

BLOW OF RADICALS ADMITTED FAILURE

First Big Bolshevik Move in U.S. Wanes in Seattle.

PUBLIC BREATHE EASIER

Strikers Lose Confidence in Success and Many Prepare to Return to Work.

STRIKE ENDED, SAYS MAYOR

Red Leader, Leon Green, Supposed to Be Arrested as Russian Propagandist.

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SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—If the backbone of the general sympathetic strike, widely termed an attempt at Bolshevism, is not broken it is at least badly bent. Born of the Seattle shipworkers' disagreement with the Macy award, the strike rapidly grew beyond recognition of its own parents. For three days the city has suffered its existence.

Public sentiment and the attitude of the exponents of the general strike indicate that it may cease tonight. The most radical demonstration ever attempted by American labor is an admitted failure. It may gasp its last any moment.

Mayor Will Not Compromise.

"Absolutely no compromise with the revolution," reiterated Mayor Hanson late today. "The strike is broken."

Regarded by the labor radicalists as the proving ground of theories paralleling those of the Russian Soviet, and with the entire nation vitally interested in the outcome of the crisis, Seattle on this night is a city breathing a whole lot easier than it has for some time.

The streetcar traffic has resumed operation to a limited degree. Thus far there has been no attempt at violence or obstruction of the service. This is the admitted test of the temper of the strike. Warned by their own leaders against rioting and cognizant of the overwhelming force of police, special police and Federal troops, the 65,000 recruits of the general strike are not inclined for trouble.

Streetcars Operate.

The first streetcar of the Seattle Traction Company lines left the barns in mid-afternoon. Groups of striking motormen and conductors watched its departure. Soon cars were in service from three barns, running on the Broadway, Fremont and Queen Anne routes. Their passage through the streets was the sign of Seattle's deliverance.

Officials of the streetcar company, emboldened by the fact that the municipal carlines had been in uncontested operation for two days and convinced that a majority of their men are ready to return, have given Mayor Hanson assurance that they will continue to serve the public. On three of the cars which operated today officials themselves acted as members of the crews. They were: D. W. Henderson, superintendent of transportation; G. A. Richardson, general superintendent, and A. L. Kempster, manager. On others regular crews were in charge.

Men Ready to Return.

"When we left the car barn there were about 50 of the boys standing around," said one of the returned strikers. "They are watching this a bit, but they are ready to come back to work."

Earlier in the day, say company officials, more than 30 carmen appeared at one of the barns, ready to resume their old runs. After waiting for an hour or so they determined that no attempt would be made to operate and reluctantly left.

The widest range that is predicted for the endurance of the general strike is another 24 hours. It may cease at any time. The strikers' executive committee, after its failure of yesterday to move Mayor Hanson to compromise, has been in almost continuous session. It is openly said that its members have agreed to end the strike, and that they are merely striving for the sanction of the councils of the various unions.

Strike Declared Broken.

The hour of Mayor Hanson's ultimatum to the general strike expired

FIVE ALLEGED REDS BAGGED IN PORTLAND

ENFORCEMENT OF SYNDICALISM ACT IS BEGUN.

Five Men Charged With Distributing Revolutionary Literature Arrested by the Police.

Enforcement of the criminal syndicalism act recently passed by the Oregon Legislature began in Portland yesterday with the arrest of five persons charged with distributing radical literature. Among those under arrest is Harlin Talbert, secretary of the state Socialist party, who was taken into custody at Second and Alder streets by Patrolman Smith.

The others are Joseph J. Wirth, 26, arrested at Second and Yamhill streets by Patrolman Gouldstone; Varline Ware, an electrician; Alvire Slover, laborer, 51, and Ben Wiley, 34, laborer. The campaign against the radicals began when H. A. Coyle, a salesman, reported that Wirth was selling the Western Socialist at Second and Yamhill streets. Mayor Baker and Captain Moore consulted as to what measures could be taken against the Bolsheviki element. Mr. Baker telephoned Secretary of State Olcott regarding the syndicalism act, and was assured that the act was in effect.

Wirth was arrested immediately. Police spread the dragnet for men selling alleged seditious literature, and the others were apprehended within a few minutes. None of the prisoners had offered to furnish bonds at a late hour. Police also charged the charge against George Savolainen, who is in jail on a charge of distributing I. W. W. literature. Nothing was known of the final passage of the syndicalism act when he was arrested. He had been detained on a charge of distributing handbills without a license.

Police say that Savolainen and probably some of the other prisoners are in league with the Bolsheviki in Seattle and are trying to foment a general strike here.

BELLINGHAM VOTES STRIKE

Metal Trades Council Awaits Portland's Action.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Feb. 8.—The allied unions of the Metal Trades Council have gone on record in favor of a sympathetic strike by a vote of 249 to 140.

It is reported, however, that the final decision is contingent upon the action of the Portland Metal Trades Council, with which the local council is affiliated. The Electricians' Union voted down a strike motion by 27 to 13.

EVERETT UNIONS TO VOTE

Strike in Sympathy With Seattle Is Under Consideration.

EVERETT, Wash., Feb. 8.—The Everett Trades Council last night voted to call on affiliated unions for a referendum vote to decide whether or not to call a strike in sympathy with the Seattle strike.

Returns will not be made until February 15.

TACOMA UNIONISTS ARE DISSATISFIED

Radical Group Blamed for Industrial Strife.

STREETCAR TIE-UP IS BROKEN

Large Share of Longshoremen Anxious to Resume Work.

RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED

Referendum Indicates That Majority of Striking Metal Workers Did Not Acquiesce in Walkout.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Dissatisfaction among union leaders and members who oppose the action of the radical group in attempting to tie up every industry and mode of living—as evidenced in Tacoma today. Tonight the Longshoremen's Association was holding a meeting with the fixed idea of bringing the controversy to a head, and a large share of the members are anxious to return to their work and keep their agreement for a closed shop and an eight-hour day, which was signed with the employers on January 14.

Four-minute men will offset the strike propaganda tomorrow at two mass meetings, to be held in theaters, and say they will show that the entire strike was agitated by foreigners and not by Tacoma labor chiefs.

Ballot Will Be Guarded.

The result of the second strike referendum fostered by a newspaper will be given as far as it has gone. To prevent stuffing the ballot box each voter must give his time check number, and this is checked back on the shipyard payroll. If it does not tally the vote is not counted.

No one but the judges—Paul T. Shaw, Judge W. O. Chapman and Rev. E. C. Bloomquist—knows the result, as the ballots are destroyed immediately after being counted. The preliminary survey, the judges say, shows that the majority of the striking metal workers did not acquiesce in the walkout.

H. C. Pickering, a member of the executive board of the State Federation of Labor, withdrew his office from the Labor Temple today. He also is secretary of the Barbers' Union.

Streetcars in Operation.

Pickering was taken to task for making public utterance against the general strike before it was called, and was told summarily that information (Concluded on Page 10, Column 1.)

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LIBERTY LEGION ON GUARD

More Than 2000 Service Men Patrol Seattle Property.

SEATTLE, Feb. 8.—Two thousand members of the newly-organized American Legion of Liberty, composed of ex-service men and service men still in uniform were guarding private business places and patrolling beats in residence sections of the city today, officers of the legion announced.

Half of the number were operating under direction of Chief of Police Warren.

TROOPS AT BUTTE SAFEGUARD MINES

Main Properties Closed as Result of Strike.

DISORDERS MARK WALKOUT

Discharged Soldiers Said to Be Aiding Union Men.

SCORE OF STRIKERS JAILED

Streetcars Are Stoned and Several Persons Are Reported to Have Been Injured by Stones.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 8.—Butte's mining district was relatively quiet tonight at the close of the first day's strike called by the I. W. W. as a protest against a wage reduction of \$1 a day in Butte mines. According to a statement from the secretary of the local I. W. W. organization tonight, the demands of the strikers also include a six-hour day with pay at the rate of \$1 an hour and abolition of the "rustling card" system, and is in sympathy with the Seattle strike.

Soldiers of the 44th regular infantry were patrolling the mining district tonight, and had established a "deadline" behind which they had forbidden picketing by the strikers. A score of arrests of strikers were made today, including two men who wore parts of United States uniforms and who were said to be discharged soldiers.

Streetcars Are Stoned.

Streetcars on the line from Butte to Centerville, a suburb, were stoned by strikers tonight. Windows in several cars were broken and several passengers received minor injuries. Cars on the Walkerville line were stopped for an hour and a half late this afternoon by a mob.

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Association, composed of honorably discharged United States service men, has called a meeting for tomorrow to discuss action relative to the wearing of United States uniforms by men participating in the strike.

Electricians Are Out.

The strike committee tonight issued a statement alleging that not a mine in the district had sufficient force to operate and declaring that the order (Concluded on Page 7, Column 1.)

MILITARY MEN HELD FOR ANY EMERGENCY

FEDERAL AUTHORITIES REFUSE TO SIGN PASSES.

Presence of Army Men on Strike Cities' Streets Without Authority Might Lead to Complications.

TACOMA, Feb. 8.—Orders issued in Camp Lewis Thursday morning suspending demobilization remain in effect, as does one forbidding men from the 13th Division to be away from the immediate vicinity of the camp.

While the order forbidding men to leave camp applied only to the 13th Division unit, commanders in various camp organizations refused to give passes to their men today to spend the week-end in either Seattle or Tacoma. The reason assigned was that, with the two cities facing orders of a general strike, the presence of soldiers not yet discharged and who were on the streets without authority, might lead to complications.

Relatives and friends of the soldiers in camp may visit on their Saturday afternoon and Sunday without the formality of obtaining passes.

No further orders have been received by Major-General J. D. Leitch, the camp commander, to let any more men in readiness for riot duty in the Northwest, although the order keeping the men in camp specifies they will be held ready for immediate service.

General Leitch went to Seattle this morning to meet Major-General John L. Morrison, commanding the Western Department, who is expected to arrive there this afternoon.

TACOMA TROOPS DRILLING

Effective Mob Formations Are Being Executed.

TACOMA, Feb. 8.—Although the efforts of the Central Labor Council to effect a general strike of Tacoma's industries had apparently met with complete failure at noon today, troops detailed for the protection of the public utilities and of any one who wished to resume employment in opposition to the wishes of the union, were drilling at the armory in preparation for any emergency.

The men were schooled in formations which have proved effective against mobs, the most prominent being the V, with officers in the inside. At the word of command the men quickly formed the V from the position of column of squads.

Moscow Ban Is Lifted.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The "flu" ban was lifted in Moscow tonight and children can attend Sunday school and other public gatherings and there will be no restrictions on public meetings in the future. There has not been a case of influenza in Moscow for a long time and the health of the town is regarded as excellent.

GENERAL STRIKE SEEMS NEAR END

Desertions in Union Ranks Presage Failure.

CAR SERVICE IS RESUMED

Business Fast Assumes Normal Aspect as Stores Open to Accommodate Public.

STRIKERS IN CONFERENCE

Committee Studies Situation Throughout Day, but Gives Out No Announcement.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 9.—At 12:30 o'clock this morning it was unofficially reported that delegates attending the conference of 110 local labor unions, 50,000 of whose members are out on a sympathetic strike with 25,000 metal trades workers, had voted to stay out on general strike.

The Union Record, official newspaper of the labor unions, in an extra edition this morning, said the general strike conference committee had refused to declare the strike off.

At 12:45 A. M. there were some indications that the streetcar men might return to work in a body today, or that enough men might return to enable the company to operate a reduced service on most lines.

Officials of the Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power Company met the men just before midnight and an hour later the carmen's executive board was holding another session, after which, it was said, a committee would wait upon the company officials.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 8.—Faced by desertions in union ranks coupled with results brought about by Mayor Hanson's ultimatum that troops would be used if necessary to restore Seattle's business operations to normal channels, the sympathetic strike affecting 30,000 workers seemed early tonight near its end.

Prom labor sources, in touch with the debate, it was said that the 110 locals on strike had decided to exclude the metal trades unions from the vote being taken. This would leave the shipyard workers to continue their strike for higher wages alone, should the other locals decide to end the sympathetic strike.

Business Growing Normal.

In the meantime business fast began assuming usual phases. City cars had been operating all day.

All papers except the Times, afternoon, and Post-Intelligencer, morning, appeared during the day. Tonight the other two announced they would publish regular editions as usual, on their own presses, regardless of the strike situation, and the Post-Intelligencer appeared with an edition early tonight.

Similar signs that the backbone of the strike had been broken appeared in various ways, so that it was believed by city officials that all workers, except possibly the 25,000 metal trades men of the shipyards, would be back at work by Monday. These men went out January 21 asking \$8 for mechanics of basic trades, \$7 for helpers and \$6 for laborers. The sympathetic strike, affecting 110 unions out of a total of 130 represented in the city, was called last Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Piez Is Unyielding.

The general strike resulting, termed by Mayor Hanson and a business men's committee as a "rebellion against the Government," in a statement issued today, was the first of the size in the United States.

From the first, however, after Charles Piez, director-general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, refused to treat with the metal tradesmen on the ground that they had violated their contract with the Government, Mayor Hanson, shipyard employers and others directly interested declined to treat with the strikers, until, at least, they had returned to work.

Failure Causes Cited.

Four causes of the strike's expected failure were given by city officials who expected the strike to fail. The first was the fact that the city maintained operation of light and gas utilities, many men refusing to strike. The rationing scheme adopted by the

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DETAILS FORMED BY CHIEF OF POLICE WARREN INCLUDE MEN DISCHARGED FROM VARIOUS BRANCHES OF SERVICE.

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