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## MAKERS TO SERVE ULTIMATUM ON EMPLOYERS

### Try Peace Methods Before Declaring General Strike.

#### SAFETY DEMANDED

### Must Have Access to Shops for Inspecting Purposes, Is Cry.

The Ladies' Waist and Dress Makers' Union of New York, at two mass meetings held last night simultaneously at Cooper Union and Carnegie Hall, and attended by fully 5,000 members in the trade, constituted itself into a body of factory inspectors which will take the matter of making shops safe into its own hands. The meeting last night was called for the purpose of discussing the conditions of the waist makers' trade and to decide upon a course of action to improve conditions. At Cooper Union the hall was packed and about 1,000 people were turned away. In Carnegie Hall the main floor and the balcony were well filled, despite the inclement weather, which made the main dangerous and walking difficult. The thousands of strikers came to the hall full of fighting spirit. Many one of them was for the calling of a general strike in the waist trade. But the leaders of the union, who were the speakers of the evening, counseled against war before the ameliorating conditions in the shop had been exhausted. James Panken and Rothenberg, the union, read to the audience a list of those halls an agreement which would have drawn up and which would be presented to the bosses. The list of men and women ratified in agreement and union officials will bring it to the bosses within the next few days. If the bosses refuse to meet the demands made in the agreement a general strike of some 100,000 waist makers will then be in order.

The two most important points in the agreement are those dealing with the safety of the workers. The first of these points specifies that the employer must recognize the union, and the second provision is a demand that the employer throw open his shop to representative from the union for inspection at all times. Such inspection by a union official of the shop, it is declared, would result in no shop being insanitary and unsafe.

Among the other important provisions in the agreement are the following: a forty-hour week; a minimum wage of \$25 a week for the week workers the following minimum wage scale was adopted: dressmakers, \$15 a week; drapers, \$14; blouse makers, \$12; button sewers, \$10; sleeve setters, \$11; closers, \$10; operators on good and medium work, \$23; finisher, good and medium work, \$22; on cheap work, \$20; operators, \$18; cleaners and lace makers, \$8; examiners, \$9; short tucks, \$3 cents for 1 cent; striped tucks, \$5 cents for 100 yards; china tucks, 25 cents for 100 yards; operators on piecework are to be paid at a rate approximating 40 cents an hour on good and medium work and 30 cents an hour on cheap work. More than two hours overtime to be paid in any one day. No overtime on Saturdays. Abolition of the piece system in the shop. Outside contracts are allowed, provided they maintain prices and maintain union standards.

James Panken, who is a good striker, but you are poor unionists. You invest a dollar in the union and look for immediate returns. The waist-making industry in which slaves are employed; an industry in which the system of slave driving exists. This you cannot blame the employer entirely. You yourself are to blame. It is up to you to improve your shop safe.

James Panken counseled against calling of an immediate strike. He said that should be given an opportunity to reach a peaceful understanding. Panken advised the workers to form a strong union and enforce it. He said that the employer would not the workers and keep them to their agreement with the union. He said that the minute the union is broken the bosses cease to be the workers' friends. Panken, Jacob Panken, Abraham Panken and others, made ad-

## AGED PHILOSOPHER FIGHTING FOR LIFE

James B. Peterson, the philosopher from the tack factory, fought for breath and for more life all day yesterday on his cot in Ward B I, of Bellevue Hospital. He is not ready yet, so he whispered to his nurse, to pass beyond the limits of the knowable into the Absolute, for he has yet to finish his mammoth opus, the fruit of his whole life's thought to the writing of which he was encouraged by the late Prof. William James of Harvard.

## FAMILY SECOND FOX THEATER TO BREAK

### Harlem House Follows N. Y. Roof in Reduction to 5 Cents.

Another of the chain of motion picture "theaters" controlled by the Fox Amusement Company, in which State Senator Timothy D. Sullivan, "Johnny" White, the "workingman's Alderman," and William Fox are interested, has been forced to reverse its policy by the falling of patronage, resulting from the strike of film operators, stage hands, musicians, electricians, engineers and bill posters.

The Family Theater, in East 125th street, which has been devoted to stock dramatic attractions, but the attendance at which has steadily fallen off since the start of the strike, two months ago, will close its stock season Saturday night, and beginning next Monday, will be opened as a moving picture house of the cheapest grade.

An admission of 5 cents will be charged, for both adults and children. While adult patronage of the scab operated Fox "theaters" devoted to stock drama or picture has steadily diminished, the management of the Family Theater and that of the New York Roof, Broadway and 44th street, which, as announced yesterday, was the first of the theaters to drop to the 5 cent show level, figures largely upon afternoon audiences for future support.

