# TO RESUME WORK

Eighty Per Cent of Duluth Swichmen Decide to Return to Posts.

OFFICER ADVISES UNION

Members of Brotherhood of Trainmen to Hold Out No Longer. Nearly All N. P. Men-Lake Territory Concerned.

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be here in the morning to enable them

Members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, which embraces a majority of the men employed as switchmen at the head of the lakes, this ofternoon unanimously voted to continue their work as switchmen, being advised to take this course by A. F. Whitney, vice-president of the organization of which the switchmen are members.

It is said that the men who arrived today to fill places of the striking switchmen formerly were members of the Amer ican Railway Union and went out in the big strike of 1894, and that the men now out are the men who took their places

A poll of the strikers shows that 54 per cent of the switchmen are members of the Brotherhood of Rallway Trainmen. Is per cent are affiliated with the Switchmen's Union and the rest do not belong to any organization.

800 PLACED TO BREAK SRTIKE

St. Paul Police Chief, Fearing Violence, Details All Patrolmen.

ST. PAUL. Dec. 2.-Chief John O'Connor of the Police Department, virtually admitted that he considered the strike situation serious today when he ordered all day men to do duty at central station until 10:30 o'clock tonight. This order will continue until all danger of a clash between strikers and strikebreakers is ended. The chief also recalled all patrolmen and officers absent on leave.

According to railroad officials the beginning of the end of the switchmen's strike is in sight. A prominent official said today that the railroads were handling 30

per cent of all business offered.

End in Week Predicted. We are employing new men as fast as

they come." he said, "and we are moving a large amount of package freight. In a

week the public will not know that there is a strike."

Between 200 and 200 men arrived today from Chicago and were distributed in St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth, Some will be placed at work in the yards and others will act as guards. Five switch engines were working in the Union Depot yards sarls of comfort. early today and others were expected to be put in commission when needed.

Third Vice-President Slade, of the Northern Pacific, says way freight service has been re-established on virtually all lines.

Strikers Are Confident.

Strike leaders say they are in stronger position today than They refer to the fact that the Brother-hood of Railway Trainmen and Order of Railway Conductors in Meirose, Minn., yesterday adopted a resolution to "stand neutral and refuse to do other than the work done prior to the pending trouble." This means that rainmen and conductors will refuse to do any switching except at those stations where it has been customary

far train crews to switch their trains. Factory forces are being reduced be-cause of the shortage of supplies caused by the freight tie-up, and the two big shops of the Great Northern Railroad employing 100 men falled to open to-All except one of the 23 big flour mills in Minneapolis are idle, although millers may they will know in 24 hours whether they will open their mills

Labor Commissioners Probe.

Imported strike-breakers, wearing special police badges, were reported on duty at the Union Station yards today by strike pickets, and when President Hawley learned that these men had tention of the state labor commis-sioner. Labor Commissioner McEwen said if the men wearing police budges were not residents of Minneapolis those responsible for their presence in the state were violating the state law. He is investigating.

Mayor Lawler has been retained as

legal counsel for the switchmen. He addressed a meeting of strikers in Minneapolis last night. Mayor wawler said the railroad managers, making con-certed action through the press to create public opinion in their favor, are not in a position to charge the men with unfairness in refusing to arbi-trate under the Erdman law. He said the Erdman law is so hedged that, should the switchmen agree to arbitrate under it, they would be stripped of all legal power legitimately to press their claims and it would put them com-pletely in the power of the railroads. General Manager Slade, of the Northern Pacific, tonight issued a statement as follows: "The situation on the Northern Pa-

clife shows steady improvement. Reports from all divisions indicate that there will be a continually increasing freight movement from now on. Additional switching force is being se-

Speaking of the action of the Brotherhood of Trainmen at Duluth who voted to go back to work tomor-row, President Hawley, of the Switchmen's Union, said he was not alarmed He said that only 30 per cent of the switchmen at the head of the lakes are Brotherhood men and his advices were that only half of these would

