

## STRIKE OF LAKE SEAMEN SCOUTED

Shipping Board Announces After Investigation Men Have No Grievance.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—In the face of a threatened strike of seamen on the Great lakes, which would tie up the transportation of iron ore, coal and wheat, essential to the war program, the shipping board Thursday night issued a statement informing the public of every step in the controversy and declaring that the board does not "feel that there are any grievances to justify a strike at this time."

Telegrams were sent to the sailors' union and the Marine Firemen, Oilers and Water Tenders' union, pointing out the disastrous effects which a strike would have upon the country and its consequent effect on the prosecution of the war.

Chairman Hurley signed the statement because the strike resolution was so worded as to make the board a party to the controversy.

**Shipping Board Investigates.**  
"In issuing this statement," Mr. Hurley said, "the shipping board has gone fully into the grievances mentioned in the joint strike resolution because of the grave menace to the national safety involved in a strike on the Great lakes. A stoppage of the movement of the lake vessels would cut off the supply of ore needed in the manufacture of steel plates for ship building and other essentials of war and would jeopardize the movement of wheat to our army abroad and to our allies. No strike should be called which might be based upon a misunderstanding of what has happened or which is capable of a different solution."

The first reason given for striking was to compel the Lake Carriers' association to cooperate with the government in training seamen.

**Decision Left to Navy.**  
"The board has not decided to use the Great lakes for training and recruiting mariners, as it has used the coast, but has left that field largely to the navy," the board declared in reply.

"However patriotically conceived, this part of the resolution cannot constitute a ground for a strike." Refusal of the Lake Carriers' association to send representatives to the national marine conference here last May because such attendance would be recognition that organized labor represented their employees, which they denied, was made the second ground for striking.

"The shipping board regrets the attitude of the Lake Carriers' association in this respect," Mr. Hurley's

statement said, "but in view of the national labor policy promulgated by the president's proclamation of April 8, 1918, (which provided that the war should not be used to force changes in labor regulations), it did not feel that it would be justified in forcing the lake carriers to meet with representatives of the unions."

**Trouble Over Record Books.**  
Much of the bitterness between the seamen and their employers has arisen over the "welfare plan discharge book" adopted by the association as a means of keeping a record of each man's service, and objected to by the unions because of the alleged use of the books to blacklist men active in organized labor. The shipping board ordered the abolition of the books and the substitution of certificates, and its statement today said the lake carriers have taken steps to comply with the orders, and the decisions have met all the reasonable objections of the unions.

## 10,000,000 Ship Tons Per Year Says Schwab

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 26.—Charles M. Schwab, director general of ship building, home Thursday from his inspection tour of the western shipyards, predicted an output of 10,000,000 ship tons a year. In order to foster ship building in this country, Mr. Schwab said, he will immediately take measures to cut off shipments of steel to foreign countries. This will affect shipmen's contracts for Japan and China. They will not get steel until every shipyard here has enough to keep it going to capacity, according to Mr. Schwab.

"It has not been my fault," said Mr. Schwab, "that any contracts were made to ship steel to foreign countries. This must stop if we want to keep the spirit of enthusiasm among ship builders. Every day I am receiving petitions from them to send them steel."

## AUSTRIAN SOLDIERS SHOOT WOMEN AND CHILDREN FOOD RIOTERS

BERNE, July 26.—Austrian soldiers fired upon a crowd of food rioters in the streets of Pilsen, killing five children and one woman and wounding many more, said a dispatch received here today. A hungry mob had charged bread wagons, shouting: "We are starving."

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## "Grand Parade of Allies" is One of the Big Features of Coming Chautauqua



Something different in the way of chautauqua entertainment is promised in the spectacular Dunbar's Revue, which will be presented on the last night of the coming seven-day Redpath chautauqua. Early in the evening there will be a travesty on the light opera, "The Mikado," a succession of novelties and a feature known as "Melody Land." The revue closes with a patriotic climax introducing the "Grand Parade of the Allies."

In the closing spectacle the nations allied in arms against Germany will be represented in cos-

tume. Pervading the whole scene will be the spirit of Joan of Arc. The role of the martyred maid of Orleans will be taken by Clarissa Harrold, who presents the thrilling war play, "The Man Who Stayed at Home."

The revue is the first offering of its kind ever presented on any chautauqua program; it is a distinct step in advance. It is produced exclusively for the Redpath bureau by Ralph Dunbar, who gave the Redpath audience last year the splendid production of the "Mikado."

