

STRIKERS STILL LOSING GROUND

Box Factories Find no Trouble in Securing Men to Replace Them.

PLANNING MILL IS CLOSED

Thirty Men Walk Out in East Side Establishment When Refused Higher Wage Scale and a Nine-Hour Day.

STATUS OF MILL STRIKE.

Thirty men at Frank Schmidt & Co.'s planing mill walked out at noon yesterday after demanding a minimum wage of \$2.50 and a nine-hour day. Box factories continue operation of plants without any serious interference from the strikers.

Delivery of lumber to contractors was resumed yesterday after a two week's interruption. The Columbia River Loggers' Association will meet at Chamber of Commerce today to consider the advisability of resuming operation of logging camps.

Thirty-five of the 40 men employed in the planing mill of Frank Schmidt & Co. company, East Taylor and Eighth streets, walked out yesterday at noon.

They were on Monday presented a demand for a minimum wage of \$2.50 a day for nine hours' work. The mill management was given until noon yesterday to consider the request and, failing to make the concessions, the men quit work, completely crippling the plant. "We do not apprehend any serious trouble except for the inconvenience of being required to close down for a few days," said Mr. Schmidt yesterday. "We expect to be able within a few days to procure other men to take the places of the strikers."

Everything is running satisfactorily in the box factories. At the Standard Box Factory this morning 15 additional men were given work.

During the day fully 50 men applied for places in this mill, said Manager Woodcock last night, "but the management was compelled to refuse some of the applicants for the reason that all of the help offered cannot be utilized in the operation of the plant in only a part of its departments. Among those asking for employment at this mill is a number of the former mill employees, and the applicants are strangers, of whom there is an unusually large number in this city."

The Union, Multnomah and Oregon Box factories are also being run short-handed, but there is every prospect that these mills will have no trouble in equipping their plants with a full force of men whenever it may be decided to operate all departments.

Work in One Sawmill.

A small force of men was set to work in the planing and resaw departments of the Oregon and Washington lumber mill yesterday morning. Neither of the large lumber mills have undertaken to start their plants yet and owing to repairs that are in progress, they could not do so if they desired to. When the strike trouble was first presented to the managements of these mills proceeded to make an inspection of their properties and immediately began making the repairs that were found to be necessary. These repairs are not yet completed and cannot be concluded before the latter part of this week and possibly not until next week. At that time it is probable that in all probability be engaged and the plants will resume operations with a day force.

The first delivery of lumber to Portland contractors was made yesterday since the strike began more than two weeks ago. This will enable the extensive building improvements in this city and vicinity to be resumed.

The strikers appear to be losing ground daily. Yesterday the officers of the sawmillers' union authorized the shipment of all lumber that is offered for shipment. This is disastrous news for the striking millhands who have been depending on the co-operation of this union in their efforts to effectually cripple the lumber industry and the movement of all lumber. The strikers, however, will admit no compromise on their part and contend that their organization is stronger than ever.

Operations of Strikers.

The Industrial Workers of the World is now directing its efforts in two directions. It is causing the lumber mills and the box factories to be visited regularly each day, morning, noon and evening, by delegations of strikers in an effort to intimidate those laborers that are returned to work and at the same time to prevent any compromise on accepting employment. The organization is also seeking to extend its influence to the planing mills and the saw and door factories, hoping to effect the shutdown of these institutions.

Another meeting of the Columbia River Loggers' Association will be held at the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon when the strike situation will be discussed. The logging camps on the lower Columbia and its tributaries were not closed down until Saturday and in the two weeks they operated during the process of the strike several million feet of logs accumulated. Secretary R. S. Farrell of the Loggers' Association, is of the opinion that it may be decided to continue the shutdown of the camps until the surplus of logs has been exhausted, thereby avoiding all danger of glutting the market.

Wade Parks, special reporter for the Daily and Weekly People, the official paper of the Industrial Workers of the World, who is in the city assisting to direct the strike, and who also represents the strike executive committee, last night made the following statement:

Press Agent Makes a Statement.

