

GOVERNMENT ACTS IN SEATTLE STRIKE

Department of Labor Starts Inquiry Into Wooden Ship Tieup.

GOMPERS MAKES REQUEST

Labor Leaders Assert Situation Will Not Improve Until Government Establishes Eight-Hour Day in Lumber Industry.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 15.—The committee managing the strike of all the wood workers employed in the Seattle shipyards, said to number 4000, insist that the strike can only be ended by action of the Government that will es-

TYPICAL SCENE AT SHIPYARDS AFTER STRIKE ORDER WENT INTO EFFECT YESTERDAY MORNING.



MEN GATHERED AT SUPPLE-BALLIN PLANT, WHICH IS ONE OF ELEVEN YARDS IN PORTLAND DISTRICT AFFECTED BY STRIKE.

ablish the eight-hour day in the lumber industry in that state. The shipyard men are on strike against handling 10-hour lumber and the building carpenters of Seattle are also on strike against such lumber. Most of the wooden shipyards of Seattle are closed by the strike.

Jay G. Brown, chairman of the general strike committee, and the committee today held several conferences with employers who were willing to sign agreements to stop the use of "sun-fats" and who asked the help of the committee in getting eight-hour lumber. Several members of the committee expressed the belief that the Government in the end would be forced to commandeer a few of the largest mills of the Puget Sound, Grays Harbor and Willapa Harbor districts, in order to obtain material for shipbuilding.

Mills May Be Commandeered. Seattle labor organizations have for several weeks been urging the Washington delegation in Congress to request the Government to commandeer both mills and timber if necessary to prevent trouble in the shipyards and elsewhere over the eight-hour-day strike.

Chairman Brown said that there was every reason to believe that the Seattle boycott and strike would spread to all Western Washington shipyards within the next few days. He declared, however, that the Metal Trades Council has not planned to call out its unions on the sympathetic strike with the carpenters and allied crafts in the shipyards.

"The Metal Trades Council has not changed its attitude since the strike was ordered," said Mr. Brown. "Its unions will remain at their posts as long as the shipyards can provide work for them."

Gompers Is Interested. The general strike committee of the Metal and Building Trades Councils and the International Timber Workers and International Shingle Weavers, which is directing the strike of the woodworkers received a telegram today from Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, saying that Mr. Gompers had taken the Seattle situation up with the United States Department of Labor and had been advised that the department had already begun an investigation.

The committee's information corroborated by Henry M. White, immigration commissioner for the Seattle District, and ex-officio representative of the Department of Labor in the Northwest. Although he had not received specific instructions at that time, Commissioner White has begun an inquiry into the strike. Although he declined to go into details, Mr. White expressed hope today that a satisfactory adjustment of the lumber boycott strike could be found.

He intimated that he had reason to believe that the greatest danger in the situation was of a general strike in the shipyards resulting from the unsettled state of the controversy over wage increases that has been pending since August 1.

STRIKE STOPS SHIPYARDS

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ing those at Astoria, St. Helens, Linn-ton, Vancouver, Wash. and North Portland, as well as those in Portland proper. They expressed themselves as well satisfied with the way the men responded to the call.

Fifty Vessels Affected.

The following plants are involved: Supple-Ballin, Kiernan & Kern, Coast Shipbuilding, Peninsula Shipbuilding, Grant Smith-Porter-Guthrie, Standifer-Clarkson (two plants), Columbia Engineering Works, all of Portland, St. Helens Shipbuilding Company, of St. Helens; McEachern Company and Wilson Bros., of Astoria.

More than 50 Government vessels intended for service in the trans-Atlantic trade, are affected by the strike. Some of them are nearing completion and are badly needed to carry supplies to the allies and to the American soldiers in France.

men to go back to work pending a more formal adjustment.

Closed Shop Principal Issue.

While a slight advance in wages is included in the proposed agreement submitted to the employers by the men, the principal point in the whole controversy is that of the closed shop.

The operators, through informal conferences yesterday, agreed not to yield to the closed shop principle which the union officials seem determined to enforce. They declared last night that the union men can come back to work at any time they wish and continue their unions as long as they want to. But they want the equal opportunity to employ men who don't belong to the union.

The operators firmly believe that they can man their plants completely if they receive proper protection. But whether it will be necessary to ask for Federal troops apparently has not been determined. It is believed that regular Army troops can be sent by the Government to guard those plants at which Government vessels are under construction.

