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BUTTE MINERS WALK OFF JOB

ARE SOLDIERS STRIKEBREAKERS? SEATTLE CAPITALISTS ARE BETWEEN DEVIL AND DEEP SEA

General Strike Looms in Butte

MERCY!
The City Council has instructed the Mayor to lay off the policemen and firemen Monday.

Seattle Like a Country Village as Hunger Already Appears in Places; Strikers in Control of Situation

As Result of Cut in Wages of Miners by Mining Companies Which Made Huge Profits Out of the War as a Result of Their Labors and the Sacrifices of Their Soldier Brothers in France.

The industrial situation in Butte has already assumed the proportions of what may very soon develop into a general strike, such as that in Seattle.

With the announcement of the arbitrary cut in the wages of the mine workers by the mining companies, at a time when many workers and returned soldiers were having hard sledding to make both ends meet, and with the cost of living remaining where it has been, almost out of reach, the workers generally were in no mood to submit supinely to this latest outrage of those who made money out of the war, and as a result, without any formal organization, many miners walked off the hill this morning.

So far as the Bulletin has been able to ascertain the mines so far affected by the walkout are the Badger, Speculator, Black Rock, High Ore, Anaconda, Mountain View, Neversweat and Elm Orlu, the men at the latter mine walking off to a man. The Elm Orlu is owned by Multi-millionaire Clark, who also owns the street railway, the mill on the hill south of town, a railroad running into Los Angeles, the United Verde, various water power sites, and many other properties amounting into the millions of dollars in value.

The I. W. W. held a mass meeting last night and decided to favor a general strike, and have called meetings for 2 o'clock this afternoon and 7 o'clock this evening, at which further action will be taken.

The Metal Mine Workers have called a mass meeting for 8 o'clock this evening for the purpose of getting together with all the workers. Representatives of various crafts are invited to be present.

The Workers' council meets tomorrow night at Metal Mine Workers' hall, 101 South Idaho street, and it is expected that this organization, in which many of the unions are represented, will take hold and handle the general strike situation.

It is understood that an effort will be made to have all workers in Butte cease work, and remain off the jobs until all their demands are met. Just what the demands will be has not been decided, but one which is almost certain to be made is the six-hour day as a means of affording partial relief to the problem of unemployment.

The temper of the men of all crafts employed on the hill appears to be very bitter toward the mining companies. The

STAND BY

The Lyric theater is the only amusement place advertising in the Daily Bulletin. Every man and woman who wishes to support the Bulletin should patronize this show house. Many other business men refuse to advertise in the workers' paper because they are members of the Employers' association, which was and is making a vicious fight to put the Bulletin out of business.

Some business men say they would like to advertise in the Bulletin, but admit they are afraid to do so, because of the fear that John H. McIntosh, acting for the Employers' association, will bring pressure to bear to put them out of business.

The boycott against this paper by the organized employers has reached the stage where carrier boys are not allowed to deliver papers to subscribers in certain buildings—one of them being the Daly bank building.

To meet this situation the workers who wish the Bulletin to exist should use the boycott the way our enemies use it—to the limit.

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opinion was expressed by many that while the companies could well afford a shutdown, and the workers themselves would be the sufferers, yet they might as well settle all points at issue once and for all, rather than continue the process of enslavement by degrees and starvation by inches.

At the rate sentiment is crystallizing it is thought it will be only a matter of hours until the most gigantic industrial upheaval in the history of Butte assumes definite form.

The struggle promises to be fierce and to a finish. The workers feel that the masters have thrown down the gauge of battle, and that only one course is open to them—to accept the challenge and determine once for all whether the few can starve the many at their own sweet will.

The Bulletin will do all it can to keep its readers informed as to the progress of events, and will also use whatever influence it has in an effort to have all the workers unite and work in unison to attain their ends.

It should be remembered by the workers that no matter what their particular craft or status is, they must stand shoulder to shoulder, as they are doing in Seattle, and that—
AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL.

8,000 SHIPBUILDERS STRIKE ON DELAWARE RIVER

(Special United Press Wire.)
Trenton, N. J., Feb. 7.—A strike which has threatened to tie up every shipbuilding yard on the Delaware river has been called at the Merchants' Shipbuilding corporation's plant at Harriman, Pa. Eight thousand of the 10,000 employes are out.

MONTANA WEATHER.
Unsettled weather today with snow in west and central portions; somewhat warmer in east portion; tomorrow fair and colder.

