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# SEATTLE GENERAL STRIKE ON IN EARNEST BLAME LAID TO AUTOCRATIC MANAGER OF THE EMERGENCY FLEET CORPORATION MINERS' WAGES ONE DOLLAR LESS

## NO CAUSE FOR PESSIMISM SAYS JOHN D. RYAN

With the Shareholders and Official Entourage of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company Protected by Earnings of \$165,060,980.70, and With Congress Providing \$100,000,000 for the Profiteers to Furnish Relief to the Hungry in the "Near East," All That the Young Soldiers and Workers Have to Do Is to Look After Themselves.

Beginning tomorrow, Feb. 7, wages of miners will be reduced one dollar, making their wage \$4.75. Others employed around the mines will receive \$5.50. These wages are based on copper at 19 cents, and there will be no advance unless the price of copper advances. This is the cheerful news being prepared for the soldiers and workers who made it possible for the A. C. M. to pay in dividends over \$82,000,000, derived from the sale of copper to all nations—including Germany.

"John D. Ryan, chairman of the board," of the Anaconda Copper Mining company, which since the signing of the armistice, has shut down many of its mines in Butte, throwing thousands of men out of work in the dead of winter, and at a time when hundreds of soldiers were returning to Butte with but a few dollars between them and starvation, has issued his report to the shareholders.

That the officers, directors, shareholders, lawyers, gunmen and the entire parasite entourage of the Anaconda company will not suffer the pangs of hunger during the "trying times of reconstruction" is amply demonstrated by Mr. Ryan's report.

Here are some of HIS figures:

Year.	Amount.
1913	\$12,059,857.40
1914	9,635,216.65
1915	18,596,384.55
1916	57,941,835.29
1917	39,721,188.39
Nine months to Sept. 30, 1918 (estimated)	27,115,499.01
Total	\$165,060,980.70

During the same period the following dividends have been declared:

Year.	Amount.
1913	\$12,997,500.00
1914	9,977,500.00
1915	9,325,000.00
1916	17,484,375.00
1917	19,815,625.00
To Sept. 30, 1918.	13,987,600.00
Total dividends.	\$82,687,500.00

Balance \$82,373,480.70

During the period covered by the above "modest" figures, the "company" added to its "fixed assets" dividend-paying properties valued at the trifling sum of \$59,109,457.61.

That the future for the "select" may be made doubly secure, the di-

rectors of "your company" have authorized an issue of \$50,000,000 10-year secured gold bonds; \$25,000,000 of said bonds, to be known as series A, will be issued immediately under a trust agreement as of Jan. 2, 1919, with the Guaranty Trust company of New York and have been sold to bankers. The bonds of this series bear date of Jan. 1, 1919, and will mature Jan. 1, 1929.

"The proceeds obtained from the sale of these securities are to be used for the equipment of the properties of the Andes Copper Mining company and the Santiago Mining company and to replace in current account part of the earnings which have been invested by your company."

"It is proposed to proceed as expeditiously as is consistent with prevailing conditions with the construction of plant facilities for the South American properties, so that they may, at an early date as is practical, begin production and thus contribute materially to the income of your company."

In order that the returned soldiers, starting at the bottom of the ladder in life's struggle, after having made the world safe for dividends, and the workers who made the dividends, may realize that they are at liberty to devote their entire time to worrying over their own at-

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## JOINT CHAIRMAN OF WAR BOARD SAYS BOSSES STIR UP STRIKES

Basil M. Manly, joint chairman of the national war labor board, has issued a public statement in which he accuses the American bosses of using detective agencies for the purpose of fomenting strikes and breaking labor unions. Manly cites two specific instances in which supposed union men were urging unjustifiable strikes, and declares that many similar cases had been found. Manly continued: "Such employers as these, who deliberately stir up industrial strife in order to discredit unionism, are the greatest menace to American institutions existing in the country today."

## ONLY ASK A LIVING WAGE

(Special United Press Wire.)  
Seattle, Feb. 6.—The shipyard workers on strike during the past two weeks at Seattle demand \$6 minimum for common labor, \$7 for mechanics and \$8 for machinists. Today's general strike is in sympathy with the shipyard strikers and does not demand concessions of any other character.

## GOVERNMENT TROOPS HAVE ENTERED BREMEN

(Special United Press Wire.)  
Copenhagen, Feb. 6.—Government troops entered Bremen last night after heavy fighting and occupied the town hall and the stock exchange. The government troops made their entrance after the city had been bombarded. Many persons are reported to have been killed in the bombardment. Armed Spartacists from Eisenach and Gotha are on their way to Bremen to the support of the Spartacists there.