It is probable that the strikers will attempt to maintain peaceful picket lines at all yards that attempt to operate tomorrow morning.

The striking shipbuilders held two mass meetings in a hall at Eleventh and Burnside streets yesterday—one at noon and the other last night. At both meetings leaders in other branches of organized labor admonished the men to refrain from violence and disorder.

\$4 Wanted for Common Labor.

Various striking employees pointed out that the wage question is quite

wage scale and the same working conditions.

The men demand a closed shop, \$6 per day minimum wage for men handling edged tools, double pay for Saturday afternoon, exemption from compensation tax and hospital dues, trained nurses at the plants and yard privileges for walking delegates.

In speaking on the strike situation today E. W. Wright, manager of the McEachern yard, said:

"We are building ships for the Government in competition with Southern and Eastern yards where the scale is from \$2 to \$3 per day and nothing but the superiority of our timber enables us to approximately meet this competition. Some of the advances in wages asked by the men would, under our contract, be absorbed by the Government, but the contract states quite specifically that the contractor shall, before incurring any obligations in advance of said price mentioned in this section (wage scale now paid), obtain the written approval of the owners."

GOVERNMENT ACTION IS HOPE

Approximately 25,000 Men Ready to Strike at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 15.—Action by the Federal Government was said tonight to be the only possible chance to prevent a walkout Monday morning of approximately 25,000 members of the Iron Trades Council, most of whom are working on Government shipbuilding contracts.

Final conferences held today resulted in a deadlock, according to statements from officials of the Metal Trades Association.

ROUND-UP CARD IS READY

PENDLETON EXPECTS BIGGEST CROWD IN CITY'S HISTORY.

Estimated Attendance at Wild West Show, Beginning Next Thursday, Put at 40,000.

PENDLETON, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—All details have now been completed for the biggest Round-up the Pendleton people have ever put on, beginning Thursday, September 20, and running three days. Indications are that there will be 20,000 people the first day and 40,000 Saturday. The rains have improved the roads so that auto parties will find no trouble getting through. Every cowboy and cowgirl of prominence in the West will be here. The complete programme has been arranged as follows:

- 1. Cowboys' pony race, purse \$100.
2. Indian square dance, purse \$100.
3. Cowgirl's standing race, purse \$100.
4. Bertha Bianchi's Josephine Robes, Ella Merryfield and Donna Card.
5. Steer bulldozing contest, purse \$150.
6. Cowboys' standing race, purse \$100.
7. Ben Corbett, Sid Seal, Tom Grimes and Allen Drumheller.
8. Cowgirl's bucking contest, purse \$200.
9. Bertha Bianchi, Mildred Douglas, Prairie Rose Henderson, Ella Merryfield, Kinzie Hastings and Katie Wilkes.
10. Cowboys' relay race, purse \$500.
11. Sissy Armstrong, Darrell Cannon, Knapp Lynch, Allen Drumheller, Bob Anderson and Pax Irwin.
12. Indian relay race, purse \$200.
13. Steer-roping contest, purse \$750.
14. George Wier, Charley Wier, Joe Beason, Henry Yarberry, D. E. Clark, Will Roach, Ben McCreary, Tom Grimes, John Madd, Pax Irwin, Cae Prescott and many others.
15. Stage coach race, purse \$150.
16. Jim Ross, C. C. Morris, Ben Rockwood and I. W. Hastings.
17. Pony express race, purse \$200.
18. Darrell Cannon, Allen Drumheller, Bob Anderson, Knapp Lynch.
19. Cowgirl's relay race, purse \$500.
20. Ruth Parson, Mable DeLong, Bertha Bianchi, Josephine Robes, Ella Merryfield, Mrs. J. A. Parsons and Lila Smith.
21. Indian race, for thoroughbred Indian horses, purse \$100.
22. Cowgirl's bucking contest, purse \$500 and champion saddle.
23. Wild horse race, purse \$100.

300 STRIKE AT ST. HELENS

Shipbuilding Plant Is Expected to Resume Work Monday.

ST. HELENS, Or., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—The 300 employees of the St. Helens Shipbuilding Company laid down their tools and quit work today in obedience to orders from the head labor council in Portland. No disorder attended the strike and the men quietly left their work.