The strike was directly responsible for the breaking up of the Sunday night show at the Academy of Music when the headline act of the bill—Maude Fulton and William Rock—was deprived of its elaborate scenic and lighting equipment by the refusal of union teamsters, both bosses and men, to haul the paraphernalia from the Pennsylvania Railway station in Jersey City. The scenery and lighting apparatus for the act, which had come into the Pennsylvania terminal in a sixty-foot baggage car, was absolutely necessary to the successful staging of the intricate, delicate dancing act.

## THREE KILLED IN CANADIAN TRAIN CRASH

MONTREAL, Jan. 8.—A serious wreck occurred on the Quebec-Montreal Line of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, near St. Vincent De Paul, early this afternoon. Two trains were traveling at a high rate of speed and the baggage car of one telescoped the second class car of the other.

## HAVEMEYER WORKS RESUME OPERATION

### Sugar Trust, Goaded by Public Indignation, Re-opens Refineries.

That even a mighty corporation must occasionally yield to public sentiment was demonstrated yesterday when the eight Havemeyer sugar refineries in Williamsburg, which shut down for two weeks, resumed operations and the 5,000 employees of the Sugar Trust who for a fortnight had been in constant dread of starvation breathed a little easier.

When the announcement was made that the refineries had shut down, the trust officials at 117 Wall street would say nothing as to when the works would be opened again. In fact, they talked of there being an "overproduction of refined sugar" and that there was no demand for sugar just now, intimating that the refineries might remain shut for some weeks.

A canvass of the neighborhood about the refineries by The Call revealed the terrible suffering that was bound to ensue if the mills were closed. Interviews with the priests of the community brought out denunciations of the action of the trust in shutting down the refineries this time of the year and leaving their employees penniless.

The bitter words of the priests and of the business men in the district who foresee ruin if the mills were not reopened at once, to themselves as much as to the trust employees, who are their customers, had the desired effect. The trust quickly became more communicable and announced that the refineries would be opened again in the early part of this week. And they were opened yesterday.

## STENOGRAPHERS IN HOUSE ON STRIKE

Democrats Cut Their Compensation 10 Cents Per Folio and Walkout Folios, Typing Up Committee Work.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Because the Democratic Committee on Accounts in its frantic "economy" program reduced the compensation of the stenographers on the House side of the Capitol from 25 to 15 cents a folio, the stenographers struck today and as a result the machinery of Congressional legislation was held up.

The strike had not been in progress an hour before two House committees had to adjourn because they could not get efficient stenographic work done. These committees are the Hardwick Committee on Sugar, and the Committee on Military Affairs. Dr. Wiley was to be before the Sugar Committee.

## WOMAN BLOWN THROUGH DOOR

Mrs. David Taylor, of 17 Dewitt place, New Rochelle, was blown through her kitchen door into the back yard yesterday when the water-back of her kitchen range exploded. A few minutes later she was injured.

## NAVY LEAGUE GETS BIG FUND TO WAR ON SOCIALIST PARTY

### Dollar Patriots Fear Effects of Anti-Militarist Campaign.

#### J. P. MORGAN IN IT

### Steel and Powder Trusts' Solicitous Regarding Welfare of Murder Machine.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Referring to the Socialist party as a "treasonable movement," the Navy League of the United States announces that it has secured a slush fund of many thousand dollars for the purpose of countering "the systematic attacks of so-called Socialists on the navy in discouraging enlistments an encouraging mutiny and desertion."

The Navy League calls itself "a non-partisan patriotic society." Its purposes, according to its officers, is "to awaken public interest and activity in all matters tending to aid, improve and develop the efficiency of the navy."

Most of the prominent capitalists and old party politicians are members of this league. Needless to add, the manufacturers of murder machines and powder are strong supporters of this "patriotic society." J. P. Morgan and Henry C. Frick, of the Steel Trust, and T. Coleman du Pont, of the Powder Trust, are honorary vice presidents of the Navy League.

## BELGIAN TAKES OVER SHUSTER'S PERSIAN JOB

TEHRAN, Jan. 8.—M. Moineard, a Belgian, and formerly Customs Director of Persia, today took over the Treasurer's job which had been held by W. Morgan Shuster, the American whom Russia ousted by means of a military demonstration. A committee of four Persians has been named to assist Moineard.

## Taft Says He Will Make Hook a Justice

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—President Taft told several callers at the White House today that he would urge consideration of the various candidates for the Supreme Court bench vacancy that he had decided to nominate Judge William Hook, now of the Eighth Circuit Court, to succeed the late Justice Harlan.

## SEEK PRETEXT TO MODIFY LIABILITY ACT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The Navy Department may appeal to Congress to modify the liability act of 1908, on the pretext that the navy yard workmen persist in disregarding the measures taken by the authorities for their protection against injury. It is alleged that although 200 pairs of protective goggles were provided at the Mare Island Navy Yard to save the eyes of the workmen in the furnace shop, inspectors recently could not find a single pair in use.