## SCOTT NEARING NOW ON TRIAL FOR SEDITION

(Special United Press Wire.)  
New York, Feb. 6.—Scott Nearing, formerly professor in the University of Pennsylvania and Toledo university and a socialist candidate for congress in this city, last fall, was placed on trial in federal court yesterday on a charge of sedition. After one juror had been called, the case adjourned until today.

## LONDON ENGINEERS OUT ON SYMPATHETIC STRIKE

(Special United Press Wire.)  
London, Feb. 6.—Traffic on the London-Brighton railway was halted today when the engineers struck in sympathy with the subway employees. Threats are made of a general strike on all steam railways.

## GERMANS AND POLES SIGN 7-DAY ARMISTICE

(Special United Press Wire.)  
Basle, Feb. 6.—The Germans and Poles have signed a seven days' armistice on the Silesian front, which may be renewed automatically, it is reported in dispatches received here. The armistice ends one of the independent wars that were threatening Europe.

## BOLSHEVIKIS TAKE AN IMPORTANT STRONGHOLD

(Special United Press Wire.)  
Copenhagen, Feb. 6.—Zhitomir, capital of the government of Volhynia, has been captured by the bolshevik, according to information reaching this city.

## THE WEATHER.

Probably snow and colder today; tomorrow probably fair.  
BUTTE WEATHER.  
Probably snow and somewhat colder today.

## SEATTLE JUNKER PRESS WILL BE ON THE JOB

(Special United Press Wire.)  
Seattle, Feb. 6.—Unions allied with the printing trades are not striking. The newspapers continue publishing.

(Special United Press Wire.)  
Washington, Feb. 6.—The strike is entirely in the hands of General Manager Piez of the shipping board, was the only word from his office here today. Piez is in Philadelphia.

(Special United Press Wire.)  
Seattle, Feb. 6.—The strike committee late today issued a statement that it will maintain its own police, but will not furnish them with guns. "Moral suasion will be used to disperse the crowds. No trouble ensued during the two weeks of the shipbuilders' strike, but no attempt has been made by the shipyard owners to open the yards."

(Special United Press Wire.)  
San Francisco, Feb. 6.—No attempt will be made to conciliate the 2,500 boiler-makers who struck at Oakland. Representative Brotherton of the Macy board has announced. "The men are unjust in their demand and the only way the strikers will return to work is at the present terms." This attitude of the shipping board, it is understood, will apply also to striking shipyard workers at Seattle and Tacoma.

## ROYALISTS WIN AND WILL HAVE MONARCHY

(Special United Press Wire.)  
Paris, Feb. 6.—A dispatch from Oporto says that royalist forces in Portugal announce the complete success of the royalists at Elvas, 12 miles west of Badajoz. The dispatch adds that the troops have proclaimed a monarchy.

## NO EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING TAX RETURNS

(Special United Press Wire.)  
Washington, Feb. 6.—No extension of time for the filing of tax returns under the new revenue measure will be allowed. Secretary Glass announced today. The first installment of taxes and returns from taxes must be in the hands of the treasurer by March 15, the bill provides.

## AGREEMENT REACHED ON NATIONS LEAGUE DRAFT

(Special United Press Wire.)  
Paris, Feb. 6.—A general agreement has been reached on the principles underlying the whole draft of the league of nations constitution, it was officially announced today.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS MOVES UP A NOTCH

(Special United Press Wire.)  
Paris, Feb. 6.—The league of nations commission, at its latest meeting, practically agreed on the third article. While this decision is provisional, it is stated that many apparent difficulties have been solved.

## PROBING BUTTE ELECTION FRAUDS

Taking of depositions in connection with the contested election by defeated republican candidates of democratic representatives from this county to the legislature will begin before Referee Pelletier in Butte tomorrow. Attorneys Washington D. Rankin and A. A. Grout arrived in the city from Helena yesterday and are preparing for the hearing. They will represent the republicans. The democrats will be represented by C. B. Nolan of Helena. Mr. Nolan will probably be aided by local lawyers.

## SOLDIERS WILL NOT BE SCABS

(Special to the Bulletin.)  
Tacoma, Feb. 6.—A secret straw vote taken among the soldiers at Camp Lewis on the question of the general strike resulted in the soldiers voting 38,000 against scabbing and 100 for scabbing. This action of the soldiers destroys the last hope of the plutes to enslave the workers.

## 2,500 OAKLAND BOILER MAKERS STRUCK TODAY

(Special United Press Wire.)  
Oakland, Cal., Feb. 6.—Twenty-five hundred boiler makers struck here at 10 o'clock this morning in an attempt to enforce demands for increased wages. They ask higher pay than given by the Macy board. The strikers include drillers, burners, welders and plate handlers from the East Bay shipyards. The yards will be tied up within two days.

