

NO ONE TO RIDE CITY OF ITS GARBAGE

New York's Streets Piled High With Refuse; Collectors Are On Strike.

GRAVE PERIL TO HEALTH

Authorities Unable to Induce Men to Take Place of Strikers—Unless Help Arrives Epidemic Is Threatened.

NEW YORK, June 30.—New York City is experiencing an impressive demonstration as to what extent the comfort of the millions is dependent upon the handful, comparatively, of citizens ordinarily engaged in collecting garbage and delivering it. Two thousand garbage collectors and an equal number of horse-drawn drivers are on strike, and the city is in peril of an epidemic of disease.

The garbage situation is the most serious, and unless speedily remedied, the possibilities of evil are startling. The health department, which, upon direction of Mayor McCellan, assumed responsibility when the street-cleaning department proved unequal to the emergency, is exhausting its almost unlimited resources, but tonight, the best that Dr. Darlington has to offer was that three hundred men would be at work tomorrow morning. As 155 carts are required to remove each day's accumulation, and the work is six days behind.

The great obstacle encountered by the department in the deep-rooted sentiment among men who work for wages that one may not honorably take the place of a striker. Three dollars a day, board and permanent employment is offered, but that has attracted few. Efforts to get men from other cities have now been made, and tomorrow recruits are promised from Philadelphia.

May Draft Private Citizens.

The health department took hold Friday, and since has used its police powers vigorously. It has issued a fine of \$5,000 without stint, but so far has been unable to meet conditions effectively.

The officials of the health board intimated that private citizens would be doing a public duty if they became for the time garbage collectors. The only alternative appears to be a compromise with the strikers. The Mayor has declared that the law does not permit dealings with civil service employees who are on strike, and the street-cleaning department yesterday refused to formally entertain the demands of the men. It was intimated tonight that a settlement might be arranged legally.

A conference between Commissioner Craven of the Street-Cleaning Department and a committee representing the garbage-drivers will be held tomorrow. The men hold to their original demands, the most important of which are:

First, That 48 hours constitute a week's work, and that overtime be paid at the rate of 50 cents per hour.

Second, That no fines be imposed without the opportunity for a hearing.

Third, That a system of suspension be practiced instead of fines.

Situation Is Growing Worse.

Today the situation grew hourly worse. What work was done was in the vicinity of Chinatown, on the East Side. Meantime the waste accumulated in other streets. In places refuse was piled high and elsewhere strewn from curb to curb.

Unable to do better, the health squads scattered disinfectants through miles of highways, hoping to hold in check death-bearing germs.

Lower temperatures had a beneficial effect, though a most disagreeable stench found its way into many homes and into the East Side hospitals.

Acting Sanitary Inspector Bessel contracted with a Philadelphia employment agency for 150 men. Of these 300 were to have arrived today, but only 100 men came. Late tonight word was received from Philadelphia that 100 laborers would be on hand for work at daybreak tomorrow.

With the 200 men Commissioner Craven expects to have on hand, including the 100 who remained at work when the others quit, will make up a working force of 300 if the plans do not miscarry.

Possibilities of Great Peril.

Mayor McCellan remained at his office all day, in frequent consultation with Chief Health Officer Darlington and Dr. Bessel, the sanitary chief.

Tonight Dr. Darlington said: "I do not believe there is any immediate danger of an epidemic, but the situation is very grave, and presents the possibilities of an imminent peril."

EFFORT TO PAY OFF LIO

FRED MERRILL ALLOWS GUESTS TO BRING BEER TO RESORT.

Proprietor of Twelve-Mile House Arrested—Point Will Be Decided in Court Today.

Sheriff Stevens' third trip around the brilliant and highly moral walls of "dry" Multnomah County yesterday in search of battle-scarred "booze-fighters" was a successful journey. Two weeks ago the Sheriff flitted about the circuit of well-springs of liquor and found the lid working overtime. Last Sunday he again took the bubble buggy in hand and sped from Linton to Troutdale and all was well, there were no attempts at lawbreaking visible.

But yesterday the Sheriff discovered what looked to him like an immoral plan to punch holes in Multnomah's moral cover, and as a result ex-Councilman Fred T. Merrill, proprietor of the Twelve-Mile House, must appear in court this morning to answer to a charge of violating the Sunday-closing law.

Sheriff Stevens was making his usual rounds of the country towns where there are saloons or roadhouses. He visited Linton, St. Johns, Clatsop, Tazewell, Troutdale and Gresham, but aside from lemonade and soft drinks, no wet goods were being sold. But about 5 o'clock in the afternoon he drove up to the Twelve-Mile House and found a party of Portland House and just finishing several bottles of beer.

Stevens asked for explanations, and the members of the party insisted they had taken the beer with them from town. Stevens then hunted up Merrill, and the latter denied having sold any beer to the party, and swore by all that

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