"The Man Who Stayed at Home,"

the war play presented by Miss Harrold on the afternoon of Dunbar Revue day, is designed to show the insidious intrigues of the German spy system.

This play has achieved remarkable success in long runs both in this country and England. It is full of thrills and patriotism, but at the same time is pervaded by a delightful spirit of humor.

As given by Miss Harrold, this play vividly portrays the plots and trickery of an unscrupulous band of German secret agents in England. The play is based on facts.

## MILITARY CRITIC OF BERLIN SAYS OFFENSIVE OF FOCH IS BIG SUCCESS

AMSTERDAM, July 26.—Gen. von Ardennes, military expert of the Tageblatt of Berlin discussing the military situation, said it would be a dangerous self-deception to deny that the offensive of Gen. Foch in the Alsne-Marne region had brought him remarkable success, and the writer said the German command must beware of the French general. Gen. von Ardennes expects that hard fighting will develop towards the North sea, but for the present, he says, a decision must be arrived at between Soissons and Chateau Thierry.

## 4,000 PAPER MAKERS STRIKE

Controversy Between International Paper Co. and Employees.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—The controversy between the International Paper Co. and some four thousand employees in paper mills in New York, New Hampshire and Maine was referred Thursday by the war labor board to a section composed of C. A. Crocker and T. M. Guerin. It was recommended that the section interpret the recent award of the board, disagreement over the application of which led to the strike.

Authority also was given the section to reopen the case and hold further hearing if that is deemed necessary, but no hearing will be granted until all the men on strike return to work.

Representatives of both the company and the union were called before the board to explain their differences which resulted in the closing down of ten mills and a consequent curtailment of about 75 percent in the production of news print paper. Both sides were agreed that inability of their committees to agree on the working out of the award presented the greatest difficulty and they joined in the request for an interpretation.

**Board Adopts Resolution.**  
After hearing the explanation the board adopted this resolution which was presented by former Pres't Taft, one of the joint chairmen of the board.

"The representatives of the paper makers and of the employees having appeared before the board with the statement that the award heretofore made by the board has presented questions upon which the parties affected do not agree because they differ as to the interpretation of terms of the award, it is voted that the subject be referred back to the section, whose action this board approves, for the purpose of hearing the application for an interpretation of award. That the section also has power, if in its opinion a case is presented to grant such rehearing as it may deem just and wise on the ground of mistake or otherwise in any of the issues involved and disposed of in the award, but that such a grant of rehearing shall not be made except on condition that all matters shall return to their employment before such hearing is granted."

**To Present Briefs Today.**  
Mr. Crocker and Mr. Guerin, who conducted the original hearing in the controversy, directed both the company and the men to present briefs Friday, after which decision will be reported on the question of re-opening the whole case and arriving at a new award.

Information before the board was that mills of the International Paper Co. are shut down at Glen Falls, Fort Edward, Palmer and Ticonderoga in New York state; Wilder, Vermont, and Franklin, New Hampshire, and Rumford and Livermore Falls in Maine. One other mill, operated by Finch, Pruyn and Co. at Glen Falls is tied up.

**Strike Not Advised by Union.**  
J. T. Carey of Albany, N. Y., president of the International Paper Makers' union, told the board the men had walked out despite the fact that he had advised against such a course. He said an important part of the dispute is whether the men shall receive for May and June the bonus paid by the International company before the board's award went into effect. The company he said, declined to pay the bonus for those

two months because the board's award is retroactive for the period. John Lundregan, representing the International Paper Co. said the men had struck after his company had notified them that adjustments in wages would be made if the company's interpretation of the award was held by the war labor board to be wrong.

## 2-Pound Sugar Ration Monthly Beginning Aug. 1

WASHINGTON, July 26.—The American public was asked by the food administration Thursday to go on a sugar ration of two pounds per capita monthly beginning Aug. 1, to meet a world shortage in this commodity and to care for the immediate demands of the allies and the American military forces. The American public at present is on a three pound per capita ration monthly under a request issued by the food administration a month ago.

Household rationing will be voluntary as at present, but public eating places will be required to observe new regulations effective Aug. 1, permitting the use of two pounds of sugar for every 50 meals served, instead of three pounds under existing regulations. Unless the consumption of sugar is reduced both by householders and the public generally, the food administration warns in an appeal made today, supplies for Belgium, the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., K. of C., Salvation army and other organizations working for the welfare of American military forces in Europe cannot be maintained.