SERVICE HERE NOT BLOCKED

Freight Received, With Exception of

Perishable Articles. Hill lines, operating out of Portland, yesterday continued to receive freight, with the exception of perishable articles, subject to delay. As was the case Wednesday, all freight of a perishable nature, is being forwarded by express. In receiving this character of freight, it is stipulated between the shipper and the farrier that it will be forwarded only by express. In the local terminals, the move-ment of cars continues uninterrupted, not a man having quit his post since the strike order was issued Tuesday night. The following statement of the situa-tion, received at the Northern Pacific offices, was usued shortly befor noon yes-terday by the Superintendent of Transpor-be started tomorrow.

Paul:

11 A. M.—Situation very much improved.

Passenger trains continue to move regularly.

No delay at all on account of strike conditions. Receiving freight today at St. Paul and Minneapolis 'for all points between Jamestown and Bismarck, inclusive, and branches, north and south of Jamestown and the Linnton branch and for Butte. Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma and Portland. Expect to increase territory for which we receive freight not later than tomorrow.

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We are having no trouble in moving "We are having no trouble in moving freight betwen Portland and South Tacoma," said F. H. Fogarty, assistant freight agent for the Northern Pacific yesterday. "The same condition is true on the South Bend branch as far west as Pe Eil, all points on the Olympia branch, except those between Olympia and Gates and all points on the Grays Harbor.

except those between Olympia and Gates and all points on the Grays Harbor branch as far west as Hoquiam. Perishable freight offered for any point is received only after the shipper makes arrangements with the superintendent of transportation. Other freight is being received by us subject to delay."

"Our company is accepting all freight, except perishable freight, subject to delay," said H. A. Jackson, assistant freight and passenger agent for the Great Northern, vesterday. "We expect, not later than tomorrow, to be able to receive freight of all classes."

At the offices of the Spokane, Port-

At the offices of the Spokane, Port-land & Seattle it was learned that no trouble is being experienced in handling all classes of freight between this city and Pasco. Switchmen employed in the North Bank terminal yards at Vancouver refused to respond to the strike order and are still at work. But for the fact that the employes at Pasco walked out when ordered, this road would be able to move freight to Spokane without any in-

\$400,000 SWITCHMEN'S PAY

Raise of Wages in Washington Alone Would Mean \$60,000.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 2 .- (Special:) Figures in the office of the State Railway Commission show that approximately \$400,000 per annum is paid out for switching wages by all the roads in Washington, so that the proposed 15 per cent increase in wages asked by the strikers would amount to about \$60,000 for Washington employes. Switchmen's wages average \$120 a month and enginemen's on switch crows only about \$100. The Commission has the statement of G. J. Mayer, auditor of disbursements of the Northern Pacific at St. Paul, that

in July last at Scattle the actual cost of switching was 88.7 cents per car, as against 43 1-3 cents at Minnesota transfer and less than 56 cents at Portland. These figures were secured for the re-cent hearing on complaint that the company charged Tacoma shippers exorbitant switching rates as compared with those exacted at Seattle.

SEATTLE TRAFFIC CONTINUES

Nonunion Crews Switch Trains. Brewery Drops 40 Men.

SEATTLE, Dec. 2.-The switchmen's strike attracted little attention in Seattoday. The Great Northern and Northern Pacific sent out their passenger trains on time, the switching being done by non-union crews. The Great Northern had no difficulty

in making up and sending out tonight its special slik train that carried the Min-

PROMISE BROKEN, ALLEGED

ever. Railway Managers Issue Statement, Saying Switchmen Are to Blame.

