

CONFERENCE IN STRIKE HELD THIS AFTERNOON MAY BE DECISIVE ONE

Shipbuilders Accede in Most
Part to Terms of Agree-
ment Offered by Harry.

CLOSED SHOP IS POINT

Agreement at Present Time Rests on
Willingness of Men to Waive De-
mand Which Caused Deadlock.

What may be the decisive conference between the committee representing the shipbuilders and that representing the striking employees was called for this afternoon at 3 o'clock, with Federal Mediator G. Y. Harry acting as chairman of the meeting.

At the meeting of Saturday night the employers presented their formal statement in answer to the mediatory proposal made by the two committees by Mr. Harry on Saturday morning. The committee representing the employers took additional time for the consideration of and answer to the Harry proposal and will present the statement of their position at the meeting to be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Harry proposal presents in large measure the provisions of the temporary agreement signed in the San Francisco shipyards, under which work was recently resumed there. It suggests a compromise scale of wages and working conditions and binds the employing companies not to interfere with the organization or maintenance of the union organizations by the employees.

On the other hand, it asks that the men waive their contention for the establishment of the closed shop in the Portland yards, at least during the continuation of the war.

Employers Accede in Most Part

The statement of the employers accedes to this proposal in part, at least, as they can do so without retrenchment from their steadily maintained position that they will not make any agreement that will involve the recognition of the closed shop principle.

What action the employees will take regarding the Harry proposal is not known, as the committee holds to the position that under the agreement made at the beginning of the joint conferences, all statements must come first from Mr. Harry, or if made by members of the committees, that they are not to be made until after the basis of the statement has been presented to the conference and discussed by it.

The real point of issue to come before the meeting this afternoon will be whether the employees will waive their contention for the establishment of a closed shop basis in the operation of the Portland shipyards. The question regarding wages and working conditions is, and has been, secondary to this main contention.

Picketing Proves Effective

Wholesale picketing of a peaceable character in the vicinity of the Northwest Steel company this morning, is declared by bosses of the steel shipbuilding plant to have caused numbers of strikers to turn back while on their way to return to work.

According to a statement of one of the yard officials, several new men

were hired, however, and there were additions to the payroll from the ranks of the strikers. The bosses said that, had a sufficient number of police guards been on hand, the presence of the pickets would have had no effect on the intentions of some of the strikers who had planned to return to the plant.

More than 100 pickets congregated at 7:30 o'clock about the streets leading to the steel plants. Few policemen were there to disperse the crowd.

Activities Are Renewed

At the Smith & Watson Iron works three union helpers were turned back by the pickets. It is declared by the management of the company, the management declares that if the policeman who was assigned to the plant had intervened the three strikers would have been enabled to return to work.

Four new men were put to work at the Supple & Bealin wooden shipyards. Several union helpers are said to be included among those who have recently returned to work there.

Indications of activity in the yards of the Northwest Steel company were noticeable this morning, where, it is claimed for the company that, including the office force, nearly 300 persons are at work. Since the strike was declared workmen have put four boss plates on one of the steel ships under construction. This work is said to be difficult, only skilled mechanics being able to perform it.

Compromise Offer Favored

It is rumored that considerable numbers of strikers were willing to return on the basis of the compromise offer of G. Y. Harry, federal mediator. This offer, which included a minimum wage of \$3 a day, overtime, eight hours and increases on the same scale made and accepted recently at San Francisco, called for the open shop and agreement by the bosses not to interfere with the union organizations.

The offer was accepted by the shipbuilders.

Dental Students to Finish Studies First

Students in dental colleges will be allowed to finish their course of study before being called for military service. A provision to this effect is contained in a bill, giving dental students the same consideration as medical students, which was passed by congress and Saturday, signed by President Wilson.

Several students in the North Pacific college had been drafted in the first call, but had returned to their studies this fall pending the action of congress. They will continue their studies until completed and will then be placed in service in their professional capacity.

Vice Cleaning Due At Mouth of River

Astoria, Or., Oct. 8.—Local authorities will cooperate with the military commandant at Fort Stevens in what ever action may be deemed necessary to combat evil influences being exerted over soldiers at the port by men and women of loose reputation. Vice has been on the increase of late at the mouth of the river, it is asserted, bits of the scum of the earth having been drawn by the presence of so many men at the coast defense forts, but it is believed the evil will be stamped out without the necessity of appealing to the governor for assistance.

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METAL TRADES ISSUES STATEMENT OUTLINING POSITION OF UNIONS

Press Committee Declares
Wages Here Are Under
Those at Other Coast Ports

RESPONSIBILITY DENIED

Representatives of Shipyard Employees
Take Issue With Shipbuilders as to
Reason for Existing Deadlock.

The following statement concerning the shipyard strike was made Sunday night by the Metal Trades council.

For the purpose of clearing up the situation in the public mind, the representatives of the strikers present the following statement:

As early as last May, General Goethals sent for a representative of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America to come to Washington. George Sanfanton of San Francisco was that representative. The purpose of the conference was to set data on conditions in the shipyards of the Pacific coast. General Goethals was informed at this time that uniform wages and conditions would prevail in September. Ever since that time the men employed in the shipyards on the Columbia and Willamette rivers have been endeavoring to establish the same wages and working conditions that obtain elsewhere on the Pacific coast. By such a uniform arrangement, it is apparent that the benefit would fall to the employers and to the public by keeping well paid men in this district instead of driving them to outside points where conditions were more advantageous.

