



NO HOPE HELD OF AVERTING STRIKE

Seattle Organized Labor Is Fully Determined.

THURSDAY TO SEE WALKOUT

Metal Trades Council Begins State-Wide Campaign.

TACOMA PROMISES TO JOIN

No Reply Received From Officers of International Streetcar Men and Typographical Unions.

SEATTLE, Feb. 3.—All immediate hope of averting a city-wide strike of the majority of 152 labor organizations, involving the greater part of 70,000 workers, Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, was abandoned late today, when Attorney George Donworth, chairman of a citizens' industrial relations committee, announced that the committee had discontinued its mediation sessions.

The committee, he said, could not see that it could be of further assistance in averting a strike.

The general sympathetic strike has been called in support of 25,000 striking metal trades workmen, who left the shipyards and contract shops here January 21 after their demands for higher pay than that given in the Macy Federal wage adjustment award had been refused.

Other developments today include: Campaign begun by the Metal Trades Council for a state-wide strike and a walkout of ship metal workers throughout the country; refusal of the longshoremen's union to obey an order of International President J. J. O'Connor instructing the union not to strike; A. E. Miller, chairman of the conference strike committee of the Metal Trades Council, called to explain the strike situation to the Ministerial Federation. Tomorrow shipyard workers will appear before the Ministerial Federation.

According to a statement from strike headquarters, strike leaders asserted they had been advised that the Los Angeles Metal Trades Council would take up the local recommendation for a Nation-wide strike at its next meeting.

No Reply From International Unions.

No reply has been received as yet from international officers of the streetcar men's union and the Typographical Union as to whether sanction will be granted for the unions to join the sympathetic strike. Telephone operators will take a referendum vote on the strike question tomorrow evening.

According to a statement issued tonight by the strike conference committee, plans have been perfected for aiding the police force in policing the city. Union men are warned to be off the streets at 8 o'clock at night. City firemen are asked to remain at their work. A committee on health and sanitation will be named to assist the city health department when necessary.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 3.—A general strike at Tacoma will occur at 10 A. M. Thursday, February 6, if at all, the Central Labor Council at a special meeting today, advancing the proposed hour from Tuesday to conform with action taken by the labor unions at Seattle.

Light and Water Promised.

In a statement tonight the City Commission of Light and Water declared that present plans contemplate that patrons of the city's power plant would continue to receive light and power, no matter what conditions develop Thursday, and that water would also be furnished without interruption.

The Tacoma Gas Company has also made public announcement that there will be continuous gas service, strike or no strike.

The latest referendum vote to be reported is that of the cooks and waiters. It being announced tonight that that union has completed voting and is strong against a walkout. Other unions are still voting. Gas workers, including both union and non-union men, have taken a vote for their own guidance and but three out of nearly 50 workers voted to join a general strike.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—No change in the local shipyard situation occurred over Sunday. Meetings were held Saturday night, but no announcement of any definite accomplishment was given out by either side.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—By a majority of 22, Olympia shipyard unions decided against a strike here in conjunction with Seattle and Tacoma unions February 6. The Olympia yards employ about 400 men on wood ships under Government contract, working under Federal supervision.

RAYMOND MILL BURNS; LOSS TOTALS \$300,000

BLAZE, STARTED AT DYNAMO, SPREADS RAPIDLY.

Dry Kilns and Lumber Shelves Saved; Most of Loss Covered by Insurance.

RAYMOND, Wash., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—The mill of the Raymond Lumber Company was totally destroyed by fire this morning. The fire originated in the vicinity of the dynamo and is believed to have been caused by a short circuit. Owing to the absence of wind the dry kilns and lumber shelves were saved by hard work of the fire department.

The mill was one of the largest on this harbor and employed 150 to 175 hands. Its capacity was 150,000 feet daily. The loss is not less than \$300,000, and may be in excess of that amount. It was largely covered by insurance.

The fire spread rapidly, and the whole structure was ablaze before the alarm could be given. The mill tally books, and even the personal effects of the engineer, could not be saved.

In all probability the mill will be rebuilt, as the company owns large bodies of timber in this county and is well equipped for logging operations. A force of men is already at work clearing away the debris.

Charles L. Lewis, principal stockholder in the company, which controls two mills on the harbor, was manager of the Raymond mill.

TEUTON MERGER PROMISED

German-Austria May Be Part of New Republic.

VIENNA, Austria, Saturday, Feb. 3.—During a manifestation here today in favor of a union of German-Austria to Germany, Otto Lauer, the Foreign Minister, said that the German government had invited German-Austria to send a plenipotentiary to a new commission being formed in Germany to replace the old federal council. Minister Bauer concluded:

"In a short time German-Austria will form a part of the great German republic."

LIFE IN MOSCOW FRIGHTFUL

Prices Are High and Typhus Causes Many Deaths.

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 3.—(Havas.)—Conditions of living in Moscow are described as frightful by French refugees who have arrived here. A cup of milk there costs 15 rubles and a pound of bread 25 rubles.

Typhus is causing a great number of deaths and the gates to the cemeteries are crowded with people desiring to bury their relatives. The dead are covered with a paper shroud owing to the lack of coffins.

