

IRISH TROUBLE GROWS SWIFTLY TO CLIMAX

Situation Seethes Alarmingly in Belfast and Dublin.

SINN FEINERS ARE ACTIVE

Industrial and Political Groups in Dublin Unite Apparently and Disorder Seems Close at Hand.

Copyright, 1919, by the New York World. Published by Arrangement. LONDON, Feb. 4.—(Special Cable.)—“A serious change for the worse has come over the situation here during the last 24 hours,” states a Dublin dispatch to the Daily News. “Information in my possession, which comes from unimpeachable sources, makes it clear that we may expect very important developments almost at once.”

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than 1000 men are out of work. The management and men agree that the trouble was caused by refusal of the former to discharge a fire marshal and watchman named Volheim who refused several engineers admission to the yard Sunday when they were supposed to wash boilers. The men claimed Volheim abused them for voting a strike. General Manager Kuhn says he shut them out by mistake. Today the engineers demanded that Volheim be discharged. They say that Mr. Kuhn told them they intended to strike, anyhow, and refused to consider their demand.

Mr. Kuhn says they delivered an ultimatum which he couldn't accept and when they walked out, he closed the yard and will keep it closed until the trouble is settled. He had offered to pay the engineers the time they were supposed to have worked Sunday. Another strike vote had been called for tonight and tomorrow, following defeat of the first attempt. It was generally expected that Seattle and Tacoma influence would succeed in bringing on the strike. Especial efforts were on foot to force a strike at the Olympia yard, as it is operated under general direction of Charles Pies as head of the fleet corporation. The Government took over the yard last year in an effort to protect itself on contracts made with Phillip D. Sloan, which resulted in sensational revelations at Washington, D. C., over the careless use of Federal funds in authorizing emergency shipbuilding. Since that time it is supposed to have been drawing \$10,000 a year merely because the Government took over the yard. It has been suggested that the Government would drop the Olympia yard if such an opportunity as the present strike trouble offered.

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