"It has been published that the mills of this city have resumed operations. They have not. These mills are undertaking to start up Monday, but for themselves unable to do so because of their inability to get help. The Industrial Workers of the World is increasing its membership daily. There are no deficiencies among the men, who are just as enthusiastic and determined to win the fight as they were at the beginning. Some of the millowners have agreed to grant all that we have demanded in the way of increased wages and a shorter workday. We have decided not to carry the strike to the mills and other industries outside of Portland as long as those mills make no attempt to interfere with the situation in this city by disposing of their lumber in the local market. Should these mills attempt to supply the Portland market, then we will organize those mills."

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May Join the Federation.

Some of the laborers that are accepting employment in the box factories suggested to members of the Federation of Labor the practicability of organizing under the banner of the American Federation of Labor. Such an organization, to be affiliated with the Federation of Labor, may be effected when settled conditions have been restored.

"We have no disposition to interfere with the men who propose to take any hand in the present situation," said a prominent member of the Federation of Labor last night. "But when the present trouble has been adjusted and the mills have resumed operations with a full force of men, these laborers, if they so desire, will be organized and received into the American Federation of Labor. But in the meantime we are having nothing to do with the disagreement between the millhands and the millowners."

PIONEER OF 1850 DEAD

Long and Adventurous Career of William Rilea Ends.

In the death of William Rilea, yesterday afternoon, there passed away a pioneer of 1850 and the man who in 1852 owned the block of ground on which the Chamber of Commerce stands and sold the property for \$200 to get money to go to California during the mining excitement. He died at his home, No. 201 East Washington street, at the age of 77 years, of a complication of diseases.

Mr. Rilea was born in Ohio, and came across the plains to Portland in 1852 with a large train of emigrants, first settling in Portland. In 1852 he went to California, where he remained in the mines for several years, when he returned to Oregon, settling in Albany. Here he was elected City Marshal, in which capacity he served two years, and then moved to Lebanon. Seven years ago he came to Portland.

Mr. Rilea was married in 1874 to Miss Ernest Steward, who survives him. George Rilea, now at Washington, D. C., and Joshua Steward of Montevilla, are brothers of the deceased. John Rilea and Mrs. Sarah Ball, of Ohio, are his brother and sister.

CASHES FORGED CHECKS

E. G. Specht Loses \$30 by Operations of Two Swindlers.

Two forged checks for \$15 each were passed on E. G. Specht, proprietor of five cigar stores, last night, by two clever criminals, who were "made up" to represent cement workers. The checks were signed by "Elwood Wiles," and were drawn on the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank. Specht did not know of the loss he had sustained until the bank officials, in handling the checks, ascertained that Mr. Wiles had never issued them. Specht reported his case to the police yesterday morning.

It is thought by the police to be remarkable that no more checks have been reported as being passed by the two men, as the same they played in covering their clothing with lime and signing the name of Mr. Wiles, a well-known cement contractor, to the checks, was well calculated to deceive.

A CLOSE VIEW OF LINCOLN STEFFENS

MILD-MANNERED BOGIE-MAN WHO TERRIFIES THE GRAFTERS

ONE of the mildest-mannered bogie-men who ever frightened a year's growth out of a timid little political boss or captain of industry is Lincoln J. Steffens, with whom I had a rendezvous near the fearsome hour of midnight recently in the deserted lobby of the Portland Hotel.

I had kept half a dozen bellboys on the top all the night through, taking the elevator to the top, only to discover when at last he did return that he had been in Oregon City talking initiative and referendum with W. S. U'Ren. They must have had a grand little tete-a-tete during the eight hours they visited together.

Mr. Steffens is a smallish man but sturdy, in general appearance suggesting Fred Funston as he looked at the beginning of the Spanish War. He wears a brown Vandike beard and has a bookish look, but well as he knows his books he knows men better and is an eminently practical student of his brethren.

