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SHUT DOWN OF MINES IS COMPLETE

Protest Strike, Only Partially Organized, Results in Only Few Reporting for Work—New Troops Are Said to Have Arrived in Butte for Purpose of Protecting Men Who Believe in Copper Autocracy—Returned Soldiers Incensed at Newspaper for Stating That Foreigners Only Were Striking. They Recall With Bitterness That Manager's Son Did Not Don the Uniform, but Packed a Gun and Murdered a Miner in Cold Blood.

The protest strike of the miners of Butte, precipitated by the mining companies announcing a dollar decrease in wages, has spread rapidly, and now involves many members of the metal trades crafts, although none of these unions have yet decided upon a line of action.

The electricians, at their regular meeting last night, appointed a committee to confer with the Workers' council and report back to the union at 12 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. In the meantime many electricians have walked off the job on the hill, including the Montana Fowler men.

Reliable reports from the "hill" indicate that few men are at work in the mines, and that many of the metal craftsmen have not waited for formal action by their respective organizations, but have in many instances refused to aid the mining companies in their efforts to establish peonage conditions among the workers of Butte.

A strong line of pickets is being maintained by the strikers, many of them being returned soldiers, who simply hand out literature to the men, informing them of the status of affairs, when it is invariably a case of "down the hill again."

Probably the largest body of "men" to gain entrance to any of the mines was that which entered the Anaconda in an automobile, reported to be detectives in the pay of the city of Butte.

Numerous "gunmen" are reported to be on duty on the hill, but they have become sudden converts to the "safety-first" motto of the Anaconda company. These "never-work" birds appear to avoid the returned soldier pickets, who have renounced their uniforms with the declaration that "now we have something to fight for."

The returned fighters for democracy and their brother workers, who produced the copper for the fighters and the profits for the masters, entertain no fear of the "gunmen," realizing that these human perverts only act when they have a "cinch." Many of the returned soldiers, however, express themselves bitterly over the assertion of the morning papers that only a few foreigners have staged the protest-strike against the autocracy of the copper barons. They are especially bitter against one paper, the manager of which has a son who packed a gun on the hill all during the war, who is now out on bail, charged with murder, having killed a miner in cold blood some months ago.

The various unions involved in the protest strike or in any way concerned, are rapidly getting together, and it is expected that after the mass meeting this evening of the Workers' council arrangements will be perfected to present a united front and put up a finish fight which will establish, once and for all, the rights of the workers of this community to self-determination and democracy.

The only cases of disorder so far reported have been cases where the "gunmen" have found some worker unprotected by his fellows and have proceeded to beat him up.

The Metal Mine Workers held a mass meeting at their hall last night and passed resolutions, which will be found elsewhere in this issue. It was necessary for the speakers to entertain a dense overflow crowd in the street, who were unable to gain admittance to the hall.

At the I. W. W. hall on North Wyoming street thousands were unable to gain admittance to the hall, and here also

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Seattle Rattlebrain Mayor Spoiling for Riot Says Spokesman for Strikers. One Street Car Runs

"THE JAWBONE OF AN ASS"



'Tis rumored the A. C. M. Co. is trying to emulate Samson's historic exploit.

THE JUNKERS' STATEMENT.

Seattle, Feb. 8.—A settlement of the general strike by agreement appears possible. No official answer from the strike heads has been made to the mayor's ultimatum to resume essential industries unless the sympathetic tieup is relieved, but rumors that some members of the strike committee favor such action are given credence at the mayor's office. The termination of the general strike would not affect the 20,000 shipyard workers in whose behalf 40,000 other organized workers struck, it is believed. "The strike is broken," declared the mayor. "In the meantime we will inaugurate a system of municipal jitneys. Everyone having an automobile is invited to operate a jitney car. Business is going to resume fully." "Every union man employed in the city lighting department has returned to his job."

THE STRIKERS' STATEMENT.

Seattle, Feb. 8.—"There is not the slightest indication of a break in labor's ranks," said E. B. Ault, the strikers' spokesman. "The strike will continue until the demands of the shipyard workers are granted. We are prepared to feed the entire city, if necessary, for an indefinite period. We do not fear martial law. It is inconceivable that the government will back up the hysterical declarations of a rattlebrain mayor, who is apparently spoiling for a riot." "The mayor later declared: "There is no intention of proclaiming martial law. There is no such necessity at present. The city is in entire control of the situation." Ault denied the mayor's statement that the strike is broken. He said only one municipal car is running, with nearly a dozen soldiers on it, adding: "There will be no scab jitneys. The people are with the strikers."

Trying to Settle the Strike Unofficially

Washington, Feb. 7.—The labor department announced today that the labor commissioners in the Seattle district are unofficially trying to settle the strike, but the department has taken no action. It is intimated that should the situation grow more serious an appeal will be sent to President Wilson to use his influence by cable.

War Labor Board Is Considering the Strike

Washington, Feb. 7.—The war labor board may take definite action late this afternoon to settle the Seattle strike.

Mayor Endeavoring to Break Up the Strike

Seattle, Feb. 7.—Mayor Hanson today issued an ultimatum that he would operate all essential Seattle enterprises under the proffered gov-

ernment assistance unless the strike is called off by 8 a. m. tomorrow. A proclamation was issued guaranteeing Seattle workers protection and urging them to continue work and business. The mayor promised to secure, if necessary, "every soldier in the northwest to protect life, business and property." "Anarchists in this community shall not rule its affairs," said the mayor. "The time has come for every person in Seattle to show their Americanism. Go ahead with your daily duties without fear. We will see to it that you have food, transportation, water, light, gas and all necessities. All persons violating the laws will be dealt with summarily."

Gadsden Copper Stock Doubles Overnight

Jerome, Ariz., Feb. 7.—Wide excitement was created today when it was learned that the price of Gadsden copper stock had doubled overnight despite the slumping copper market. Reports of impending highly important developments are heard (Continued on Page Six)

Tacoma Printers and Longshoremen Send In International Charters

Seattle Printers Also Tell John W. Hays, International Secretary of I. T. U., That if He Wants Their Charter to Send and Get It. No Papers Being Issued in Either Tacoma or Seattle.

W. J. Beard, organizer for the Tacoma Central Labor council, arrived in Butte today from Seattle and Tacoma. Beard says: "When the strike was called some of the international officers told the men that they could not go out on strike for the reason that they would lose their charters." "The longshoremen's union told P. V. O'Connors, their international president, to come out and get their charter, for they were going on strike." "The printers were told by Mr. Hays, international secretary, that they could not go out on strike and if they did they would lose their charter also." "But this is one time Mr. Hays did not keep the printers at work. Every office is tied up in Seattle and Tacoma, and the coal miners will lay down their tools on Monday." "The Tacoma newsboys have been on strike for three weeks and the Tacoma Commercial club tried hard to get returned soldiers to scab on the newsboys." "We have a soldiers', sailors' and workmen's council up there to help the returned men to get back to work and keep the boys from going hungry. We have 69,000 men and women out in Seattle and 22,000 in Tacoma. When the returned soldiers of the 346th arrived in Seattle and were on their way to Camp Lewis the boys stopped in front of the Seattle Metal Trades council and gave three cheers for union labor and told the strikers that the commercial club could not use them for scabs in this strike."

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 And WE will all win in the struggle which is now on to establish self-determination and democracy in Butte.