

DEADLOCK FIGHTED IN TRADE COUNCILS

Government Demands That Return to Work.

RADICALS' CAUSE WEAKENS

Collapse of Oakland Strike Adds to Sentiment for Continued Work Under Present Macy Scale.

Insistence by the government, through the emergency fleet corporation, that striking shipyard workers return to work under conditions effective January 21 before any action regarding their grievances is taken, simply served, yesterday, to tighten the deadlock that has developed in the Pacific Coast Metal Trades council conference being held here at 125 1/2 Fourth street.

In addition to this, the virtual collapse of the strikes in the Oakland district, on San Francisco bay, where between 90 and 95 per cent of the men are reported to have returned to work, has weakened the cause of the radical delegates, and made the possibility of a coastwide strike still more distant.

Delegates to the conference here yesterday practically determined to leave the action with the boilermakers, the largest and most powerful individual union of the metal trades council. They practically agreed, for the time being, to follow any line of action that the boilermakers might outline. A meeting of local and visiting boilermakers was held last night to consider the general situation.

This meeting, which, it is declared, was entirely informal, is said to have declined the honor of indicating any plan of action. Boilermakers at Seattle, it was said, might on their own initiative take some action, but there would be no general action of the boilermakers' union on the coast as a whole. Most of the time was spent discussing other matters, it was said.

Government Firm in Decision.

Three delegates of the Pacific Coast Metal Trades conference yesterday visited Dr. C. E. Underhill, director of the emergency fleet corporation, who was in Portland consulting with local shipyard employers and employees regarding wages that are to be received following the expiration of the present Macy board agreement, April 1. These delegates called upon Dr. Marshall as individuals, and not as a committee from the metal trades conference, and they inquired chiefly whether the government meant what it said in its statement issued, calling upon strikers to return to work, and setting forth that until they did so the shippards would remain closed. Dr. Marshall assured his callers that the government meant exactly what it said.

This information later was imparted to the delegates at the conference, and led to further discussion of the problem. The statement gives little hope to the radical element at the conference that is seeking extension of strike conditions.

Decision Expected Today.

"It looks," said one delegate, "as if it was our move, and only one move possible. If it is called off, we can get together and maybe get an adjustment. If the strike isn't called off, we are locked out. The boilermakers say they will appeal to President Wilson, and maybe we'd better let them."

Collapse of the Oakland strike gives added strength to the contentions of the conservative councils and delegates, to continue to work under the present agreement until it expires, and then seek the best terms that can be made. The stand of the government is expected to increase support of this line of action, and the change in relative strength of the two factions at the conference may bring about an outlawing of the Seattle strike, if not an order for its abandonment.

Announcement of the line of action to be followed is expected from the metal trades conference at the end of today's sessions, it being expected that a deciding vote will be taken during the day.

STRIKERS RECONSIDER CASE

Foremen at Hog Island Plant to Return to Work.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 20.—The 400 foremen at the Hog Island shipyard, who struck today for higher pay, resulting in the closing down of the big yard, decided late this afternoon to return to work tomorrow and await a final decision on their demands a week from today by Charles Pies, director-general of the Emergency Fleet corporation.

The foremen, 65 per cent of whom belong to unions, demanded an increase of \$4 a week to \$70, time and a half for overtime, double pay for Sunday work, and two and a half days' sick allowance each month. They also complained that since the fleet corporation has been retrenching they have had to look after two shifts instead of one. About 20,000 men were affected by the strike and the launching of the freighter Saugus, fixed for today, had to be postponed.

Mr. Pies told the men he expected to resign in two months and requested them to be loyal to the remainder of his administration. He told them shipbuilding in the United States hung by a slender thread.

"I cannot promise just now," he said, "that your demands can be granted, for I don't know where we can find the money. Congress has given us \$2,500,000,000, which is virtually exhausted. It is now coming up with the proposition of raising \$18,000,000,000 and will certainly not be disposed to appropriate any more for raising the wages of men in shipyards. But I'll promise you a fair deal and I think I have a right to expect a surer deal from you. Go back for a week or so, give me time to reach a decision, then we can meet again and I can tell you what we shall do."

NO INQUEST TO BE HELD

Insurance Companies Said to Have Probed Holbrook Case.

There will be no inquest into the death of James B. Holbrook, who was found dead from a gunshot wound through his breast in a locker room in the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club last Monday, according to an announcement by Coroner Smith last night. The coroner's inquest was to have been held last night at the request of insurance companies in which Mr. Holbrook held policies worth \$100,000.

Mr. Smith said that the insurance companies had made a private investigation of their own, and expressed themselves as satisfied with the result. He said that all of the policies except for about \$17,000 had been in effect for more than six years, and that Mr. Holbrook's supposed suicide would have no bearing on them. It is possible, however, that the coroner will before he pays the final billings for the inquest without a legal battle.

SOCIETY NEWS

BY CECILIE B. CORBETT

ONE of the largest assemblages of the season is expected to feature the initial benefit ball to be given for the World War Veterans of Oregon on February 22. The committee in charge reports an advance sale of more than 3000 tickets, which from an energetic ticket campaign now under way by the service men is expected to be augmented by twice this amount. It has been commented that from the sale of tickets the accommodations of the Multnomah hotel ballroom might be insufficient. The committee announced, however, that the entire ballroom space of the mezzanine floor has been reserved for the occasion, with ample room for the attendance expected. Campbell's American band has been augmented to two separate orchestras to provide music in the two wings of the ballroom. With the cooperation of city officials the committee on decorations is arranging appropriate setting for this patriotic event.

