

BOSTON'S SUBWAY, SURFACE AND ELEVATED LINES PRACTICALLY TIED UP BY STRIKE

Boston, June 7.—By noon today the surface, elevated and subway car system of Boston and suburbs was utterly disorganized.

A strike of the union employes of the Boston Elevated, which controls the surface and subway lines, was called at 4:15 o'clock this morning after a stormy three-hour session at union headquarters.

The elevated officials laughed at the strike. When the union was formed only a few weeks ago the elevated set about a counter organization, a "protective" association they called it.

This morning the officials of the company claimed they had 2,600 men in this protective association who would continue to work, and that they had 1,500 strike-breakers already imported from New York and Philadelphia.

There was a good deal of rioting after the strike was called. Cars were stoned, trolleys disconnected, motormen and conductors who refused to recognize the strike order roughly handled, sleepers were put on the tracks, and cautious Bostonians walked to work this morning.

But the rioting never became very serious and it was not necessary. As the forenoon wore on motormen after motormen, and conductor after conductor left their packed cars standing in the street and went to union headquarters to report.

Even where they did not leave the cars there always was some-

one to disconnect the trolley wires. Then the motormen and conductors would refuse to get off to fix it, and the police would have to do it.

Because the guards at the Park street terminal of the Cambridge subway reported to the union the escalators were stopped and passengers had to climb three flights of stairs to the street.

There are 3,800 members of the union. The strike was called because:

The company refused to recognize the union; announced it would employ no union men.

When complaints were made against men, they were laid off without pay pending a hearing.

If exonerated and reinstated, the pay they lost never was made up.

Conductors were forced to furnish \$10 change for each trip.

Despite the company's refusal of an increase because their "finances would not stand it," the "loyal federation or protective association" members' pay was increased when the union was formed.

Police Commissioner O'Meara ordered all the reserves on duty at the subway and elevated stations and car barns this forenoon. There already have been fifty arrests, but all the cases were continued until Monday.

The average length of life in Norway is greater than on any other part of the globe.