I was prepared to find him full of vainglory and dogmatism, as many of our reformers are, but in a minute after we had shaken hands that he is one of the most companionable men I have ever met. His manner is entirely unaffected, his voice is a pleasant even baritone that belongs to men with reserve power, and his smile drives away all dull care. I imagine he smiles when he is jabbing his harpoon into the corrupt politician the hardest, not for the sheer pleasure of seeing them squirm, but as an earnest to them that there is no animus back of his efforts. He is not a professor of individualism and isn't the man he is after—it is the ancient and more or less honorable institution of graft, call it by any other name you will, for one, an avowed Steffens' sinecure, the hardest nut for the shoeshiner to talk to him for half an hour and come to any other conclusion. His work isn't pleasant one. He would make just as much money writing other things, and he has enough of this world's goods to be indifferent to grub street and its venality. He is really convinced that he is discharging the hardest duty in exposing official and corporate iniquity.

ANNUAL BANQUET GIVEN BY ABOEN

Fun Fast and Furious at Gathering of Promoters of Profitable Publicity.

LINCOLN STEFFENS GUEST

Magazine Writer Enters into Jocular Spirit of Novel Entertainment and Takes Active Part in Some of the Stunts.

The most original banquet ever given in Portland perhaps was the third annual dinner of the Portland Admen's League at the Commercial Club last night. There were numerous features of the dinner that made it unique. Not for a moment did the most critical guest show any interest in the proceedings. The fun was fast and furious. A minstrel show, with jokes at the expense of prominent Portland men, was a feature, and a mock spiritualistic seance in which Lincoln J. Steffens, the magazine writer, played the part of the medium, were the bills of the evening.

During the entertainment the toastmaster, William J. Hofmann, was greeted by a squad of policemen for running a place of amusement without a license, and a detail of firemen came in and requested that the water supply of the Commercial Club be temporarily cut off, as it was needed by the Fire Department. The request was promptly granted—there was a hint of protest. Governor Chamberlain, who sat at the right hand of the toastmaster, promised to hail out Mr. Hofmann upon his arrest.

Short speeches were made by many notables and the speakers, when they began to grow weary, were summarily cut short by a stereopticon operator who flashed the significant figures "22" upon a canvas. At intervals the banquet hall would be plunged into complete darkness, while a gong sounded and a spunky voice announced the next number on the programme. Then the lights would be switched on again and the dinner would proceed. Startling surprises were the rule. Not for a moment did the interest flag, although the function lasted from 7 o'clock until 10:30.

Mr. Steffens, the guest of honor, was presented with a muck-rake. He accepted the implement gracefully and spoke very briefly, saying he did not see much use for his services in Oregon. He said, he found that the Governor of the state was the real head of the state.

Compiments of the Governor.

"There are not five Governors in the United States," said he, "who are the real governing power in the state. I have also learned that the Mayor of your city is the real head of the city. Now I don't know what is the matter with Oregon, and I am left with nothing to say—not even '22'."

The function was patterned after one of the famous Gridiron Club functions. Very clever stunts were introduced, and everyone took the "roasts" in good part. The guests of honor, who were seated at the right hand of the host, were lights suddenly went out and a voice announced through a megaphone, "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow you advertise." The lights came back and the guests found themselves seated at tables brilliant with electric lights of various kinds, from tiny incandescents that twinkled from green foliage to large shaded globes. Carmine roses, white lilies and Oregon grape foliage were the decorations of the tables.

After the cocktails had been served, the message from Chief Campbell of the Fire Department was received at the hands of a fireman in full uniform. The little German band then came in and paraded about the room. R. I. Moore spoke for five minutes on the "Objects of the Ad Men's League." He was drowned out by the Chinese gong when

his time had expired, the stereopticon man flashing "22" on a curtain at the end of the room. The room was darkened and a number of newspaper slides were shown giving the reasons assigned by a number of prominent newspaper men of the city for the superiority of their own publications. These statements were a complete surprise to the various editors whose names were taken in vain.

The lights came on and the next course was served. Live grouse were brought in, by one of the Commercial Club employees and was presented to Ira F. Powers of the Powers Furniture Company, who immediately ate some of the grouse in his advertisement.

Tom Richardson talked until he was cut off by the "22." He said the Portland Admen's League is the greatest organization of its kind in the world.

Telephones at Tables.

