

STRIKE EXPECTED TO BE OVER SOON

Operators Refuse to Employ Any of Large Number That Apply for Vacated Jobs.

NO VIOLENCE IS REPORTED

Shipbuilders Feel Sure That Issue Will Be Settled and That Men Will Return, and They Are Waiting for Settlement.

A feeling that the strike of shipbuilders in the yards of the wooden manufacturing plants along the rivers will not be of long duration prevails in Portland.

With but two or three yards working their crews, the executive committee of the unions at a meeting of the District Council of Carpenters was in session much of the time yesterday, and last night a general meeting of strikers was held.

An important meeting of the Building Trades Council is scheduled for 11 o'clock this morning at the Labor Temple. This is called to discuss certain phases of the strike, which vitally affect the members of this organization.

The executive committee of the Metal Trades Council is keeping in close touch with the situation also, as there is a strong bond of sympathy between the organization and the wooden ship workmen. It is in relation to the "closed-shop" feature, for which both are contending.

While there was much secrecy concerning the features of the meeting, it was believed by those concerned on the other side of the controversy that a vote will soon be taken to call off the strike and permit the men to return to their positions.

There has been no violence, and from the best information obtainable there will be none. The unions declare they will not permit any abuse of force, but will adhere strictly to a policy of persuasion. The police were not much in evidence at any of the plants yesterday, although one uniformed man was assigned to each one, to be on the safe side.

Operators Are Waiting.

As far as the operators of the various plants involved in the shutdown are concerned, they are playing a waiting game, expecting early adjustment of the difficulties. They are, for the most part, satisfied that conditions will be restored to normal within a short time, possibly in a day or two. Because of the strike, no new men are being hired, neither are they making any effort to start their plants.

"I am not anxious to resume operations with new men," said Joseph Supple, of Supple & Ballin, "if conditions taken on a full crew today, but as I believe the trouble will soon be over I engaged none of the many men who called at the office for work."

"Of course, should the difficulty drag along, it will be necessary for me to take on new men and proceed with the work on hand. I am confident, however, that the men will return to work very soon."

Caulkers Want No Shorter Day.

One of the peculiar features of the strike is that the caulkers, who are affiliated with the Coast Shipbuilding Company and the Columbia Engineering Works, Linnton, are equally bent upon securing the eight-hour day.

The caulkers are working on a 10-hour schedule and wish so to continue, as they are drawing pay at a rate of 12 hours a day. The other allied trades are absolutely opposed to a 10-hour day, and one of the several things for which they are fighting is the reduction of the eight-hour day for themselves.

Practically all of the lumber that is being used in the construction of the wooden ships here is cut by the 10-hour day arrangement, and the strikers, so far as all but the caulkers are concerned, are unwilling to work on any of this cut.

The only plants in Portland which are working as though nothing had happened are the Coast Shipbuilding Company and the Columbia Engineering Works, Linnton. Yesterday morning men estimated at perhaps 1000 walked out of the various plants, thus strengthening the strike situation, from the standpoint of the unions.

LOGGING CAMPS MAY STRIKE

Action in Sympathy With Ship Workers Declared Probable.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 17.—(Special).—Contrary to reports that the Astoria union had received assurances from Portland that three Portland shipyards had granted the union's demands, it was said here tonight that a message was received telling that one small yard had granted the union's requests. However, messages were received telling that all logging camps and lumber yards will be tied up if necessary for the ship workers to win their strike. It is said that all camps and yards on the Columbia River will be affected.

Further reports say that the steel ship workers on the Columbia and Willamette will strike Thursday in sympathy with the wood ship men.



Home Strategy

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TWO MEN AT WASHINGTON WHO LOOM LARGE IN EFFORTS TO SETTLE PACIFIC COAST SHIPYARD STRIKES.



Left—Edward N. Hurley, of Chicago, ex-Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, Who Has Been Appointed by President Wilson as New Chairman of the Shipping Board, Succeeding William Denman. Right—Rear-Admiral Washington Lee Capps, Chief Constructor of the Navy, Named by the President to Succeed Major-General Goethals as General Manager of the Board's Emergency Fleet Corporation.

25,000 MEN ARE OUT

Arbitrary Attitude Cause, Says Labor's Statement.

EIGHTH OF WORK TIED UP

Tonnage Valued at \$150,000,000 Involved on San Francisco Bay Alone — Minor Disturbances Mark First Day of Walkout.

