

CHANGES IN THE STRIKE SITUATION

The strike situation has developed some important features today. Announcement is made by the representatives of the building trades to the effect that unless the millowners concede to a nine hour schedule by Monday night new union planing mills will be built at once to give employment to all wood-workers. The millowners on the other hand have again issued a statement to the effect that they will never give in. They reassert their decision to refuse all plans of conciliation and arbitration. The boycott is being instituted against the mills.

MILLMEN'S SIDE.

Owners Issue Statement Refusing Arbitration.

The authorized representative of the mill owners gave out the following written statement today:

"There is but little to say so far as we are concerned further than has been said. However, we represent a legitimate private business in the city, with large investment of capital, own our property, pay taxes on it, and desire to peacefully conduct our business and give employment to all men who desire to work, whether they are union or non-union men. We wish to be protected in our right, and if there is any virtue in the laws of a country, we expect to receive this protection.

"Falling in this, and if overborne by threats, coercion, intimidation and destruction of our business, the mills will be closed. There is no half-way ground, and nothing to arbitrate. Arbitration implies that there would be an award, and an award implies an agreement that could be enforced.

"Upon the part of the unions there is no one who can be legally bound to any award or agreement that might be made. If the unions were incorporated with sufficient capital stock paid up to make good their contracts, and if the unions contracted directly with employers with respect to the supply of men, legal responsibility could be enforced.

"The question is whether an owner has the liberty to employ men whether they belong to the union or not, and whether in owner and employer can be permitted to conduct his business in his own way, and pay the wages for the number of men that men are willing to accept, or whether he must submit to these things to an irresponsible committee of an irresponsible union, whether he can discharge or employ any man without submitting to the pleasure of this committee every detail of his business.

"The mill owners have no quarrel with the union and do not insist that the union men shall work in their mills. There is no lock-out against union men. The mills reserve the right to employ men, pay them a wage to be agreed upon for a time specified, and to discharge men when in their judgment their interests require it. No man has been discharged because he was a union man, and no objection was made to any man joining or belonging to any union or as many unions as he pleased.

"The mill owners deprecate the intemperance and ultimately threats made against the industrial peace and business prosperity of this city, but these mill owners own the property, are responsible for the conduct of their business, pay all the bills, give men employment, and nobody guarantees that this business will be a success or failure.

"In all competitive lines, other than stock manufacture, these mills compete with the sawmills and pay from 25 to 40 per cent per day per man for the same work for 10 hours more than the sawmill men receive, yet the sawmill men's union, within two weeks, has demanded a fixed agreement for 12 months for a 10-hour day. Substantially all the mills in competition with the owners of the present mills involved in the difficulty run 10 hours.

"Some new mills are now being erected in the city as an advertising proposition, and in order to receive support and sympathy have advertised that they will sign a nine-hour scale. This demand upon the part of the union is dated January 23, 1902. It has been under consideration for five months. It has the appearance of being premeditated, carefully planned, and the history of the successful strikes in the last six months in the city indicates that the unions are determined to force every employer to submit to union demands or go out of business. In this issue, if it must be met, there can be but one result. It is not for us to say what it will be."

UNION LABOR PLANS

Capitalists to Build Nine-Hour Mills.

A conference of mill owners, labor leaders and Board of Trade members was proposed for this evening, but at 5 o'clock the mill owners sent word that they would not attend the conference; that they had nothing to arbitrate or suggest, and that it was useless to consult them further. This stubborn resistance caused much unfavorable comment.

The members of the executive board of the Building Trades Council have been in session about two days, and one result of their deliberations is that they have decided to give the millmen until Monday night to sign the agreement, and if at that time they still refuse to concede the demands of the union, steps will be taken at once to start other mills, which will be union throughout.

In behalf of the executive board of the Building Trades Council, Secretary Leviton made the following statement this afternoon:

"A resolution was passed by the Federated Trades Council guaranteeing full support to the Building Trades Council in conducting the strike, and also pledging financial aid.

"The various unions which were represented pledged themselves to contribute financially to the assistance of the Amalgamated Woodworkers, if necessary.

"The machinists held a meeting last night and agreed to contribute from \$1 to \$5 per member a day until the strike is settled. This union has 100 members.

"The strike was left in the hands of the Building Trades Council only for the reason that the members of that organization are perfectly familiar with the situation, and the Federated Trades Council had the utmost confidence in their being able to handle the matter successfully.