W. J. Tucker of the Home Telephone Company made a short talk and the guests immediately became busy using the instruments of this company, which had been installed at the tables, allowing the guests to call up any guest in the banquet room. A regulation telephone directory has been placed on each table, giving the number of each guest. This feature proved a great hit.

C. C. Chapman made a short talk, introducing Mr. Steffens, who spoke briefly. At this stage of the proceedings the waters of the club marched up to Steward Clark and announced they would not work because there were several non-union men in the house. When this difficulty was adjusted, three uniformed policemen arrived and arrested Toastmaster Hofmann. He was released after much laughable explanation.

H. M. Calkins gave a short talk, complimenting the League upon its great work and its large membership. He said Chamberlain then spoke briefly, saying that while one great transcontinental railroad entering here has given all its attention to advertising Seattle and Portland, Oregon should stand as second to no state in the Union.

George Estes held a mock election and introduced Mr. Steffens, who chose one of the Mazamas and from a convenient balcony impersonated a spiritual medium. He proclaimed the messages imparted to him from the other world by means of a telephone and made a number of clever hits on local people.

The medium was asked how George Estes could win his race, and the answer was given to a wine sipper and entertain them with the trick dog, "King."

The toastmaster explained that Councilman Steffens made a success of his business because he possessed the ability to break the city ordinances, although a City Councilman.

The speaker was asked "How does George Lemke manage to sell city realty?" The answer was "He knows how to make suckers bite."

Admen Tell of Work.

L. M. Head, of the Spokane advertising men's organization, spoke briefly, bringing greetings from the Washington organization. He said that the Admen of the Pacific Coast Advertising Men's League, also spoke, telling of the work of this organization.

Perhaps the greatest hit of the evening was made by the minstrel who appeared in the act of introducing the city as an interloper. Prominent citizens of the city were represented by dummies in the balcony. The question, "Why does Tom Richardson always eat pie for his lunch?" was asked. The answer was "Because he is a sucker." "Because Calkins does not set well on his stomach."

Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher was on the stage and made a contact with the "Plugged Nickel" in the Contribution Box.

General Manager Fuller of the Portland Admen's League, came in for his share of the fun when the interloper asked how he measured the capacity of the streets. The answer was that he found the streets multiplied by eight and added 22.

Mayor Lane was called on for a song, "The City Council Can Go to—". He sang a number of such jokes, and Mayor Steffens spoke briefly and after "Auld Lang Syne" was sung, the banquet ended.

List of the Guests.

J. W. Adams, J. C. Almsworth, Ben Albert, A. P. Armstrong, A. H. Averill, A. M. Baber, George Baker, J. H. Barbour, W. H. Barrelet, Jr., W. H. Becharrel, Jr., M. M. Binford, W. Black, Felix Black, Sol Blum, Maurice, J. L. Bowman, Scott Bosorth, H.

laration that he will not run again. "This three-term talk offends the President," said Steffens. "He wants the people to take his word for it that he positively won't run again. He told me as much J. J. Travis, George Trowbridge, Dr. J. B. Trumbull, Robert Tucker, W. J. Tucker, O. Vanderlitt, W. J. Van Schuyver, Larry Walsh, Dr. George Weidner, C. A. Warren, R. S. Warren, E. W. Wootley, Dr. J. B. Wetherbee, C. V. White, A. W. Whitmer, H. C. Whittier, J. J. Wilde, Elwood Wiles, A. L. Willert, Harry Wood, M. E. Worrell, J. L. Wright, Dr. B. E. Wright, Charles York.

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C. L. Blackman, fiscal agent, and Arthur Levin, trustee of the Lost Bullion Spanish Mines Company, charged with using the mails to defraud, which was set for hearing before United States Commissioner Hinsdale today, was indefinitely postponed on application of the Government attorneys, and the matter will be brought to the attention of the Federal Grand Jury.

NATIONAL Honors to Berthelot.

PARIS, March 19.—The newspapers here unite in recognizing that in the death of M. Berthelot, the celebrated chemist, who was Foreign Minister in the Bourgeois Cabinet, France lost her greatest scientist. The Chamber of Deputies today, after voting \$4000 for the expenses of the National funeral of M. Berthelot, adjourned out of respect for the memory of the dead.

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