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...including organized workmen of relative trades and their families, will be involved. No attempt will be made to operate any of the factories or works with substitutes, it had been announced by spokesmen for the employers, who several days ago sought Government intervention to settle the controversy.

HURLEY PLANS TRIP TO WEST

Shipping Board Hopes to Settle Coast Strike on Seattle Basis.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Strikes in Pacific Coast shipyards holding Government contracts having assumed serious proportions, Chairman Hurley, of the Federal Shipping Board, announced today that he was considering going to San Francisco late this week in an attempt to settle the trouble.

Strikes at Seattle, Portland, Los Angeles, San Francisco and other places on the Pacific Coast now are holding up about 12 per cent of the Government ships under construction. The Shipping Board hopes to settle on a basis to be determined for Seattle yards within a few days.

Officials of the board conferred today with representatives of Seattle yards and union leaders regarding an agreement under which workers would be given higher pay with the Government, paying a proportion of the increase.

Working out of details now awaits the arrival here, probably Wednesday, of officials of a Seattle yard which already has granted the highest wage scale demanded by the workers and who will explain the operation of the system.

The Shipping Board today called on the Department of Labor for assistance in settling the strikes, and William Blackman, an experienced conciliator, was assigned the work. He may accompany Mr. Hurley, who said he would go to the Coast only if the San Francisco strike did not appear near settlement by the latter part of the week.

Reports reached the board today that the San Francisco strike was reported partly by an erroneous impression on the part of the union leaders that the high wage scale granted by a single Seattle shipbuilding company had been agreed to by all and ratified by the Government.

ASTORIA SHIPYARDS YET IDLE

Only Men Employed by Government Return to Work.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 17.—(Special).—All the shipyards in Astoria are still tied up as a result of the ship carpenters' strike. Although the yards announced that they would resume operations today after a shut down since Friday, only a few men reported for work. This fact probably was true in a great part to the plants being picketed by union men, who intercepted every man approaching the yards.

Several of the union men are outspoken in declaring that they do not favor "closed shops" which is the principal contention of the strikers, and some have intimated that they wish to return to work. The union at a meeting last night voted to send back to the yards all the union members who are employed by the Government, and these were practically the only ship carpenters at work today. For instance, at the McEachern yards, which normally has 480 men on its payroll, only about 40 were working today. The majority of these were iron workers, there being only two carpenters.

A similar condition exists at the other yards. While the pickets have been on duty all day, there were no disturbances or trouble of any nature.

STANDARD WAGE AIM

Shipping Board Has Plan to End Coast Troubles.

CONCILIATOR WILL BE SENT

Chairman Hurley Says He Has Been Trying to Impress Patriotic Idea Upon Both Shipbuilders and Laborers.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, September 17.—No progress was made today by the Shipping Board in its efforts to bring about an adjustment of differences between shipyards of the Northwest and their employees.

Chairman Hurley however saw Secretary of Labor Wilson, and obtained the detail of Conciliator William Blackman to the Shipping Board, so that he may confer with the shipbuilders and the representatives of ship yard labor in an effort to bring about an amicable adjustment.

Mr. Blackman today had several informal conferences with the labor representatives but no understanding was reached.

It is announced semi-officially that the Oregon and Washington troubles cannot be adjusted before Thursday, on which day officials of the Skinner and Eddy yard of Seattle are to confer with Chairman Hurley and Mr. Blackman. Some explanation will be demanded by the Shipping Board.

Mr. Hurley in a talk with newspaper men explained that the Shipping Board is trying to bring about the establishment of a standard wage on the Pacific Coast, which while probably not as high as the Skinner and Eddy wage, will be higher than the scale generally prevailing on the Pacific Coast. For the accomplishment of this, he will look largely to Mr. Blackman, whose previous efforts as conciliator in labor disputes have been highly successful. Mr. Hurley has been trying, he said, to impress upon both shipbuilders and their laborers that they have a patriotic duty to perform in this emergency, and he says both sides are discussing the points at issue with him.

NAVY'S HEALTH IS GOOD

MEASLES AND MUMPS ARE CHIEF MALADIES.

