he was finally thrown off the car.

The conductor asked for the man's fare when the car reached the corner of Fourteenth and Washington streets, but received the answer: "I am a fireman." The conductor asked to see the man's badge, but the passenger roughly declined to produce his credentials. After going through the car, Conductor Blair returned to the rear platform and an alleged fireman struck him, apparently without provocation. The conductor wears glasses and they were knocked off and his face cut. Passengers then interfered.

UNIONS OBJECT TO STREETCAR COMPANY'S HEATING FRANCHISE.

Unions men are circulating petitions for the signatures of citizens asking that the ordinance granting a franchise to the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company for the operation of a steam-heating plant be referred to the people under the referendum at the next general election. The petitions are being signed by a number of people, and it is said by union men that 250 signatures, which is the required 15 per cent of the votes cast at the last election, will doubtless be secured. This number will be sufficient to get the proposition placed on the ballots.

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AT THE THEATERS

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"The Yankee Consul" at the Hellig. Abjiah Boose, Harry Short, Don Rafael Deschardo, W. V. Stranz, Herr Gubeler, L. R. Jefferson, Captain Leopoldo, James Brennan, Lieutenant-Commander Jack Morrell, Charles Jackson, Carlos, George Averill, Sanchez, W. J. Samuels, Nunez, Arthur Lea, Felipe, Harry Jackson, Rodrigo, Wallace Jenkins, Miguel, George Johnson, Vasquez, George Dobson, Donna Teresa, Margaret Flavin, Bonita, Isabel Carroll, Papinta, Elaine Von Thiele, Juana, Kathryn Howard, Inez, Datsy Beaura, Estrella, Elsie Murray, Blanca, Juns May.

FOR the second time within a year "The Yankee Consul" departed before a well-pleased audience at the Hellig last night. It was almost 9:30 o'clock when the curtain rang up on the first act and the company must have been dead tired with the long lingering of a belated train, but in spite of that and Harry Short's hoarseness the show went with commendable vim. I don't understand why they label it a comic opera, for a musical comedy by any other name remains a musical comedy still. It is a typical Sauge piece, although the Boston magazine has said it. All about one of those Latin-American republics that John Barrett knows so much about, there is a rakish representative of Uncle Sam, a pompous Governor, a batch of Castilian maidens, a few times removed, a revolution and a lot of fol-de-rol.

Harry Short, who has Raymond Hitchcock's role of Abjiah Boose, the Consul, looks like Henry Tral, has many of his mannerisms and consequently is a highly diverting comedian. He had a cold that would cloud a window-pane last night but notwithstanding sang his numbers well enough, but the audience will allow and gets away with the part beautifully. The company voices are possessed by Elaine Von Thiele, who plays Papinta, and James Brennan, who plays the Governor. Margaret Flavin, a good character actress, makes considerable of Donna Teresa and Isabel Carroll's Bonita is very attractive. The chorus, particularly the "pony" section, is decidedly effective in the dances and the ensemble singing. The chorus men, by the way, sing exceptionally well, their rendition of the "We Come of Castilian Blood" number with Brennan doing the solo end of the sketch being the best thing, musically, in the performance. The familiar songs "Ain't It Funny What a Difference Just a Few Hours Make," "My San Domingo Maid" and "In the Days of Old" were all well given and received repeated recalls. The costumes are somewhat the worse for wear but the scenery is adequate.

"The Yankee Consul" will serve nicely to entertain those who are fond of musical comedy and I am fully justified in recommending it to all such. The engagement runs until Saturday night and includes a Saturday matinee.

PERSONAL MENTION.

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The secretary's report shows a total membership of 228, giving an increase of 75 since the last annual report. There have been two deaths during the year, John R. Foster and Charles W. Knowles. The total deaths since the temple was organized 19 years ago, number 67. Of 21 charter members, 10 have died.

The treasurer reports the funds in the bank amounting to \$5212.95. In addition to this there are stocks and bonds drawing dividends and interest.

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Bundles frequently got mixed at the counters, but then the cars were running outside and so it didn't matter, considering one could ride home after the presents were all selected and bought.