The grand march, to be led by Mayor and Mrs. Baker, will open the program at 9 P. M. The following are announced as patrons and patronesses: James Withycombe, governor; Messadames George L. Baker, L. P. Campbell, T. L. Perkins, C. A. Bigelow, A. L. Barbur, W. J. LaRoche, Charles F. Berg, G. L. Williams, George Funk, George Fausa, Fred T. Warren, C. B. Waters, also Mayor Baker, Colonel L. Campbell, Dr. T. L. Perkins, C. A. Bigelow, A. L. Barbur, W. J. LaRoche, Charles F. Berg, G. L. Williams, George Funk, George Fausa, Fred T. Warren and C. B. Waters.

An event of great interest to the residents of Sellwood and their soldier and navy relatives is the reception to be given this evening to honor Major John J. Sellwood, who recently returned from overseas, where he was assigned to the medical corps. The affair also will be a special commitment to the army and navy men of Sellwood who have been in service either at home or abroad and the S. A. C. of that section. A special invitation is extended to the veterans of the Spanish and civil wars who reside in Sellwood and the families of all those mentioned. It will be a gala affair and one of the largest ever attempted in Sellwood. It will be given at the community house, corner of Fifteenth street and Spokane avenue, the residents of Sellwood to be hosts.

THE DALLIES, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—John Goddrecht of Boyd and Miss Annie M. Sweet of Dufur were united in marriage this morning by Rev. H. E. Roswell at the parsonage of the Christian church in this city. The couple will occupy Mr. Goddrecht's ranch home.

Mrs. Mannie Outfield Hart is recently home from the Portland Maternity hospital with her infant son. Mr. and Mrs. Hart and the recipients of many good wishes and congratulations.

Mrs. Truit Hughes will entertain this afternoon with an informal tea complimenting Miss Genevieve Church, who soon will leave for Japan, and Miss Louise Small, who has been out of town for several months. The guests will include close friends of the two guests of honor.

Alpha Chi Omega fraternity will be entertained at the residence of Mrs. H. G. Green, 111 Thirty-eighth street, Laurelhurst, tomorrow afternoon at an informal tea. All members of the fraternity are cordially invited.

Corinthian chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will entertain Tuesday evening at Masonic temple with a Colonial party. Officers and members will wear Colonial costumes.

Carlson Spencer, a former Portland man who has been in the army for some time, has just returned to this city for a brief sojourn en route to Eugene to visit his parents. Mr. Spencer, who has been commissioned a second lieutenant, has been at Langley field, Hampton, Va., where he was in command of the Langley field squadron flying corps. He expects to resume his residence in Oregon, and practice law, in which field he was well known prior to entering service.

Mrs. Fielding Kelly will preside at a dinner party this evening in honor of her daughter Elizabeth, after which

UNION CHIEFS WARN REBELLIOUS MEMBERS

Strikes in Several Cities Not to Be Recognized.

OUSTER ACTION PROBABLE

Oakland Boilermakers Who Continue on Strike in Defiance of Orders May Be Dropped.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Wage adjustments in shipyards after March 31, when the existing national agreements made through the Macy board expire, will be formulated through local organization, in which the government, yard operators, and labor unions will be represented. Chairman Hurley, of the shipping board, said today that Charles Pies, director-general of the emergency fleet corporation, had devised the plan and was working out details.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—A flat declaration by the international officers of the boilermakers' union that they would not recognize strikes of union members in San Francisco, Oakland, Cal., Seattle and Tacoma was delivered by M. J. McGuire, representative of the international organization here.

McGuire said today he was prepared to oust from the union the Oakland boilermakers who continue on strike in defiance of an order from the international organization to return. A new union will be formed of the men who returned, McGuire said.

Notification of a conference in Washington around March 15 of labor and shipyard representatives on the Pacific coast to frame a new wage agreement to take the place of existing government agreements was received by the San Francisco Iron Trades council and the Machinists' lodge here today. The machinists will meet Monday to name a delegate.

Employers affiliated with the California Metal Trades association here telegraphed the international officers of the Machinists' lodge today that striking machinists here and in Oakland refused to treat with them through the San Francisco Iron Trades council, and remained out in defiance of the agreement of the federal shipbuilding labor adjustment board, which was subscribed to by the international lodge.

The machinists here announced that they will pay no attention to the demand of the employers that they forego the Saturday half holiday or be dismissed.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—With the word coming from the emergency fleet board that nothing more would be done toward a settlement of the shipyard strike here until the men returned to work the situation does not look any too good for ship construction here. It is possible, conservative union men declare, that another vote may be taken within a few days which will send the men back to the yards. At present 12 contracts have been canceled and the loss in wages amounts to a little over \$1,000,000.

PICTURES TO SHOW CAMP

Musical Numbers to Enliven Mother and Son Supper.

The annual mother and son supper of the boys' division of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Fred Lockley, member of the boys' work committee, will preside and mothers and sons will respond to toasts. Slides will be shown of Spirit Lake camp and there will be several musical numbers. Each club represented at the dinner will enter into competition for the best table decorations. Reservations may be made through Walter B. Lucia at the Young Men's Christian Association.

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