

## SEAMEN'S WAGE CUT GOES, SAYS BENSON

No Compromise, Declares Shipping Board Chief.

### UNION LEADER CONFIDENT

Prediction Made That Ship Owners Finally Will Yield to Terms of Striking Workers.

**WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.**—In announcing a policy of no compromise of the 15 per cent wage reduction in the settlement of the controversy between the shipping board and the men who own and manage workers, Chairman Benson tonight called on "all loyal citizens to rally to the support of their flag."

"Full protection," he said, "will be given by the shipping board to all those who come to its assistance in keeping ships in operation."

Economic conditions fully justify, he said, the readjustment in wage scales and working conditions as made effective by the board May 1, when the old agreements expired, and the chairman said that he and his board's efforts to keep its ships in operation are meeting, he added, indicates that the men aboard ship agree with the position taken by the board. The chairman said he was willing to meet and talk with the union heads here, but not to negotiate on a wage reduction.

#### Edict Follows Conference.

Chairman Benson's statement was made after a conference with Secretaries Davis and Hoover, although none would discuss the conference.

In spite of the stand taken by Chairman Benson, Secretary Davis continued his efforts to settle the dispute by conciliation. He called W. S. Davis, president of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial association, into a conference at which present wage scales and working conditions were discussed. Indications were that the secretary was pursuing the methods he had followed in previous negotiations by talking separately with representatives of the contending factions in an effort to obtain concessions from each that would be acceptable to the other.

No further word on the appointment of a new commission to arbitrate the dispute was forthcoming from the White House beyond a statement by officials that it was their understanding that the matter was in the hands of Secretaries Davis and Hoover.

#### Union Leader Hopeful.

Brown predicted today that the ship owners "will come to terms" in a few days. "As yet," he said, "there are comparatively few ships tied up, but as they come into port and are unable to sign crews, the owners will be anxious for a settlement."

### LUMBER CARGOES TO MOVE

Coast Steam Schooners Are Not Affected by Strike.

**GRAY'S HARBOR, Wash., May 2.**—Regardless of a ship strike, eight large freighters will load 28,000,000 feet of lumber at this harbor this month, according to Hugh M. Delaney, manager of the Hugh M. Delaney Stevedore company and practical shipping manager for this port.

These vessels, said Mr. Delaney today, are chartered to come here this month and will start their voyages as soon as the seas now and then will complete their voyages even under rules of various seamen's unions, which provide that vessels on the seas during the time of a strike shall not sail.

The effect of the strike was noticeable here today. Coast steam schooners are not affected for their contracts with the workers do not expire until June. The steamer *Wilshire*, at the port, had 10,000 tons of timber cargo there today and move tomorrow to the Wilson mill at Aberdeen. There has been no trouble in her case and none is expected. The steamer *Kennecott*, at the Bay City, expects to complete loading tomorrow and no trouble is likely in her case.

The eight steamers due this month and which Mr. Delaney says are certain to come are C. H. *Admiral*, 11,000 tons; West *Himrod*, 8,500 tons; West *Distance*, 8,800 tons; Cross Key, 9,600 tons; West *Keats*, 8,800 tons; and *Meridian*, 5,500 tons.

At least two other ships may come during this month. This is expected to set a new record in cargo lumber shipments for this harbor.

### TIE-UP IS ALMOST COMPLETE

Shipping Activity Practically Halted by San Francisco.

**O SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.**—Deep-sea shipping activities of San Francisco bay practically ceased today through refusal of employers to re-sign at new wage rates conditions which became effective yesterday, striking men announced tonight.

One vessel, the Pacific Steamship company liner *Admiral Evans*, bound for Portland, cleared from this port, and the marine department of the city of San Francisco reported between 15 and 20 vessels laid up in the bay through failure of the men to reship. The crew of the *Admiral Evans*, it was announced, shipped prior to May 1 under the old wage scale.

The shipping board vessel *Eastern Sailor*, due to leave for Seattle to fulfill a time charter, failed to sail through inability to obtain a crew, the marine department said. Both sides in the controversy, according to statements made, had regarded the potential sailing of the *Eastern Sailor* as a test of strength.

The Oceanic Steamship company trans-Pacific liner *Ventura* will sail tomorrow and is scheduled to comply with the multi-carrying contract, the company announced. The crew was obtained at the wages and conditions ruling prior to May 1.