BRIDE GETS DEATH NEWS

Lieutenant Who Married La Grande Girl Sailed for Italy.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Madeline Boltons, a bride of a few weeks, is now a widow. The young woman, daughter of the O. W. R. & N. superintendent, is a popular member of La Grande's younger set. She was married a few weeks ago to Lieutenant Warwick Williams.

On January 16 he sailed for Italy on the West Mahomet and today word comes from Gibraltar that he is dead. No particulars were given.

REDS BUSY IN TURKESTAN

Serious Conditions Reported in Interior of Country.

CONSTANTINOPLE, via Montreal, Sunday, Feb. 3.—Disturbed conditions are reported in Turkestan, where Bolshevik activity is prevalent and where some 40,000 German and Austrian prisoners remain.

The Russian Black Sea ports are safe owing to the presence of allied warships, but communications between ports and the interior country are rendered difficult by the Bolsheviks.

FULL WAR RECORD SOUGHT

Representative Hawley Asks for Complete Showing.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—A bill requiring the Adjutant General of the Army and the Secretary of the Navy to furnish the Adjutant General of each state with the names and records of men from that state who served in the Army and Navy, during the war, was introduced in the House today by Representative Hawley of Oregon and referred to the military affairs committee.

TROOP MEMORIAL PLANNED

Red Cross to Erect Monument on Island of Ilay.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The American Red Cross announced today an appropriation of \$30,828 for the erection and maintenance of a monument on the Island of Ilay, Scotland, where are buried 179 American soldiers who lost their lives in the sinking of the transports Tuscania and Otranto.

BREST, FRANCE, MAIL PORT

War Department Announces Plan to Speed Service.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Brest, France, has been added to the mail ports for the American expeditionary forces.

The War Department announced today that this was expected to increase the speed of the westbound mail service.

AFRICAN FARMERS TO JOIN

Co-operative Association for Benefit of Producers Planned.

BLOEMFONTEIN, Feb. 3.—(Via Montreal.)—A congress of representatives of all the provinces in the Union of South Africa has decided to establish the Federated Farmers' Co-operative Association of South Africa.

The object of the association is to export produce and import supplies on a large scale.

SEATTLE INDUSTRY FACES PARALYSIS

Citizens Awake to Grave Menace of Strike.

PEOPLE BEGIN TO ASK WHY

Commercial Activities of Port Will Be Demoralized.

LABOR PLANS TO RULE

Trouble Ahead Foreseen. Violence Is Feared and Some Will Have Hard Time Getting Food.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Seattle tonight faces the dread prospect of a general strike that threatens to tie up every important industry in the city, demoralize its commercial activities and interfere seriously with the most ordinary domestic and personal routine of its citizens.

The strike order is effective at 10 o'clock next Thursday morning and nothing but a peremptory order from the Central Labor Council or uncompromising concessions on the part of the employing shipbuilders, against whom the original strike was directed, can prevent it, and anyone familiar with the past record of the Seattle Central Labor Council knows how slim are the chances for interference from that source.

People Begin to Ask Why?

The shipbuilders say they cannot negotiate with the strikers at all unless the men first go back to work on the same scale of wages that was paid at the time they quit two weeks ago. The reply of the shipyard workers, with whom are allied the employees of scores of foundries, machine shops and other industries not directly connected with the shipyards—nearly 30,000 in number altogether—is the general strike.

"Why a general strike?" the people of Seattle are beginning to ask. Why must the street car operators, the milk wagon drivers, the cooks, bakers, waiters, telephone girls and retail clerks quit work if the shipyard operators and their employes are unable to agree on a scale of wages? How is that going to help the riveter or the boilermaker at Skinner-Eddy's or at Duthie's to get the money to which he says he is entitled?

Labor Plans to Rule.

"Well, it is going to show that labor is able to demand what it wants, and get what it demands," to use the blunt words of one of the strike leaders; and he is considered one of the more conservative element at that.

Were it not for the wholesale industry (concluded on Page 3, Column 2.)

MULTNOMAH BILL PASSED

Senate Acts Favorably on Judges' Salary Increase.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—With but six opposing votes the Multnomah delegation's bill increasing the salaries of the six Circuit Judges of Multnomah County from \$4000 to \$5000 a year passed in the Senate today on third reading.

Senator Farrell, of Multnomah, the only member from Portland in the Senate who opposed the increase, led the attack against the bill. He expressed the belief that the voters of Multnomah County would defeat it if it were referred to them for a decision.

FEATURES OF OREGON LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY.

Senate.

Sentiment of Senate shown to be against consolidation.

Bill to increase salaries of Multnomah County Circuit Judges to \$5000 a year passed in Senate with six opposing votes.

House.

One hundred and one bills introduced on last day before committee passes on new bills.

Votes to increase school superintendent's salary from \$3600 to \$3650, the first salary bill for state officials to come up.

Bill introduced for special election October 14, 1919, to pass on legislative measures.

TRAITOROUS CRITICISM OF U. S. IS DENOUNCED

POWERFUL MOVE TO UPSET GOVERNMENT DESCRIBED.