"Nearly all the delegates present stated that if the Building Trades Council deemed it advisable the union which they represented would walk out to a man. But we do not propose to call out any more unions; it is not necessary in order to win.

"We have had an offer from a prominent member of the Portland Board of Trade to put in another planing mill here on the nine-hour system. He represents Eastern capitalists, who are desirous of investing \$25,000 in a Portland planing mill. Prior to the strike he had negotiations under way for the purchase of one of the local mills, which is now closed on account of the strike. Since then all negotiations in the matter have ceased. But if the strike is not settled at once the local representative of Eastern capital is willing to invest at once and utilize the mill.

"Another local gentleman, who professes not to have his name made public, has \$5000 of his own funds and \$25,000 of Eastern capital to invest in the planing mill business, and is making arrangements now to start up in the School Supply Furniture building, on East Ninth and Morrison streets. This place is fully equipped with machinery and all one has to do is to start up steam."

GENERAL BOYCOTT

It now develops that the Federated Trades Assembly had not constitutional authority to have called out every labor organization in the city, even had a majority of the delegates been so inclined.

Before such radical action could have been legally pursued, the various national bodies would have had to sanction the matter.

"A general strike, of course, could have been declared," said a well known labor leader, "without the sanction of the international unions, but such action would have been in direct violation of our obligation to the parent bodies. But if such a strike had been declared, it is certain that the local unions would have stood by it to the man. There is no doubt of that."

President Gurr said: "The products of the local planing mills will be boycotted from one end of the United States to the other."

other. This will have the effect of either forcing them to our terms or out of business. All of the unions in the Eastern cities will be notified of our action last night at once."

District Organizer Duke said: "The Building Trades will be given every support in their fight against the mills. The matter is now in their hands. It is to be a fight to the finish. The only logical conclusion to arrive at is that the unions will win. They have always won in California against aggregated capital interests, and they will come out victorious here."

The Schmitt Company, the proprietor of the new planing mill, which will be in operation June 1, has signed the union agreement. This mill will run two shifts of about 45 men each. The agreement was signed with the union yesterday is as follows:

"We recognize the right of the Amalgamated Woodworkers to organize and act as an organization in the furtherance of their individual interests. We recognize the reasonableness of their demand for a nine-hour day, and we agree to comply with their demand and employ union men in our factory."

"By Frank Schmitt."

Hockenya & Buffington, the proprietors of the new planing mill being erected on Tenth and Flinders streets, also signed the agreement, as follows:

"We, the undersigned, agree in consideration of permission being given to get ahead with the necessary work, to get our planing mill in operation, to run the same as a nine-hour union mill."

(Signed) "H. HOCKENYA."

"H. A. BUFFINGTON."

FEDERATED TRADES

Decide Not to Call for a General Strike.

At the meeting of the Federated Trades last night that body decided not to take any active part in the contest, but to leave the entire matter in the hands of the Building Trades.

The Federated Trades, however, agreed to assist the Building Trades in conducting the strike, and to render every possible assistance to any movement which that organization may make. Financial support will be given the strike, and it was indorsed in every particular.

For several days past the most conservative labor leaders have been opposed to a general strike, arguing that nothing could be gained thereby, and that the unions composed of men directly connected in handling building material and lumber are the only ones who should actively participate in the fight.

For several hours prior to the meeting which convened last night, it was the belief of those who had kept in close touch with the events and public sentiment of the day that no radical measures would be adopted.

The session continued until almost midnight, and the main portions of the proceedings are withheld from the public. It is definitely learned, however, that no animated discussion ensued on the subject of a general strike.

The vital questions debated were: "Shall the men now out be ordered back to work, or shall the entire matter be left in the hands of the Building Trades, for that body to dispose of as it sees fit." The latter proposition prevailed.

The temporary injunction granted by Judge Sears against the Amalgamated Woodworkers was taken up and discussed at length. It was the general opinion that such a sweeping instrument would not materially weaken the strikers' cause.

What effect the action of the Federated Trades Council will have upon the strike situation, it is difficult to determine. Virtually the entire matter has been left just as it was. If the meeting accomplished anything at all that tends to a speedy solution of the labor difficulty, the public has not been apprised of the fact.

Several of the delegates left the hall before the session was concluded. "They were anxious for us to go on a strike," said one of these individuals, "and now they don't want to support us." There is no doubt, however, but that the various unions will support them to the fullest extent. This was the decision of the council.

LAST EDITION.