Sanitary Measures at Shore Stations Influence Nearby Cities to Improve Local Conditions.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Generally good health for the Navy, afloat and ashore, was reported today by Surgeon-General Braisted, who said there was little serious illness. Some cases of measles and mumps still are reported from the Atlantic fleet, with measles less prevalent than mumps, averaging only 10 cases a week for the whole force afloat.

Conditions also are excellent at the shore stations, except at San Francisco, where there are a number of cases of measles and mumps.

"Sanitary measures being put into effect at all shore stations are having a good influence in many nearby cities and towns," General Braisted said. "In many instances where unsatisfactory conditions were found the local authorities have responded promptly to suggestions and they are showing a spirit of co-operation which is very gratifying."

LOSS OF BELGIUM FEARED

Pan-German Paper Demands Statement of Government's Plan.

BERLIN, via London, Sept. 17.—The Pan-German Tages Zeitung, chafing under the persistent rumors that Germany has decided to yield up Belgium calls on the government to make an unequivocal declaration of its purposes.

Von Reventlow's paper refers to alleged rumors that the imperial government had concluded to abandon the idea of maintaining dominion over the territory of the peoples of the former kingdom of Belgium and adds that such conclusions are said to have been arrived at by authoritative factors in the presence of the Emperor.

Clocks Turned Back an Hour.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 17.—All clocks in Holland and Germany were put back an hour at 3 o'clock this morning. The daylight saving schedule began on April 15.

"THE STORE THAT UNDERSELLS BECAUSE IT SELLS FOR CASH"

Most Moderately Priced Offerings Smart Fall Styles in Women's Fashionable Apparel

Advertisement for women's fashion apparel featuring coats, suits, and dresses with prices like \$15.00 and \$24.75. Includes an illustration of a woman in a coat.

We Feel Justly Proud of Our Great New Stocks Woolen Dress Goods

Assortments are extensive, including every new and staple weave—every desirable plain shade and the most clever color combinations—and best of all, qualities are thoroughly reliable and prices are within the reach of everyone.

Advertisement for Roberts Bros. clothing store, Third & Morrison, with store hours and quality claims.

EATON WANTS HEARING

PACIFIST WOULD EXPLAIN HIS PRESENCE AT CHICAGO. University President Will Wait Until He Hears From Faculty Member Before Action is Taken.

EUGENE, Or., Sept. 17.—(Special).—Allen Eaton, member of the faculty of the University of Oregon, whose removal has been asked by the Eugene Chamber of Commerce because of his participation in the meeting of the People's Council for Democracy and Peace at Chicago, has telegraphed President P. L. Campbell, of the university, that he expects to arrive in Eugene the latter part of the week and will make a statement of the entire circumstances in connection with the Chicago incident.

"Until I have heard Mr. Eaton's statement, there is nothing I can say," President Campbell said tonight, when asked regarding probable action on the resolution adopted by the Chamber of Commerce.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 17.—(Special).—Governor Withycombe said today that any action which might be taken toward ousting Allen Eaton, of Eugene, from his place as member of the Legislature because of his activities in connection with the People's Council in the East is entirely beyond the jurisdiction of the executive offices.

"However," said Governor Withycombe, "I have no doubt as to the loyalty of Mr. Eaton. Whatever he did in connection with the People's Council I am certain that he did honestly, but no doubt indiscreetly."

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 17.—(Special).—Formal charges against George Lounsberry, clerk in the city water department, were filed in the City Council tonight. An affidavit, sworn to by David McCroskey, an Astorian, asserts that Mr. Lounsberry admitted being a German sympathizer and uttered remarks against Great Britain.

CLARENCE REAMES, United States District Attorney, explained that the remarks took place before passage of the sedition act and were therefore beyond Government jurisdiction. Mr. Reames advised that Mr. Lounsberry's remarks be investigated by the council.

NAVY REPORTS "NO SUBMARINE." WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The Navy Department, after as complete investigation as is possible, is satisfied there is no foundation for reports of a hostile submarine off the New England Coast.

ARGENTINE STRIKE SPREADS. BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 17.—Railroad strike disorders are spreading. A bridge 50 yards long has been wrecked, tying up two lines and preventing the movement of troop trains. Heavy reinforcements of national troops have been sent to Rosario.

Housewives, Choose Between These Two Methods

Advertisement for Electric Vacuum Cleaners, comparing manual and electric methods. Includes an illustration of a woman cleaning with a vacuum.

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