Thomas Warns of Men Who d Soviets of Russia Under Guise of Free Speech.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Criticism meeting here yesterday at which the Russian soviet government was praised, senator Thomas of Colorado, Democrat, declared in the Senate today that a powerful organization, which he did not name, was constantly at work to overthrow the American Government. The Senator said a member of the House was "conspicuous" at the meeting, but that Senate rules prohibited him from naming him.

Representative Mason, of Illinois, addressed the gathering, urging return of American troops from Russia, and Representatives Gordon, of Ohio, and Dillon, of South Dakota, also were present.

Declaring that he wished to protest against such meetings, especially in the Nation's capital, Senator Thomas said such assemblies were held under the guise of free speech and advocate what is really treason.

"I want to warn the people of this country," continued the Senator, "that a powerful organization is always active to overthrow the Government and erect a government of anarchists, thieves and scoundrels."

"Now in the Nation's capital this monster raises its head, utters its treason and counsels overthrow of the Government."

PUBLICITY SEEKERS ASSAILED IN HOUSE

Petty Politics Charged in Highway Programme.

LIVELY CLASHES DEVELOP

Attempt to Smother Road Bill Alleged by Mr. Schuebel.

SENATOR THOMAS SCORED

Senator Norblad Accuses Mr. Thomas of Causing Delay When Latter Objects to 'Rushing' Road Bill.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—There is a lot of petty politics to see who will get the most publicity on the road programme, charged Representative Kubli, on the floor in debate today. "Let the road committee settle a lot of these matters," he advised.

That Mr. Kubli was right is admitted by disinterested legislators. Before he made the accusation there had been a row in the Senate sub-committee on roads between Senators Norblad and Thomas and in the House an acrimonious debate descending to personalities was launched by Mr. Schuebel, replied to by Mr. Dennis and participated in by several others.

What is considered the first line-up on the road programme came during the forenoon session on a recommendation to commit House bill 25 to the committee on roads and highways. This is a bill authorizing the County Courts to bid on highway work, allowing forced account and dealing with the payment for royalties on patented pavement.

Committee Is Scored.

Mr. Schuebel charged the committee with trying to smother his bill, asserting that if the committee did not now have enough information to decide on his bill, then the committee was not competent to make a road programme. Any one, charged Mr. Schuebel, who does not favor his bill, does not want to jeopardize competition and wants the Warren Construction Company.

Mr. Dennis had asked for further time for the committee, explaining that while the committee favors counties bidding and is friendly to force account, the committee does not want to jeopardize the road programme by injecting the patent paving fight into it.

If the author would consent to separating the bill, then a report from the committee would be quickly forthcoming. Mr. Richardson, a member of the committee, declared the committee is holding open sessions. Mr. Smith, of Baker, favored recommendation, so the (concluded on Page 6, Column 1.)

ELECTION PROPOSED FOR RECONSTRUCTION

COMMITTEE TO PICK PLANS SOUGHT IN MEASURE.

Representative Sheldon Introduces Bill to Refer Final Choice to Vote of People.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Settlement of the reconstruction problem by the people and through a special committee of 15 members to select from numerous plans for reconstruction which have come in from every side, is the plan contained in a bill introduced by Representative Sheldon today.

As a companion bill provision is made in another measure providing for a special election to be held October 14, 1919, at which time whatever legislation has come from the hands of the reconstruction commission and what other legislation is referred to the people by the legislative assembly will be passed upon by the electorate.

The reconstruction commission, provided by the Sheldon bill, includes seven members to be selected by the Governor as representative of the citizenship of the state at large, and the other eight members are to be appointed by the Governor from names submitted to him by the following organizations:

State Federation of Labor, Oregon Chamber of Commerce, State Grange, Woman's Legislative Council, State Bankers' Association, Farmers' Union, Irrigation Congress and Bureau of Mines.

This commission would be given \$5000 with which to pay the expense of its investigations of the bill and the sponsors believe that such a commission can prepare a comprehensive and workable programme, which would have the additional sanction of the people at a comparatively early date.

The special election bill carries an appropriation of \$15,000 to pay for the expense of such election.

OWN DEATH NOTICE READ

Stayton Soldier Returns Same Day He Is Reported Killed.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—In the same official list in which it corrected its erroneous announcement of the death in France of Lieutenant W. Robert McMurray, the War Department announced that Paul B. Pietrok, of Stayton, had been killed in action. On that day the young man arrived in Albany on his way home for a visit.

It is true Pietrok was severely wounded and lost part of an arm in action, but he recovered and was sent home among the wounded and reached home just in time to read of his reported death.

SUFFRAGE VOTE SOUGHT

Senate Resolution to Receive Consideration Monday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Managers of the Senate woman suffrage resolution today decided to call up the measure next Monday and, if possible, obtain a final vote.

The result, they stated, would be very close.

TABRIZ, PERSIA, STRICKEN

Famine and Typhus Reported to Be Raging in City.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Famine and typhus are sweeping Tabriz, Persia, according to advices today to the State Department.

Robert Laddock, the American Consul at Tabriz, has been made chairman of a relief committee.

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