

ST. HELENS SHIP WORKERS STRIKE

Four Hundred Men Walk Out When Boss Joiner, Union Man, Is Discharged.

St. Helens, Or., Aug. 29.—About 400 shipyard workers struck this morning at the Sommarstrom Shipbuilding yards at Columbia City when it became known that William Smith, boss joiner and prominent member of the Shipjoiners' union, had been discharged. Only the blacksmiths and a few of the men employed about the yards remained at work.

The shipwrights, riggers and fasteners quit for the day without declaring a strike and are meeting with the joiners to ascertain all of the facts connected with the discharge of the boss joiner.

It is expected that the matter will be placed before the government with the view of having the difficulty settled as was the strike called when Hugo Sommarstrom, member of the firm, was placed in charge of a crew of workers in the yard. This strike was settled when Sommarstrom was withdrawn as foreman. The objection to his employment was that he was a stockholder in the company.

DUPLICITY IN POWER BILL MOVE IS CHARGED

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Sims confirms the belief of those close to the White House that the president is preparing soon to announce a policy of federal development of the water-power resources of the United States.

Passage of the bill with the amendments denounced by Chairman Sims would have tied up practically all water-power sites in private hands for an indefinite period. The bill in its original form would permit the government to take over leased water-power sites at almost any time it desired.

Viewed as Temporary Measure President Wilson is known to doubt that the United States can embark on such an enterprise at this time, because of the tremendous expenditures it would entail. He is thought to look upon the water-power bill as a temporary measure that will tide the country over till peace time, leaving the hands of the government free for any action deemed advisable at a later date.

If the president finds sufficient support for federal operation of all water-power resources on the western trip he is considering, he is expected to announce the new policy at that time. He has been urged to adopt the policy by Secretary of War Baker and Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, who believe the water-power plants should be operated under federal control in conjunction with the electrified railway systems of the future.

Merrill's Action Is Cited Chairman Sims, in an eight page letter, told the president the whole history of the pending water-power legislation. The original bill, prepared by the secretaries of war, interior and agriculture, and whose "fundamental principles" the president approved, was altogether to his liking, Sims said.

However, before the bill had been con-

sidered by the special water-power committee, Sims said, Chief Engineer Merrill of the forestry bureau came to him and asked that the bill be returned—"that there were certain amendments the three secretaries wanted in the interests of clarity and simplicity." He turned the bill over to Mr. Merrill.

"About two weeks afterwards," Sims continued, "Mr. Merrill came to me in the committee room late one afternoon and brought what he said was the bill with the suggested amendments proposed by the three secretaries, and also handed me a letter signed by the secretaries.

"Assuming, of course, that the amendment had been submitted to you by the three secretaries and approved by you, I never even read the bill or the letter, but went immediately to the floor of the house and had the letter put into the Congressional Record and had 11,000 copies of the bill printed at once and also 1000 copies of the letter."

Upon his attention being called to the amendments by Representative Ferris he read them, Sims said, and found that "instead of changing the phraseology so that the fundamental provisions of the bill would be more easily understood, the fundamental provisions of the bill were completely changed."

Sims cited the fact that the original bill provided for a license period "not exceeding 50 years" but the amendments made "an arbitrary 50-year period with no power to provide for a less period without the consent of the licensee." A tender of a new license at the expiration of the first was made mandatory.

Recapture Clause Changed To provide that upon the government taking over the property, if it ever succeeded in doing so, it should pay "not investment" instead of "fair valuation," Sims said. Conservatismists fear this provision would require so great an outlay that the government could never attempt to embark on a policy of public ownership of these resources.

"It is evident to me," Sims continued, "that the secretaries never considered these amendments as thoroughly as they should have. I could never believe that radically fundamental changes in the bill would have been suggested and pressed by the three secretaries without first being submitted to you and having your approval. I, of course, took it for granted that Mr. Merrill was in all good faith representing the secretaries in doing what he did and that they were doing what you approved. I feel absolutely sure that neither the senate nor the house of representatives would suggest any such amendments."

Elevator Is Overhauled Oregon City, Aug. 29.—The municipal elevator of Oregon City is undergoing an overhauling which has put it out of commission for about a week.

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FRANCHISE IS TO BE GRANTED THE KENTON TRACTION COMPANY

Commissioners Said to Favor Use of Derby Street Approach to Bridge.

The franchise sought by the Kenton Traction company to operate its cars over the Derby street approach to the Interstate bridge will be granted, was indicated Wednesday at a conference between the officials of the company and the county commissioners. Differences as to whether the company would pay for the privilege were adjusted. The company had urged that it should not be required to pay for the franchise on the ground that it had made the county a present of the right of way for the approach.

As the matter is now determined, the company will not be required to pay rental, it being shown that the three-mile railroad will not be a money making concern and that it is being operated solely to build up the Peninsula district and to aid in war work now in progress.

District Attorney Evans is preparing a franchise which will contain provisions that if at any time the company realizes more than 5 or 8 per cent on its investment it will be subject to examination for lower fares.

The company will use a 12-foot right of way for about a mile along the Derby street approach. It agrees to fence off its track from the paved part of the street and to maintain a pavement, should it be found necessary on account of traffic conditions.

Cigar Lasts 50 Years Freeport, Ill., Aug. 29.—(U. N. S.)—Fifty years ago Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Dufour were married. Dufour lighted and partly smoked a cigar then. He finished it recently when they celebrated their golden anniversary.

Huns Miscalculated Entente's Reserves, Says Hun Writer

Amsterdam, Aug. 29.—(U. P.)—Baron von Ardenne, military writer of the Berlin Tageblatt, admits that Germany miscalculated the strength of the allied reserves.

"Germany assumed that the destructive blows of our spring offensive used up Poch's reserves," the baron wrote. "Semi-official reports strengthened this belief, but it was based on an error. We admit as much."

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Above Draft Age, But Joins Army

Ridgefield, Wash., Aug. 29.—Benjamin Rich is the latest to respond to the call of the colors. He enlisted in the army and will see duty in the quartermaster's corps. He left Portland today for Fort Lawton, where he will be assigned. Mr. Rich served two terms on the city council and at the time of enlistment was filling the term of John Anderson, who died some time ago. He resigned Wednesday as a member of the town council. He is beyond the limit of the new manpower bill.

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