

STRIKING CARMEN IN MASS MEETING

Large Audience at Merrill's Hall Cheers Speakers and Denounces Company.

MEN WILL FIGHT TO END

After Leaving Hall, Strike Sympathizers Gather at Third and Washington Streets and Jeer Carmen—Police Called Out.

CHIEF GRITZMACHER WARNS CITIZENS.

Chief of Police Gritzmacher made the following statement to The Oregonian last night:

"There have been persistent rumors to the effect that the hoodlum element, which started and kept the strike of last Saturday night, will attempt to repeat their tricks on the downtown streets tonight. Whether they will do so, I cannot state, of course, but I do say most positively that there will be no such disgraceful scenes as those, for the police are ready to act and to act vigorously—just as vigorously as the occasion may demand. I urge all law-abiding people to remain off the streets, if possible, and if they have business in the main transit, I wish them to keep moving and not congregate anywhere. This will help the police, who will have to enforce order, and in case of riots or disturbances, all necessary force will be used."

Striking Carmen and others in sympathy with the present strike held an enthusiastic meeting in Merrill's Hall last night. Numerous remedies were suggested for the often-recurring labor trouble, and the speakers advised its usual grilling from the speakers.

H. D. Wagner counseled municipal ownership. William R. McGarry advised arbitration. P. Fischer, a striking Carmen, said the solution of the situation is to fight it out to the bitter end.

J. Ludwig, president of the Federated Trade Council, presided. The hall was filled with working people, and many unable to find seats were compelled to stand. There was plenty of enthusiasm throughout the session. Thunderous applause greeted the remarks of the speakers, and appeals for assistance to help the Carmen win the strike won loud responses.

H. D. Wagner was the first speaker and took up the phases of the strike which were awaiting a hearing on municipal control and suggested public ownership as the best means of securing fair treatment for Carmen and at the same time eliminating labor trouble.

P. McDonald, editor of the Labor Press, was the next speaker. He was one of the committee which waited upon General Moses Fullilove with the agreement for the company to sign, and he told the story of the present strike from its inception.

William R. McGarry read a bill he will present to the coming session of the Legislature calling for arbitration of all disputes between employers and employees. The proposed law also guards against discrimination against any employee. This is something that Mr. McGarry said is carried on under the present photograph system required by the Portland Railway Company.

Conductor Makes Address.

P. Fischer, a conductor out on strike, addressed the gathering, asking the sympathy of the public of Portland in the sight of the Carmen against the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company. He expressed a determination to fight to the bitter end, and said that the sight is won this time it will mark the end of a streetcar union in Portland.

H. G. Parsons said labor is organized to prevent and not to foster strikes. He told what organization has done for Carmen in the cities of the Pacific Coast and predicted ultimate victory for the local union.

J. Nelson talked bitterly against the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company and against other aggregations of capital. He said that if the City Council of Portland gave the valuable franchises held by the streetcar company to it for nothing, the Councilmen are too stupid to know what they are doing. They did not give the franchises away, they are known as the first water and the place for them is in the penitentiary and not in the City Council. These remarks were universally cheered.

E. Milton Runyon, President of Alert Bible Class of the White Temple.



The banquet music was furnished by an orchestra and a number of short addresses were made. W. M. Kinney acted as master of ceremonies and the speakers given. E. Milton Runyon, president of the club, was the principal speaker and delivered a forcible and brilliant address. Dr. Brougher closed the programme with a short address which made a hit. The success of the banquet and entertainment was largely due to Mrs. Daniels and other women of the church.

THIELEMANNS NOT GUILTY

Saloonkeeper and Sons Acquitted of Charges Made by the Police.

A jury in the Municipal Court brought in a verdict of not guilty last night in the case of the city against William Thielemann, proprietor of the Lion Saloon, Fourth and Franklin, charged with conducting a disorderly house and enticing a minor into a disorderly house; William Thielemann, Jr., charged with interfering with an officer; Ellerbrook charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, and Oswald Thielemann, charged with being a member of a disorderly house.

Captain of Detectives Bruun and Acting Detective Price were the prosecuting witnesses.

The police declare the verdict a miscarriage of justice, and say their evidence was strong and ample sufficient to convict. Chief of Police Gritzmacher said Mr. Swigert had never put on a safety appliance on the cars; when he had some authority with the local company, until forced to do so. He charged that the present strike fenders were only put on when the company compelled to adopt them and the speaker further said that the Carmen have organized labor in this state to thank for the present vestiges on the cars for he said Mr. Swigert never installed them until compelled to do so.