There is no reason why men could not be paid the same wages for building a ship in this district as they are paid elsewhere. The difference in the wages paid men in the shipyards here is 25 to 30 per cent lower than in Seattle. Not only does this difference in wages apply to the lowest paid workers, but to all others in the yards. Men recognized as not proficient have been kept on the job, while proficient men have been refused, these same men being Portland men and well known for their proficiency.

Appeals Found Unsatisfactory

The men have found that the only way to change these conditions is through organization. The so called open shop policy of the employers in every line of industry in Portland and vicinity has driven the men to insist upon the union shop. It should be generally understood that the union shop admits to membership all workers who are satisfactory to the employer and sets a minimum wage. If the open shop policy of the employer could not long survive, because all who are refused membership would become economic enemies of the organization.

In continuous endeavor to ascertain what to look to the men were pushed aside with a very indefinite inference that the government had assumed full charge. No positive information was obtainable from any source known to the men. We appealed to the acting United States labor commissioner in this district, Mr. Bonham, who could give us no information, and referred the whole matter to the government. We then applied to the department of labor for their assistance, and referred Mr. Harry as a mediator.

We were informed of the same facts as were requested by Mr. Bonham and he, in turn, submitted them to the government.

Government Message Quoted

Very recently, the employers were given definite information in the shape of a 300 word telegram, in which the

government clearly defined its position as that of owner and not employer. The government stated that it was not a labor organization and that it was not a labor organization and that it was not a labor organization.

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EFFORTS RENEWED TO GET SPECIAL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE

State Owned Ships Impera-
tive Need Say Business
Men in Address to Public.

OTHER SUBJECTS VITAL

Provision for Dependent Families and
Moratorium for Men at Front
Declared Necessary.

Renewed demand for a special legislative session to provide state aid of shipbuilding, for the dependent families of soldiers and a moratorium for those who go to the front is voiced in a statement presented today by Joe Austin, J. F. Kelly, S. E. Holcomb, George D. Bowers, C. W. Nottingham and A. Rupert, and which in part reads as follows:

We have advocated for the past six months a special session of the legislature for the purpose of authorizing the Port of Portland to sell sufficient bonds to build or purchase the nucleus for a water transportation system that will serve the interests of this state and the Northwest. We have seen numerous correspondence representing all classes advocating such session, but for some strange reason the governor does not call it. We feel sure that the great mass of the people of this state are heavily in favor of this proposition. We all realize that the necessity of ships is a paramount one in this crisis. We should have passed these necessary laws at the last legislature, but it was not done to an extent that is of any practical benefit, although the foundation was laid by giving the Port of Portland all the

power that was needed, but not giving them sufficient money for the work. There are three important reasons why a special session of the legislature should be called:

First—To provide the necessary funds for state aid to shipbuilding.

Second—To provide a fund for the dependent relatives of those who are going to the front.

Third—To provide a moratorium for all those engaged in defending the Union on the same footing.

In addition to this, there should be a law passed that it be a felony for any association calling a strike during the time of the war, providing the sentiment of the state is favorable. We are well satisfied it is favorable with an overwhelming plurality, and the only thing necessary to do is to get the expression of what the people desire.

Why not quit acting like children and go to this in the only practical way? We should have three times as many ships laid down as we have, and working three shifts a day. As it is, we are few and far between. We are building a few ships, but they are lying idle and practically nothing being done to change it.

It is high time this pro-kaiser campaign was ended.

To Plan Celebration

The heads of all committees in charge of the patriotic celebration to

be held in the Auditorium from October 22 to 23, to raise money for the Oregon 189th emergency fund, will meet in the Auditorium at 8 o'clock tonight to work out further details.

The special women's committee will meet half an hour before the general meeting. The members of this committee are Mrs. C. J. Frankel, Mrs. C. B. Simmons, Mrs. M. McCallen, Mrs. J. F. Chapman and Viola Orschuld.

Russians to Elect Congress at Once

Petrograd, Oct. 8.—(I. N. S.)—The election of members of the constituent assembly (the national congress) will be held without any delay, it was announced today.

Regulations for the balloting will be published on October 15.

All of the disorders recently reported from different places in the interior of Russia have been put down, according to a statement from Minister of the Interior Nikitin, made through the semi-official agency today. M. Nikitin is a member of the government directory of five.

The former commander of the Russian army on the northern front, General Klembovitsky, was today appointed a member of the war council.

General Voloshensky, commander of the Forty-sixth army corps, has been named commander-in-chief on the southeastern front.

Negotiations are today in progress between the Russo-American committee and important Russian commercial organizations with a view to renewing the commercial treaty between the United States and this country that was abrogated some time before the war broke out over the question of Jewish passports.

A detailed scheme is being drawn up in connection with the government.

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Cardinal Punch
Boned Stuffed Royal Squab, Lucullus
New Potatoes in Cream
Asparagus Tips Hollandaise
Ciceronne Salad
Biscuit Tortoni Petit Four
Coffee
After Dinner Mints

**Heavier Sentences
For Pickets Coming**

Washington, Oct. 8.—(I. N. S.)—A heavier sentence than any yet given the White House suffragettes probably is in store for the 11 militants arrested for picketing Saturday. They were found guilty in police court by Judge Mulowney today and released on bonds of \$100 each to appear later for sentence.

Miss Alice Paul, one of the leaders, voiced the defense of the prisoners, basing it mainly on the plea that they did not recognize the law under which they were arrested because they had no hand in making it.

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