## BERNE LABOR CONGRESS WILL ASK FOR REFORMS

(Special United Press Wire.)  
Berne, Feb. 6.—With a special committee on the question of responsibility for the war, the international labor and socialist congress took steps yesterday toward the consummation of a definite peace program. Suggestions for incorporation of certain labor and social reforms in the league of nations is expected to be the first matter considered in connection with the program.

## LABOR LEADERS BELIEVE LOS ANGELES IS "SAFE"

(Special United Press Wire.)  
Los Angeles, Feb. 6.—Although no announcement of the result of the vote being taken by the Los Angeles district shipyard workers will be made before Thursday, union leaders believe the men will not strike. The majority favor, it is reported, following the lead of San Francisco unions which voted to abide by the present contract, expiring April 1.

## MORE TROOPS SIGNED FOR EARLY TRIP HOME

Washington, Feb. 6.—The following organizations have been placed in priority for early convoy home: The 166th field artillery brigade headquarters, the 437th and 348th field artillery (all of the 91st division), the 1st army artillery headquarters, the 26th aero squadron and the ordnance casual companies, 12 to 21, inclusive.

## GOVERNORS ARE WORRIED OVER UNEMPLOYMENT

(Special United Press Wire.)  
Washington, Feb. 6.—With unemployment increasing, many state governors, including those of Washington and Oregon, have sent appeals to the labor department for government action. All express approval of the bill now before congress providing for government aid for road building and other public works, and urge that action be taken immediately.

# First General Strike the U. S. Has Ever Known

## SEVENTY THOUSAND WORKERS IN THE CITY OF SEATTLE ARE NOW SHOULDER TO SHOULDER FIGHTING FOR REAL DEMOCRACY

(Special United Press Wire to The Bulletin.)  
Seattle, Feb. 6.—The first general strike in the United States began promptly this morning at 10 o'clock. Practically every industry is at a standstill. Street car and jitney service stopped. Electric light, power and gas service is assured only to hospitals. Milk will be distributed only to the extent of supplying the needs of hospitals and babies. The unions plan to run 15 eating halls, where the general public, as well as the strikers, will be given meals at stated hours at a small cost. Shipyard workers and 40,000 sympathetic strikers. Mayor Hanson says he is prepared to swear in 10,000 policemen to maintain order—if necessary. It is reported that details from Camp Lewis and Bremerton navy yard and the university training station are ready to take a hand if an emergency arises.

(Special United Press Wire to The Bulletin.)  
Seattle, Feb. 6.—An eleven-hour attempt to prevent the walkout of from 50,000 to 75,000 union men has failed. The street car men's union voted unanimously this morning to join the walkout.

The Seattle Union Record, the official organ of the labor unions of this city, today made the following statement of the position of the organized workers: "The strike of 30,000 miscellaneous workers in sympathy with 30,000 shipyard workers already out, comes as a last resort to break down the autocratic opposition of General Manager Piez of the Emergency Fleet corporation to a local settlement of the trouble."

"Piez has assumed an absolutely indefensible position and by virtue of his control of the sources of publicity has succeeded in misleading a large part of the nation into a complete misunderstanding of affairs. The Macy board has jurisdiction only in case of failure of local workers and employers to reach an agreement."

Mr. Piez has prevented the negotiations for a local agreement by declaring he would stop shipments of steel to local yards.

"Contrary to reports, there is no revolutionary significance to the strike, though if settlement is not reached soon it has revolutionary possibilities. The entire matter is one of adequate wages for men who made the success of American forces in Europe possible by furnishing them the ships."

William Short, president of the State Federation of Labor, has wired the American Federation of Labor asking if a state-wide strike would be sanctioned. Grocery stores yesterday and today experienced a record run on their goods by persons stocking up with provisions, and a similar run was made on kerosene and gasoline supplies, candles and lamps.

## ANOTHER SENATOR FLAYS WOODROW FOR HOBNOBBING WITH ROYALTY

Washington, Feb. 6.—Senator Frelinghuysen of New Jersey said in the senate yesterday that American soldiers had returned ragged and penniless—"Clad more like tramps." He concluded with the following:

"It is very well for the president to break the precedents of a century that he may head triumphal processions in foreign capitals, sleep in the chambers of royalty, dine off gold plates in the palaces of the modern Caesars and have his photographs taken with kings, queens and princesses. But what of the American private who returns to his native shores dismissed without a dollar in his pocket?"

## Governor Lister Is Watching Situation

(Special United Press Wire.)  
Olympia, Wash., Feb. 6.—Governor Lister has announced "that the state will furnish immediate and ample protection of life and property, if the necessity arises out of the strike situation."

## Department of Labor Will Not Act Soon

(Special United Press Wire.)  
Washington, Feb. 6.—No action will be taken by the department of labor in the general strike at Seattle until three commissioners, watching developments there report officially, it was announced today.