RUSSIAN SOVIETS AGREE TO A JOINT CONFERENCE

(Special United Press Wire.)
Paris, Feb. 7.—It is understood the Russian soviets have accepted the associated powers' proposal for a joint conference.

Predicts Strike Will Involve Two Million

(Special United Press Wire.)
New York, Feb. 7.—The president of the Bricklayers' union today predicted a nation-wide strike with 2,000,000 workers participating.

RUSSIAN COSSACK BILL ADVANCES AT HELENA

A. C. M. Crowd, While Jeering Russia, Would Give Montana Infamous Donohue Militia Bill.

Helena, Feb. 7.—House Bill No. 111, by Jones of Phillips, providing for the organization and maintenance of the Montana national guard, passed the house yesterday afternoon.

There were 15 dissenting votes as follows: Boulware, Chrystal, Foley, Holland, Harrington, Hathaway, Hunter, Jones of Cascade, Mead, Naylor, Nyquist, Penwell, Schumaker, Arnold, Seltman.

Jones of Cascade, in explaining his vote, declared that organized labor protested against the clause prohibiting discrimination against members of the militia.

"It is a club which can be wielded over our heads," he declared. McCormick of Missoula maintained that the legitimate and conservative citizens will not resent the action of the legislature.

"The old days have passed," he said, "and they've got to quit kicking our national guard around."

Pleased With Fight On Butte Physicians

Helena, Feb. 7.—When Butte physicians reduced their fees to the former standards they yielded to the

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(Special to the Bulletin.)
Seattle, Feb. 7. (10:40 a. m.)—Ugly threats of desertion are being heard among the uniformed men sent here. They believe they will be, sooner or later, called on to break the strike. They, being mostly workmen, are in no humor to shoot their fellow men, and the junkers are between the devil and the deep blue sea.

(Special United Press Wire.)
Seattle, Feb. 7. (10:40 a. m.)—With armed troops from Camp Lewis waiting under cover within and just outside the city, the situation here has reached a high stage of intensity on the second day of the general strike. No violence, however, is reported. Eleven truckloads of soldiers were hurried in during the night, some quartered in the armory and others in hastily improvised barracks. No soldiers are seen on the street. Sailors from the Bremerton navy yard are reported standing by with stacked arms. The streets are practically deserted, only a few shops attempting business. Light plants are operated under police protection. Neither street cars nor jitneys are running.

The general tieup imposed by the strikers in their sympathetic walkout in support of 30,000 shipyard workers seeking higher wages has transformed Seattle, a city of 400,000 population, from a bustling metropolis into a country village. Hotel guests are camping out in rooms and eating tinned food. The city is already beginning to have a taste of hunger. There is no butcher, baker or candlestick maker. They have long since sold out and have gone home with the others. Milk for babies and invalids is sold under doctors' certificates at stations designated by the strikers.

Charles Piez Makes Statement to Press

(Special United Press Wire.)
Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 7.—The 30,000 shipbuilders who are now on strike in the Seattle district have disregarded the covenant made with the United States government through the Emergency Fleet corporation, although they secretly promised to continue work under the terms of agreement set out by the Macy wage arbitration board, until March 31, 1919," said Charles Piez of the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet corporation yesterday.

"We must decide whether America is to be for Americans and instead of striving for party advantage, we must see to strict enforcement of the laws and constitution."

Seattle Strike Involves 170,000 Working People

(Special United Press Wire.)
Seattle, Feb. 7.—Besides 70,000 strikers 100,000 other workers will be thrown out of employment.

Junkers Have Soldiers in Seattle and Tacoma

(Special to The Bulletin.)
Seattle, Feb. 7.—United States troops from Camp Lewis are quartered in Seattle and Tacoma, to "stand ready for any emergency," as army officers said, resulting from the general strike.

Whose money are you spending to assail organized labor in notorious labor-hating newspapers such as the Los Angeles Times?
"If it is your own personal money all right. If it is mine, I protest with the utmost vigor."

Brig. Gen. John L. Hayden commands the contingent of 800 soldiers in Seattle and Gen. Frank B. Watson has under him in Tacoma 36 miles from here, two battalions and a machine gun company. Equipment of

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Upton Sinclair Wires Question to Mr. Piez

(Special United Press Wire.)
Pasadena, Cal., Feb. 6.—Upton Sinclair last night sent the following telegram to Charles Piez, of the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet corporation:
"As a citizen and taxpayer of the United States I respectfully inquire: