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KANSAS CITY, Dec. 21.—At the conclusion tonight of the inquiry into the question of the freight car shortage before Interstate Commerce Commissioner Prouty, the commissioner, the shippers and the representatives of the railroads agreed that all parties concerned would be greatly benefited and present conditions relieved if a free interchange of cars among the railroads could be brought about. It is understood that the western railroads generally favor free interchange of freight cars and that the Eastern railroads have refused to enter into such an agreement. The reason for this difference, it is said, is that the eastern roads are profiting by the present conditions and are using many thousands of cars belonging to the western roads and their own equipment as well, causing a severe shortage to exist in the west and south. Western lines have been compelled to issue an order that such cars as they have left are not to leave their respective tracks. Attorney Low for the Rock Island, stated that his road had

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LONG STRIKE SIEGE

Striking Car Men At Portland Will Fight It Out.

DESPAIR OF INSTANT SUCCESS

Company Looks Upon Strike as Now Broken—Protracted Campaign to Be Organized by Committee of Seven—Leaders Present.

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—That the strike shall be continued until the union wins a complete victory, if it takes all winter to do it, was the decision of the strikers at a meeting last night, presided over by General Organizer W. G. Burton of San Francisco. Mr. Burton arrived late in the afternoon to take charge of the campaign.

Those who are out are dogged in their determination to fight to a bitter finish. With the assurance that the International Association and the Oregon Federation of Labor will stand behind them with financial and other support, the men are confident of ultimate success. They have given up hope of being able to bring about a satisfactory settlement quickly, and have begun plans for a long siege.

A permanent strike committee of seven carmen was appointed last night to act in conjunction with the executive board of the Federated Trades Council and Organizer Burton. In the hands of this body will rest the entire control of the fight.

The company considers that the strike is over, that it has won a complete victory and that those who are out are simply making a desperate effort to keep a lost cause alive because they have nothing else to do. The strikers, however, contend that the company will see matters in a different light before they are through.

General Organizer Burton arrived on the 5:55 train last night and was met by a committee of officers and members of the union. He was escorted to Drew hall, where he went into conference with the strike committee and officers of the union and was acquainted with the situation. Later in the evening he met the strikers at a general meeting and urged on them a continuation of the fight, and renewed efforts to build up the strength of the union. Considerable enthusiasm marked the gathering.

The committee of seven carmen, in conjunction with the committee from the Federated Trades Council and Organizer Burton, are meeting this afternoon to decide upon a plan of campaign. No intimation can be obtained from the members as to what this plan will be.

TACOMA NOT SUFFERING.

Scarcity Not Serious and Will Soon Be Relieved.

TACOMA, Dec. 21.—Tacoma people are not suffering from the need of fuel, although scarcity of coal and wood are causing considerable inconvenience. This is the substance of statements made today before the state investigation committee. The Tacoma Eastern Railway and Tacoma Railway & Power Company promised to co-operate with the retail dealers in rushing to this city several thousand cords of wood. This afternoon Chairman Fairchild arranged for the relief of cities in eastern Washington, which are suffering on account of the fuel famine, by securing a promise from the O. R. & N. Railway to furnish all available coal cars to the Northern Pacific to be used in rushing coal from British Columbia to non-competitive points on the O. R. & N. which are suffering on account of the lack of fuel. Fairchild completely exonerates the officials of the operating departments of the Northern Pacific, but added: "The executive department of the railroad has sadly neglected its duty in not keeping pace with the growth of the country."

DR. LEE'S SUCCESSOR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Rev. Dr. Harlan D. Mendenhall, an old newspaper man, and for years pastor of the Presbyterian church at Perth Amboy, N. J., has been called to the pastorate of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Twenty-third street, in succession to the late Dr. John Lloyd Lee.

QUIT MUTUAL PLAN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Announcement was made yesterday that three insurance companies, the Washington Life, the Providence Savings Life and the United States Life, which have been operating in part on a mutual plan, will write only nonparticipating insurance after January 1. The new insurance law forbids an insurance company after the first of January from writing both participating and nonparticipating insurance. It must make a choice therefore between

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