### WEST HIMROD OBTAINS CREW

Steamer Delayed by Strike Reportedly Ready to Go.

Completion of a crew for the shipping board steamer *West Himrod*, which has been detained here since she finished loading last Friday, was locally yesterday in the strike of seafarers. A shortage of two men which had existed on this vessel since Saturday was filled yesterday and it was expected late night that the vessel would go down the river from her moorings in the Victoria dolphins before daylight this morning. The *West Himrod* has aboard a full cargo of flour for Italy.

Assurances were received yesterday

by James W. Crichton, district agent of the operations division of the shipping board, both from H. E. Ebey, director of operations at San Francisco, and R. M. Semmes, director at Seattle, that men mentioned should in the present emergency will be given consideration by the shipping board and its representatives in the matter of future employment.

#### Vancouver Little Affected.

**VANCOUVER, B. C., May 2.**—This port will not be greatly affected by the United States shipping strike, shipping men declared today. The only line flying the American flag running into this port is the Admrial line, and officials of that company said that all its coastwise ships would continue to operate.

#### Seamen Souped by Board.

**SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.**—H. S. Ebey, district director of operations for the shipping board, announced today that the board assured efficient marine men desiring employment that the shipping board at this time is still stood by such vessels that they would be accorded fair treatment as to future employment.

#### Victoria Conditions Normal.

**VICTORIA, B. C., May 2.**—The United States shipping strike has had no effect on shipping here, maritime

## STRIKE OF PRINTERS IN BIG CITIES OFF

Many Employers Agree to 44-Hour Week.

### WALKOUT VOTES TAKEN

Nation-Wide Action, However, Appears to Have Been Averted.

#### Trouble Hits Canada.

#### CHICAGO, May 2.—Acceptance by

employers in many of the larger cities of the 44-hour week in the printing industry today appeared to have averted a nation-wide strike in the book and job printing shops. Local officials

agreed upon recommending a 12 per cent wage reduction.

#### Omaha Job Printers Strike.

**OMAHA, May 2.**—About 70 job printers from eight or ten shops walked out today because of demands for a 44-hour week. John Martin, president of the union announced, Mr. Martin said the men were not on strike, but had been "locked out," having been told Saturday not to report today unless they desired to work under open-shop conditions.

#### MONTRÉAL ALSO HAS STRIKE

**Photo Engravers Demand \$10 and 44-Hour Week.**

**MONTREAL, May 2.**—Employers in the photo-engraving departments of most printing establishments here went on strike today for a 44-hour week and a \$10 a week wage. Employers wish to set the hours at 48 hours and wages at \$9.

Engravers were waiting word from union headquarters in Chicago for permission to strike for a 44-hour week.

#### Great Falls Unions Stay In.

**GREAT FALLS, Mont., May 2.**—Job printers in this city did not go out this morning, on the demand for a

## PAPER MILL MEN STRIKE

ABOUT 1800 WORKERS ARE IDLE IN BOSTON.

**More Than 800 Members of Brotherhood Walk Out in New York, Refusing Wage Cut.**

**BOSTON, May 2.**—About 1800 paper workers in New England were idle today as a result of their refusal to accept wage reductions ranging from 20 to 25 per cent.

The International Paper company's plants at Livermore Falls, Chisholm and Rumford, Me., employing 1500 persons suspended operations and a 20 per cent reduction announced at Franklin, N. H., was rejected by the union there.

Employees at several plants accepted the new scale.

**NEW YORK, May 2.**—More than 800 members of the International Brotherhood of Paper Workers have struck against wage reductions in the paper making industry, the labor bureau announced today.

The principal companies affected, it was stated, were the Minnesota & Ontario Paper company at International Falls, Minn.; Pulp & Paper Co. at Port Frances, Ont., and the International Paper company with mills in 22 towns in Canada.

**VANCOUVER, B. C., May 2.**—British Columbia pulp and paper mills will not be affected by the strike of paper workers, Norman Long, manager of the Powell River paper company, declared today.

**ALBANY, N. Y., May 2.**—Approximately 12,000 members of the International Brotherhood of Paper Workers are on strike, J. T. Carey, president of the brotherhood, said today.

Plants affected are located in the northeast section of the United States and in Canada. Most of the mills are engaged in the production of newsprint.

A few independent companies in this state have signed a wage and working agreement with the union.