Mr. H. Howell commented on the combination of capital in the country and told of the value of labor in helping the laboring man hold his own against overwhelming odds. He spoke of the appeal of C. F. Swigert to the Carmen at the Savier-street barn last week to work regardless of opposition and asked that the Carmen had never risked his life for the Carmen as he asked Carmen to do for the company. He said Mr. Swigert had never put on a safety appliance on the cars; when he had some authority with the local company, until forced to do so. He charged that the present strike fenders were only put on when the company compelled to adopt them and the speaker further said that the Carmen have organized labor in this state to thank for the present vestiges on the cars for he said Mr. Swigert never installed them until compelled to do so.

Demonstration in Street.

For the first time since the riotous demonstrations of last Saturday and Sunday, the police were called out at 10:30 o'clock last night to quiet a large crowd of strikers and strike sympathizers now more bound from the mass meeting in Merrill's Hall. The men marched down Washington street from Sixth street, bearing banners relative to the trouble, and hundreds of people thronged to see what might occur.

The cry of "scab" was raised several times by a single voice as the crowd moved along Washington street and at Third street—the scene of the Saturday night riots—it was taken up and screamed by scores, as trolleycars, manned by conductors and motorists who refused to strike, wheeled by. The crowd grew so loud that Captain Bailey, commanding the reserves at headquarters, dispatched Sergeant Buty with a squad of patrolmen to keep order.

There seemed to be little, if any, disposition to create trouble, however,

and the police soon returned to headquarters.

Hoodlums in Lower Albina threw rocks at an L car last night and drenched a motorman with a bucket of water. Torpedoes were placed on the track in that section of the city by unknown persons.

Torpedoes which were exploded by an Irvington car at East Fifteenth and Multnomah streets last night at 10 o'clock frightened passengers inside the car. Women were in a panic and thought the car was being shot at. The police were sent for and two officers conducted an investigation.

Complete Service on All Lines.

The first complete evening service since last Saturday night, when the strike started, was given by the Portland Railway Company last night. Cars were run on all lines and the last embarrassment Christmas shoppers have felt on account of the strike was removed.

Numerous men are being broken in by the Portland Railway Company to take the places of the men who have gone out on strike. The company is about 75 men short, including deserters and the 23 men discharged on the Portland Railway Company lines.

Thirty men were broken in Thursday on the city lines and 20 more were shown how to run trolley cars yesterday. More will be put out today. Large numbers of applications are received by Superintendent Cooper every day and it is expected by the company that new ones will more than offset the desertions from the ranks predicted by the strike leaders. Two men turned in their badges yesterday and quit the service, but officials believe the number who leave will be small.

Trouble between a fireman named Lewis Simon and J. J. Coffey, a motorman, led to the arrest of the former yesterday on the charge of threatening to kill the Carmen. A mob collected at the corner of Twenty-fourth and Thurman streets yesterday morning and jeered men working on the cars. Motorman Coffey says he was threatened by the fireman, who is alleged to have said he would kill the motorman.

Simon said he was a member of a crew which was hurling epithets at the Carmen and that Coffey came back where he was standing and shook his fist under the fireman's nose, at the same time calling him names. Simon denies that he made any violent threats. He was released on bail.

WHITE TEMPLE BANQUET

Sixty Persons Attend Dinner Given by the Alert Bible Club.

A banner was given last night by the Alert Bible Club of the White Temple. Plates were laid for 60, and the basement of the church was artistically decorated in the club colors of blue and white. Dur-

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at Astoria. Captain Forest, under an indictment charging murder, is now incarcerated in the Clatsop County jail at Astoria.

Courts Support Gas Trust.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Consolidated Gas Company won a victory today over numerous customers who have endeavored to reduce the rate of natural gas at the 80-cent rate fixed by the last Legislature. The appellate division of the Supreme Court affirmed an opinion of Justice Bishop of the lower court refusing to grant a writ of mandamus compelling the company to supply the gas at less rates.

Strike Ties Up Chicago Phones.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The telephone service in the downtown districts was seriously crippled yesterday, owing to the fight between the Chicago Telephone Company and its striking electrical workers. When the company sent nonunion men to the New York office to replace the strikers and induced them not to put out orders for the 410 telephones in the building, every one of which had been put out of service by the fire on Tuesday night. When regular crews wearing stars on their breasts, as special policemen, endeavored to do work of repairmen they were met with

threats of violence. At Marshall Field's new addition these men were not permitted to work because of threats of other building trades unions to walk out.

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CHRISTMAS EVE DANCE.

Monday evening, at Merrill's, December 24, the date of the big Christmas ball with Prae's full orchestra in attendance. Tickets given away. Usual admission, Charles Berry, manager.

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Captain Forest Seeks Bail.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 21.—Special

Circuit Judge McBride, sitting in court

in this city tomorrow, will hear argued a motion to admit to bail Captain Forest,

who shot and killed a member of his crew while the vessel was in the harbor.