TERROR REIGNS

In Martinique—the Island to Be Evacuated.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) LONDON, May 24.—A Paris dispatch says that, owing to the alarming character of the latest news from Martinique, Acting Governor LeRueux was instructed to reconsider the situation, with a view of immediate evacuation of the island.

Can't Reach St. Pierre.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) PARIS, May 24.—A note was issued by the Ministry of the Colonies this morning stating that, owing to the terror of the population of Fort de France since the eruption of Mount Pelee on the 20th, the French mission, which arrived on the cruiser Dussan, is now quartered in town and helping the civil and military authorities. The situation is stationary. It is still impossible to penetrate St. Pierre.

MERGING

Of Railroad Offices Now Expected.

A Portland railroad man makes an astounding prophecy in regard to the future of the Harriman lines in this portion of the system. He says that he expects it will not be long before the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, the O. R. & N. Co. and the Oregon Short Line will all be administered and controlled from one point. That will mean, so this prophet declares, the merging of the Southern Pacific general offices here with those of the O. R. & N. Co. and the bringing here of the Oregon Short Line offices from Salt Lake.

"I say this," he declared, "because I believe that Mr. Harriman will naturally seek to reduce expenses. If all these companies can equally be as well looked after by one set of officials as two or three, why should he desire to maintain any more payrolls than is necessary? I have been surprised that this change has not been brought about before now."

There has been talk, from time to time, of removing the offices of the O. R. & N. Co. from Portland to Salt Lake and merging the affairs of that company with those of the Oregon Short Line. In such a case, it is not likely, though it is of course possible, that Mr. Harriman might decide to merge the Portland general offices of the Southern Pacific with the other two lines at Salt Lake.

"As to this policy, I do not think such removal at all likely, because the Portlanders wouldn't stand it. They would howl, and they would be entitled to. Mr. Harriman is a careful and methodical thinker. When he gets ready he will, of course, announce his plans, or, rather, he will carry them out, whatever they may be."

IT LOOKS BAD FOR BALLIET

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) DES MOINES, Ia., May 24.—Sensational testimony was given in the trial today of Letson Balliet, the alleged mining king of Harler City, Or., who is accused of fraudulent use of the mails.

Mrs. Alice Young of San Francisco, Balliet's private secretary, said that upon orders from Balliet she had in divers cases turned over to a notorious woman various sums belonging to the White Swan Mining Company.

NEW COMPANIES.

Articles of incorporation of the Pacific Railway Amusement Company were filed with the clerk of the County Court today by George W. Simons, Herman Moeller and Frank Fenwick. The capital stock is \$3000. The object is to manufacture and deal in miniature railways.

The Brown Construction Company was today incorporated by Fred S. Morris, George I. Brown and William T. Muir. The capital stock is \$10,000.

Alaska Steamer Here.

The work on the organization of the Portland-Alaska Transportation Company is progressing favorably. Some prominent citizens of Portland have become interested in the formation of the company, and the only question of the success of the enterprise is that a reasonable guarantee from the merchants for a definite amount of freight or cash each month be subscribed to insure the company against loss. The various officers of the company have agreed to furnish, free of cost, their time and energy necessary to carry on the work of this organization till such a time as it may be placed on a paying basis.

IS DEAD

Lord Pauncefote Passed Away This Morning.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) WASHINGTON, May 24.—Lord Pauncefote, British Ambassador to the United States, died at 5:30 o'clock this morning. The death of the distinguished diplomat was painless and peaceful. Lady Pauncefote and three daughters were at the bedside when he passed away. His last word was "yes," in answer to a question as to whether he would like a drink of water.

Pauncefote had been in bad health a year or more, but only for the past two months had his condition been considered serious. The primary ailment was gout, which later became complicated with stomach and liver troubles. His age, 74, operated greatly against his recovery.

By reason of his death German Ambassador Holleben becomes dean of the diplomatic corps. Pauncefote was appointed Ambassador to the United States in 1898. He was a delegate to the Hague peace conference and was elected a member of the permanent court of arbitration for the settlement of international disputes.

REGISTRATION.