The strike was called in protest against a wage reduction of approximately 30 per cent and a change in working conditions.

### SPOKANE SHOPS OPERATE

**Schedule Is Declared Normal in Spite of Walkouts.**

**SPOKANE, Wash., May 2.**—Representatives of independent printers in bakers early today declared their shops were operating on a normal schedule, despite walkouts of union employees as a result of disputes over working conditions.

Fifteen bakeries of the city, declared to have an output of \$2 per cent of the bread baked here, were operating on an "open shop" basis today and had seven more men than they needed, it was stated by J. C. H. Reynolds, secretary-manager of the employed bakers' association.

J. T. Turner, secretary of the 44-hour league, an organization of employing printers, said that only one job shop in the city had granted demands for a 44-hour week and that others had "ample help," printers having been made available from outside the city.

Information from union and employers' sources today indicated that about 100 men in 22 establishments were affected by walkouts. These included 60 bakers, 24 job printers, 10 bookbinders and 10 cooks and waiters.

Five bakeries in the city, however, asserted that the bakers' disagreement arose over apprenticeship rules and the cooks' and waiters' demands concerned wages.

#### New Orleans Feels Strike.

**LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 2.**—The first actual developments in the marine strike here came today when the sailors left two shipping board vessels, *Alaska* and *Orion*, as well as engineers, firemen and water tenders are expected to quit work later, it was said.

#### Helena Job Pressmen Out.

**HELENA, Mont., May 2.**—Job pressmen in all printing offices here failed to report for work today but newspaper pressmen were working as usual. Bindery employees went to work in several shops, pending settlement of the 44-hour week controversy.

#### Strike Begun in Houston.

**HOUSTON, Tex., May 2.**—One hundred and five workers in eight shops were affected by the allied printing trades strike which began here today.

#### Vancouver, B. C., Printers Quit.

**VANCOUVER, B. C., May 2.**—Between 60 and 70 job printers struck today following refusal of their demand for a 44-hour week.

#### 1000 Quit at Pittsburgh.

**PITTSBURG, May 2.**—Approximately 1000 workers in 150 printing shops struck today to enforce their demand for a 44-hour week. Book binders, it was stated, were voting on the question of joining the strike.

#### 725 on Strike at Denver.

**DENVER, May 2.**—Seven hundred and twenty-five compositors, pressmen, press feeders, bookbinders and helpers struck today, virtually tying up every large commercial printing establishment in Denver.

#### 500 Strike at San Francisco.

**SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.**—Employers in the printing trade here refused to accept wage reductions. Employers estimated the number of men out at 10,000, while estimates of the workers placed the figures at 60,000.

#### PRINTERS WORK AT SEATTLE

**Secretary of Employers Declares 44-Hour Week in Effect.**

**SEATTLE, May 2.**—Printers employed at job shops here were at work today, with the 44-hour week still in force, according to R. L. Slocom, secretary of the Seattle Master Printers' association. Committees representing the association and typographical union will meet tomorrow to discuss the workers' demand for a 44-hour week.

Between 4000 and 5000 are out of work, it was asserted. This is said to be about half the number that would be had if the shops had been operating on full time.

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#### Strike Begun at St. Paul.

**ST. PAUL, May 2.**—Two hundred and fifty workers in 10 printing shops walked out today to enforce their demand for a 44-hour week. Book binders, it was stated, were voting on the question of joining the strike.

#### 150 STRIKE AT LANCASTER

**Demands for 44-Hour Week Are Refused by Employers.**

**LANCASTER, Pa., May 2.**—Demands for a 44-hour week were refused by the employers here, and as a result 150 journeymen printers are on strike. Job and newspaper plants of the city are affected.

#### Fargo, N. D., Pressmen Sign Up.

**FARGO, N. D., May 2.**—Local pressmen today signed contracts for the 44-hour week, employers announced. Compositors struck for the 44-hour week.

#### Sacramento Has Walkout.

**SACRAMENTO, Calif., May 2.**—About 40 printers employed in all job printing shops of Sacramento were on strike today. The strike did not affect the state printing office.

#### 1000 Strike at Cleveland.

**CLEVELAND, May 2.**—More than 1000 printers went on strike today when their demands for a 44-hour week were refused by master printers.

#### Los Angeles Printers Strike.

**LOS ANGELES, Calif., May 2.**—Sixty-five job printers were on strike today, according to Seth Brown, president of the local union.

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