

**Will Not Recognize the Union or
Consider Any Proposition
to That Effect.**

J. C. Skemp of San Francisco, third vice-president of the Painters' International Union, spent all afternoon of yesterday conferring with the different members of the Master Painters' Association relative to a settlement of the strike which was declared just a month ago today. After conversing with them separately a meeting was arranged for 4 o'clock, and he addressed them collectively. Mr. Skemp explained how all business matters between the union and association were transacted at San Francisco. He said that committees appointed for the purpose met at stated periods and adjusted all differences. They were a sort of an arbitration board, and this plan, he stated, had proved very

The contractors do not believe that such a plan would prove a success in Portland. In conversation a number of them have stated time and again that they are opposed to submitting anything but the wage question to arbitration. They say they are strictly averse to the granting of any recognition to the union and will exercise no discrimination in the employment of union and non-union men. They have proved to be the great stumbling block at the beginning of the trouble, those directly interested are of the opinion that a settlement is just as distant now as ever.

"It was made plain to me yesterday," said J. C. Skemp this morning, "that the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America is not alterably opposed to arbitration. Arbitration where unionism is asked to be granted any consideration. They insist that they should have the privilege of working non-union men by the side of union men, and of course this stand must be taken. I shall try to come together and settle the difficulty. The sum and substance of the whole matter is they state that they will not recognize the union. It is a most stubborn stand they take. We are ready to arbitrate, but we cannot consider any proposition that they might suggest. Personally, I am in favor of a permanent board of arbitration and yearly agree-

Won't Recognize Union.

"That proposition, if any, did they make to you yesterday?" was asked.

"They stated that it would not be worth while," was the reply, "to consider any other matter until the indiscriminate employment of union and non-union men should be corrected. I feel that should be granted it is a waste of time to talk of arbitration. In reply I informed them that such a procedure would only be the means of creating future trouble. While we are willing for a settlement of the matter, I do not know have employed. I explained to them that we would expect to take them into the union if they are competent. They also objected to this and answered that

"What do you think will be the outcome?"

"Why, the result will be that the members of the Master Painters' Association will not be able to get their work, and their business will go to pieces. Everyone knows that painters are not coming to Portland when they can make more wages at other places. Their arbitrary stand will also have the effect of creating a new set of employers. I mean by this that many

the journeymen will embark in business for themselves. We would prefer not to be compelled to do this, for the reason that rather than see the old established houses continue in business if they would grant reasonable concessions to the union.

Can't Get Workmen.

"Until the members of the association change their tactics it will be impossible for them to get competent workmen. They are afraid that the workmen become weary of incompetency and that they will eventually come to our terms. As a whole they are not wealthy and can no more afford to stand a season of protracted idleness than the journeymen. They are not willing to experience much inconvenience, but the

"They gave me to understand that it was unnecessary for me to visit them again unless I agreed to their employing of non-union men, and consequently I will not disturb them for some time to come. It would be useless."

"J. C. Hahlborn, president of the International Painters' Union, will probably arrive here Saturday. He is now en route from his home at Lafayette, Ind., San Francisco, and I have wired him to come to Portland."

SAILOR LOST IN THE RAGING SEA

**The British Ship Langdale Has
One Man Missing.**

Swept overboard to perish alone in a
ging sea was the fate of Henry Tulick,
sailor on the British ship Langdale,
hich has arrived from Antwerp with a
rge of cement.

The ship sailed from Antwerp October 1, 1902, bound for Los Angeles and Portland. The sailor was lost a few days after the Langdale left the Belgium report.

old on the sailing. A high sea swept over the poop, washing the man off the vessel and carrying him many yards to seaward. A boat was launched, but the man could not be rescued. Tulick joined the ship in Antwerp and said to have been a good swimmer.

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