H. P. McCormick, manager of the shipbuilding yard, said that operations would be resumed Monday morning, as a sufficient force had been obtained to keep work going on the two government vessels now under construction, and that many of the employees who live in St. Helens and have their homes here are not in favor of the strike and will return to work.

ABERDEEN WORKMEN TO VOTE

Question of Sympathetic Strike to Be Decided Tuesday.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—A vote as to whether they are willing to walk out in sympathy with the striking timberworkers will be taken by the Grays Harbor Ship Carpenters and Joiners Union here Tuesday night. This is part of the coast-wide strike vote now being polled. The result of this vote will have to be sent to San Francisco, where the union have their headquarters.

There is no agitation here among ship carpenters in favor of joining the Seattle strikers in their walkout in protest to non-union lumber and no strike expected to be called or heard of before the returns of the coastwide vote being polled are received.

OLYMPIA WORKERS UNCERTAIN

Conferences at Seattle Expected to Determine Action.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Whether or whether the men employed in Olympia shipyards join the Seattle shipyards strike against lumber cut in mills running 10 hours, depends largely upon the report of a union representative sent to confer with Seattle headquarters today. Informally the shipyards unions have expressed themselves opposed to a general strike.

Conferences at Seattle tonight and tomorrow are expected largely to determine the extent of the shipyards strike on Puget Sound.

FEW STRIKE AT VANCOUVER

Standifer Shipyard Is Not Crippled by Walkout.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Only a small percentage of the shipworkers employed by the G. M. Standifer Construction Corporation walked out here today in the general strike of wooden ship workers. It was reported that all work went on as a part of a general plan, but when the time came today not enough left to cripple the plant.

SHIPBUILDING WILL STOP

Refusal to Handle 10-Hour Lumber Will Close All Yards.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 15.—Should the existing sympathetic strike of the Shipwrights and Joiners, Ship Carpenters and Ship Carpenters' Unions, who re-

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Southeast Corner Fifth and Alder Streets

that branch lines also will be affected. Some trains may be cut off, and the possibility of unloading passengers and freight trains in other instances is under consideration.

Chelan Land Company Bankrupt.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 15.—The Chelan Land Company, a corporation holding large interests in Chelan County, Washington, filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in the United States District Court here yesterday, scheduling liabilities of \$462,000, all unsecured, and assets of \$225,000, mostly real estate.

Supervisor's Conduct Upheld.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 15.—Senator Chamberlain today received word from the Secretary of Agriculture that investigation has failed to show substantiation of charges of misconduct brought against Supervisor S. C. Bartrum, of the Umpqua Forest Reserve.

The Multnomah Hotel. Announces the featuring of week-day Dinner Dances. A la carte service and dancing each evening until 12:30. ROYAL PURPLE ORCHESTRA.

Cozy Cafeteria & Dairy Lunch. 323 Washington St., Near Sixth—Balcony for Ladies. Choice Roasts, Steaks, Chops, Stews, Fish, Etc., 15c Hot Cakes, Waffles and any short order at any hour of day or night.

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Geo. Beban. The boy sensation, Bobby White; the dog Rags and the horse. Lost in Transit. Excitement, smiles and happy sobs in this fine Beban production. New York critics pronounce it his best. It's a photoplay gem—one of those outstanding plays you remember and talk about. Columbia programmes are always balanced with a good comedy. This week's Keystone is a riot.

FOUNDER OF VOLUNTEERS TO SPEAK TUESDAY NIGHT. General Ballington Booth. General Ballington Booth, founder and leader of the Volunteers of America, will speak Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the White Temple. There will be no admittance charge. On Wednesday at noon General Booth will speak at the Ad Club luncheon at the Benson Hotel. General Ballington Booth is an ordained Presbyterian of the Church of God in General, and besides being the founder and president of the Volunteers of America, he also is an author, composer of a number of hymns and a skilled musician.

Campbell Hill Hotel. 741 Washington Street. Phone Main 7584. 5 to 7 P. M. September 16th, 1917. 60c—SUNDAY DINNER—60c. Cantaloupe, Sliced Tomatoes, Sliced Cucumbers, Ripe Olives, Cream of Oyster Soup, Fried Spring Chicken with Country Gravy, Top Sirloin Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn on the Cob, Scotch Scones, Apricot and Pineapple Conserve, Blackberry Cobbler with Whipped Cream, Marshmallow Ice Cream and Cake, Crackers, Cheese, Coffee.

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