## NORTHWEST STEEL AND MEN PROGRESS

Further Conferences Bring 2 Sides Closer Together and Wage Now Debated.

### WILLAMETTE HOLDS OUT

No Headway Is Made in Effort to Get Session Over Difficulties. Mr. Baker Has Not Yet Lost Hope of Settlement.

Further material progress was made yesterday in the movement to settle the strike at the Northwest steel plant, but with no corresponding development the Willamette Iron and Steel

Works.
Joseph R. Bowles, president of the Northwest Steel Company, again conferred with a committee of his striking employes yesterday morning. They talked over the situation for nearly three hours. The men were accompanied by Joseph Reed, chairman of the executive committee of the Metal Trades Council, who acted for them in an advisory canacity. an advisory capacity.

Both sides were optimistic after the

meeting adjourned. They will go into session again tomorrow morning. Some of the strikers confidently predict that they will be back at work before the end of the week, but Mr. Reed last night said:

"While the conference from some angles is promising to settlement to

angles is promising, no settlement is at hand. I make this statement to clarify some reports that there was a chance the strike would be settled by Willamette Company Firm.

The situation at the Willamette works is not so encouraging. A dead-lock has developed over the question of representation at the proposed confer-

Bert C. Ball, president of the Willam-ette, is insisting that no official of the Metal Trades Council not an employe of his plant shall sit in the con-ference, in an advisory or any other capacity. Officials of the council are

capacity. Officials of the council are demanding, however, that they shall be represented. They point out that in as much as Mr. Bowles has admitted Mr. Reed into his conference, Mr. Ball should grant a similar concession. George L. Baker, City Commissioner, who has been acting as an intermediary between the men and the heads of the two by shipbuilding plants, has hopes of bringing the two sides together. He is confident that if they once go into a conference they will make satisfactory progress toward make satisfactory progress toward reaching an agreement.

Wage Is Only Difference. The negotiations at the Northwest plant now have reached a stage at which only the question of wages separates the principals.

"And our differences are not great," commented Mr. Bowles after the session vesterday.

sion yesterday.

"The men were represented by a very fair-minded and friendly committee. We are getting along fine."
Similar expressions of cordiality toward Mr. Bowles and optimism toward an early settlement were voiced by members of the strikers' committee. They all declare that Mr. Bowles has dealt very fairly with them.
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offered to place into effect in the Northwest plant a scale of wages coruntarily three months ago without an agreement and without formal solicitation by the men.

Strikers Want Scattle Scale.

The strikers, on the other hand, are holding out for a scale similar to that in effect in the Seattle yards, which scale is said to be slightly higher than

scale is said to be slightly higher than the San Francisco scale.

This was virtually the only point of difference between the two sldes last night and each side was entirely confident that it would be eliminated through further negotiations.

The Metal Trades Council and the Willamette Iron & Steel Company became deadlocked yesterday on the question of mediation of the Willamette Company's shipbuilding strike. The last of a series of proposed terms for a conference suggested by Mr. Baker were rejected at 5 o'clock by officers of the union. Mr. Baker will renew his endeavors along compromise lines tomorrow.

ALASKANS AT PORTLAND HOSPITAL HAVE MERRY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.





1—Grass Cigar Case Made by Patient at Morningside Hospital, Who Has Been Returned to Her Home on Attu Island, 4500 Miles From Portland. 2—Miniature Totem Pole Made in Portland. 3 — The Eskimo Reunion

The Kobucks, Kuskoquims, Indians from the South Alaskan section, Northwest plant a scale of wages corresponding in every particular with the scale in effect in the Union Iron Works at San Francisco. He has offered also, it is reported, to sign an agreement continuing indefinitely the eight-hour day, which he granted voluntarily three months ago without an untarily three the Aleuts, forgot their timidity and one by one joined in the wierd dance that featured the Christmas programme at the Morningside Hospital here in joint celebration of the season and the completion of the Parole annex to the building. The rhythm of the chanc and the tom-tom guided the syra-

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While drilling at the bottom of his well about two miles east of Roseburg a few days ago, W. F. Kernan noticed he had penetrated a peculiar ledge of rock that excited his curiosity. Subsequent examination of the rock showed that it contained platinum and a sprinkling of copper. Mr. Kernan yesterday started to sink a shaft to ascertain whether the platinum can be

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drops per time.

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