## HEINEKEN SAYS THAT AMERICA WON'T ENTER POOL AGAINST GERMANY

AMSTERDAM, July 26.—The question of whether the United States will join Great Britain in the latter's projected economic war after the war, is discussed by Philip Heineken, director of the North German Lloyd, in the annual just issued by that corporation. The writer approaches the question cautiously, saying that American industrial organizations are understood to be already preparing to resume international commercial intercourse after the war. He believes that Americans are too practical business men to exert themselves to hamper German shipping interests and that their main efforts will be concentrated, rather, in creating for themselves a mercantile fleet commensurate with the magnitude of their country. He says that this mercantile fleet has already become a national demand in America.

## RAINCOAT MAKERS DENY FEDERAL CHARGES OF FRAUD AND GRAFT

NEW YORK, July 26.—Officials of the C. Kenyon Co. of Brooklyn, manufacturers of raincoats, four of whose employees are charged with having conspired to supply defective garments to the United States army authorities, in a telegram to Sec'y Baker Thursday demanded an immediate and thorough investigation "by some person or board in whom you have implicit confidence."

Atty. Frank J. Hogan, speaking

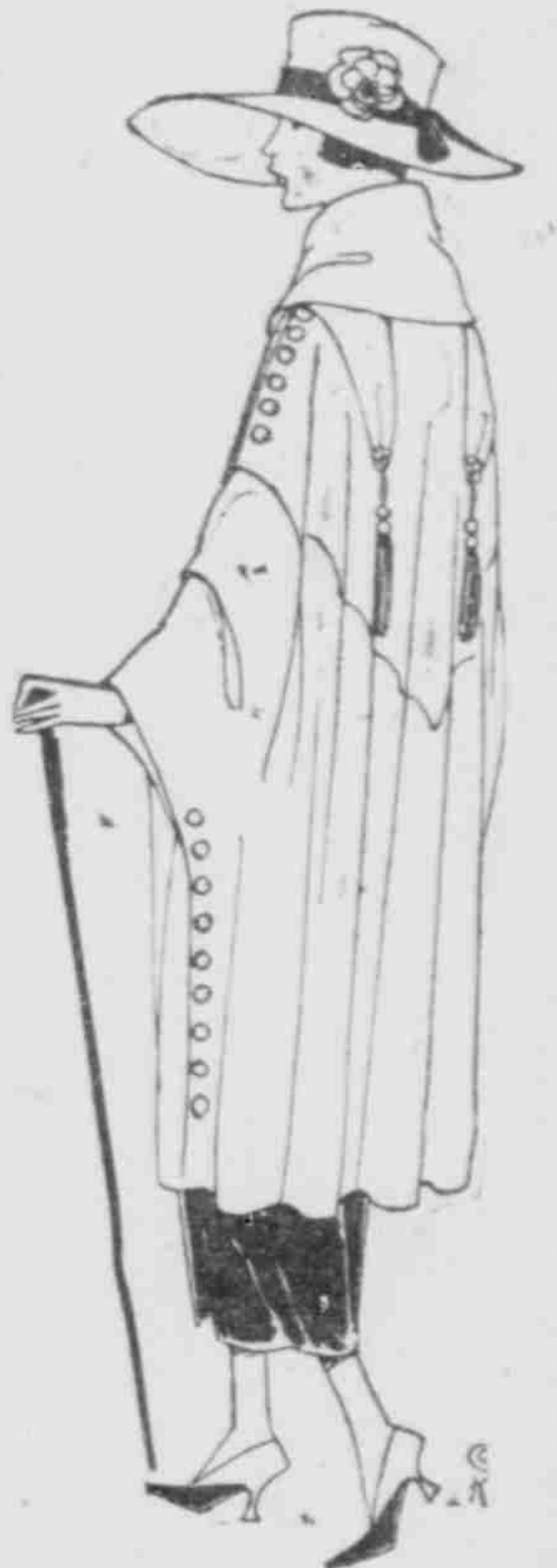
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for Clarence Kenyon, president of the company, which has been in business since 1857, and is capitalized at \$5,000,000, said: "We ask this not only in justice to the company, but in justice as well to 3,000 Brooklyn people who are its employees. We are not only standing by our employees—all of them—but we are proud of them. The charges brought against this company and four of its employees are not only unjustified, but utterly indefensible."

## CITY CLERK TO LEAVE.

News-Times Special Service: ELKHART, Ind., July 26.—Elkhart city clerk Verduin C. Meisner, will leave with a contingent of drafted men to Valparaiso university on August 13. The office of city clerk will then be managed by Harvey R. Elliott, city controller. Mr. Elliott will be granted a yearly increase of \$700 for managing both offices.

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