CHICAGO. Dec. 2-The joint committee of railway managers late today issued the following statement: "Calling of this strike, notwithstanding

the managers' offer to arbitrate, violates the spirit of fair play. The proposal that the question involved should be arbitrated was acquiesced in by the committee which assumed the switchmen shared the desire for an amicable adjustment of questions under consideration and would not willingly bring upon the public the paralysis of business, the immense monetary loss, and the actual hardship which a strike would occasion. Notwithstanding that President Hawley of the Switchmen's Union joined with this committee, the strike order was issued without the knowledge of the managers' committee or of the mediators, by the switchmen's committee, directing the switchmen to cease work if their full demands had not been conceded. This violation of good faith BREWERS BEAT RAILROADS led to the present condition.

TACOMA MILL SHUTS DOWN

Strike Interferes With Movement of Loaded Lumber Cars.

TACOMA, Dec. 2.-Owing to the shortage of cars, due to the switchmen's strike, the St. Paul & Tacoma mill tonight laid off its night crew, consisting of 60 men, while other mills are threatened with a curtailment of operations unless more cars are received before the end of the week.

Three switch engines were at work in the Northern Pacific yards in the morn-ing and five engines in the afternoon. These engines were manned by officials and several nonunion switchmen who returned to work.

Four strikers reported for work here today, officials asserting that others will soon be at work. One train of coal and another of merchandise will leave the city tonight. Officials assert that local freights on branch-lines will be in opera-

STRIKE CLOSES COPPER MINES

Two Amalgamated Diggings Hiring 400 Men Shut Down.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 2 .- Lock coal, due to the switchmen's strike, forced the Parrot mine, of the Amalgamated Copper Company at Butte, to close tonight. The Moonlight, another Amalgamated property, will shut down tomorrow. The two mines employ 400

So long as the Oregon Short Line continues to operate Butte will be supplied with fuel and other necessities and the rest of the mines can keep open. Two Northern Pacific freight trains left Helena for Missoula today. Otherwise the strike situation shows Otherwise the strike situation shows

At Missoula the Northern Pacific of-ficials worked in the yards today. Passenger trains are running on time

Five Engines Work at Superior. SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 2.—The Great Northern has four switch engines in oper-

Northern has four switch engines in operation, the Terminal Company has one and the Soo Line one. The Northern Pacific as yet has none operating on this side of the bay. All the engines are manned by officials and clerks. A special car brought a score of strikebreakers from Omaha this morning. The Great Northern announced that local freights would be started tomorrow.



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WEIGHER TESTIFIES ALL HAD BEEN TAMPERED WITH.

Documentary Evidence and Witnesses Wanted by Government Disappear-Carpenter Tells.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 .- The Government encountered a check today in its prosecution of the American Sugar Reining Company when it developed that documentary evidence and many wit-nesses important to the Government's case had disappeared. The missing documents were records kept by city weighers, and neither the documents nor the men who kept them could be

found today. But, although tally sheets were missing, the Government was able to in-troduce testimony showing that every scale on the Williamsburg docks of the

company had been tampered with.

Conrad Heller, a carpenter, testified to cutting out a portion of the wooden stanchion of No. 1 scales. Through the hole thus cut, the Government contends, was operated the steel spring that manipulated the weights recorded on Thomas D. Hyatt, a Government weigher, was asked if he had inspected

all six scales on the dock in company with Treasury Agent Parr.

Interstate Commerce Commission Gives Seattle Verdict.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 2.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today rendered a decision in pany and Seattle Brewing Company against the Northern Pacific, Southern Pacific and other Southern roads, holding that the rental charge of \$5 per car on shipments of beer from Olympia and Seattle to points in California, Nevada and Arizona was unreasonable and dis-criminatory, and the brewing companies are authorized to demand and collect the

are authorized to demand and collect the repayment of all reutal so extorted.

This rental in excess of freight charges was imposed for the use of Armour refrigerator cars used in transporting beer, but a similar charge is not imposed on shipments from Pertland or other points are to prove Sound. The bearers are not on Puget Sound. The brewers were compelled to use Armour cars, the rail refrigerator cars of their own

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