Head Registration Clerk Kerns stated this morning that the total registration of all city precincts had been completed, amounting to 17,886. The total registration for the City of Portland in 1900 was 16,288. There are 15 precincts outside of the city in Multnomah County yet to be completed. The list will be completed today. Following is the registration of the 57 city precincts:

First, 358; second, 300; third, 401; fourth, 482; fifth, 304; sixth, 334; seventh, 351; eighth, 337; ninth, 357; tenth, 457; eleventh, 239; twelfth, 239; thirteenth, 182; fourteenth, 255; fifteenth, 335; sixteenth, 271; seventeenth, 257; eighteenth, 255; nineteenth, 294; twentieth, 125; twenty-first, 284; twenty-second, 437; twenty-third, 238; twenty-fourth, 260; twenty-fifth, 275; twenty-sixth, 279; twenty-seventh, 277; twenty-eighth, 230; twenty-ninth, 167; thirtieth, 296; thirty-first, 233; thirty-second, 214; thirty-third, 184; thirty-fourth, 338; thirty-fifth, 144; thirty-sixth, 213; thirty-seventh, 419; thirty-eighth, 310; thirty-ninth, 316; fortieth, 254; forty-first, 380; forty-second, 371; forty-third, 377; forty-fourth, 338; forty-fifth, 365; forty-sixth, 437; forty-seventh, 277; forty-eighth, 311; forty-ninth, 276; fiftieth, 308; fifty-first, 365; fifty-second, 265; fifty-third, 300; fifty-fourth, 318; fifty-fifth, 435; fifty-sixth, 121; fifty-seventh, 129. There were 3846 more registrations on the west side than across the river.

SHAMEFUL

Matthews Compelled Pledges of Candidates.

The Journal is informed reliably that a certain gentleman of this city was offered a place on the Republican ticket as a candidate for Councilman prior to the convention, with these conditions imposed:

First—In the event of the death of Judge Williams, if the latter should be elected Mayor, the candidate for Councilman was to pledge himself to vote for the man for Mayor whom Jack Matthews might dictate.

Second—He was to vote against a franchise for the City & Suburban Railway. Refusing to consent to have a collar placed around his neck, with Jack Matthews holding the leading string, he was refused the nomination for the Council.

It is fair to assume that those who received nominations did accept the conditions, and, therefore, that if they are elected, they will be bound to follow the dictates of Jack Matthews and regardless of any other considerations oppose the City & Suburban Railway.

Again, if Judge Williams should die, they will be bound to elect such a man Mayor as Jack Matthews may select.

ARMENIAN ATROCITIES.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) VIENNA, May 24.—There is a renewal of the Armenian atrocities on a large scale. An especially alarming outbreak in Villayet of Adama, Asia Minor, is reported.

WAS A GOOD CHINK

(Journal Special Service.) SALT LAKE, May 24.—Lee Hing who has been arrested for the murder of Chin Louie at Portland, is a former cook at the Hotel Williams. He left here a week ago. His reputation here was that of an inoffensive Christian Chinaman.

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THIRTY-SEVEN DEAD BODIES

Recovered From Fernie Mine—Relief Parties Working Fast.

VANCOUVER, May 24.—A Fernie special states that 37 bodies have been recovered from the mine. Relief parties are working on four-hour shifts and a company of doctors are kept constantly employed recruiting members of the relief party. The Board of Trade of

Fernie has appealed for funds to aid the sufferers.

LIST OF THE DEAD.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—A special from Fernie gives the following list of dead recovered to date: Steve Morgan, Joe Bengala, Willie Robinson, V. Johnson, J. Leadbetter, Frank Salter, John McLeod, Thomas Fearful, Thomas Johnson, W. Brierley, Joe Toula, Joe Kowand, Ronald Jones, Walter Wright, Andrew Pagan, Thomas Glover, James Carledge, Owen Holmes, W. Ferguson, M. J. Fleming, Sam Hand, T. Stephens, John Hughes John Carniff, James McIntyre, Harry Wilson, George Hornsby, Tony Matso, William Neace, William McRaid, John Geelonika, T. Fairchild, James Welch, Amos Buck.

WHEAT MARKET.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—Wheat, \$1.14. CHICAGO, May 24.—Wheat, 73¢ 7/8.

WESTERN MEN WIN

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) PRINCETON, N. J., May 24.—The University of California won the dual track meet here this afternoon by six points. Dewitt of Princeton, the hammer thrower, broke the intercollegiate record established by Plaw, by seven feet.

Fruit-Growers Incorporate.

Articles of incorporation of the newly organized Fruitgrowers' Association were filed yesterday, the following being the incorporators: G. T. Hunt, A. P. Vail, A. J. Kenneman, H. J. Michelson and J. W. Glasse. The association will meet this evening in Odd Fellows' hall, corner Grand avenue and East Pine street. An effort has been made the past week to enlarge the membership roll.