## CALLS ON YUAN TO OVERTHROW DYNASTY

### President Sun Warns Chinese Premier to Do This or Else Resign.

PEKING, Jan. 8.—It was made known here today that a telegram had been received from President Sun Yat-sen, calling on Yuan Shih-kai, the Premier, to overthrow the Manchu dynasty or resign. If he refuses to comply with President Sun's order Yuan, it is declared, will be considered an enemy of the new republic and will be treated as such if the rebels take Peking.

No news has as yet been received from Chin Wang-tao regarding the landing of the rebel troops from the revolutionary transports which arrived at that port. It is expected that before the end of this week, W. J. Calhoun, the American Minister now in Peking, will ask that the American troops awaiting orders at Manila be sent to guard part of the railways which join Peking, Tientsin and Chin Wang-tao.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Transports belonging to the Chinese revolutionaries have been sighted to the north of Shanghai, the last point on the railway from Peking to Mukden, under the protection of foreign troops. According to a news agency dispatch from Tien-Tsin, the vessels were steering in a northerly direction. The imperial commanders are concentrating their troops in the vicinity of Shanshan, Ching Wang Tao and Hulutao.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—No change in the situation regarding the dispatch of American troops to China has occurred since Saturday. It was said at the State Department this evening. Officials of the department said they were still waiting for Minister Calhoun to reply to the inquiries made of him last week. The State Department instructed the American Minister to ascertain the sentiment of the Diplomatic Corps in the matter of sending troops, and also to state what conditions which, in his opinion, made it advisable that this government send soldiers to China.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE WOMEN PLAN SUFFRAGE FIGHT

HANOVER, N. H., Jan. 8.—The Executive Committee of the Dartmouth Equal Suffrage Club, an organization which was started before the Christmas holidays, met this afternoon and planned a speaking campaign for the winter. As a result, arrangements have been made to have Dr. Anna Shaw, and Mrs. Florence Kelley and Mrs. Stanley McCormack, both of New York, to speak here in one of the college auditoriums during the latter part of March.

## GAS CAUSED 4 DEATHS IN QUAKER CITY

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 8.—William Finnegan, husband of Bridget Finnegan, who, with three others, was found dead in her home Sunday morning, came to Philadelphia from Baltimore, last night, and after he had satisfactorily explained his disappearance to Captain of Detectives Fowler, was allowed to go home.

## WILLIAM WILLETT IN SOME MORE TROUBLE

William Willett, Jr., principal figure in the Queens judiciary scandal, appeared before Judge Humphrey in Long Island City yesterday and asked that Joseph McKim, a wealthy builder of Far Rockaway, be forthwith brought into court from the River Crest Sanitarium, where he is being held.

## ANOTHER VICTORY IS SCORED BY STRIKING LAUNDRY WORKERS

### Big Concern Signs Up, Granting All Union Demands.

With another large laundry, the Co-operative Laundry Association, added to the list of firms that have granted all the demands of the striking laundry workers, the situation looked much more favorable to the strikers yesterday. This is one of the large steam laundries that supplies nearly 300 hand laundries and the strikers consider this settlement a great victory for them.

## BOSTON STRIKE TO INVOLVE 6,000 MEN

### Longshoremen's Battle With Steamship Lines Is Becoming Fiercer.

BOSTON, Jan. 8.—The strike of the longshoremen here will undoubtedly result in 6,000 men being out of work on Wednesday. This afternoon the Longshoremen's Trade Council voted to request the support of all other transportation organizations of District Assembly 20, Knights of Labor, which includes the freight handlers, freight clerks, steamship clerks, and the carpenters who build the cattle fittings on steamships. A special meeting of the Executive Board of the District Assembly was called to act upon the matter. Special meetings of all the assemblies affected will be held Tuesday night to take the required official vote on the strike question.

According to the present program, on Wednesday morning all the longshoremen, who will be out with the total number of men out from 2,000 to about 6,000. A few scabs arrived from New York today and some of them began work this morning on the steamers affected by the longshoremen's struggle. There has been no trouble between the strikers and the scabs. A detail of policemen was stationed at East Boston, in the vicinity of the Cunard pier, where the strikebreakers are making their headquarters, but after a couple of hours they were dismissed as unnecessary. The Longshoremen's District Council issued a statement this afternoon declaring that the steamship agents acted in bad faith toward the public since the trouble started, and charge them with hiring strikebreakers from New York and other cities even while conferences between their representatives and the representatives of the steamship lines were being held at the Chamber of Commerce Building. Also that a sympathetic strike is almost sure to follow.

## MAURER TO SPEAK

### Keystone Socialist Enters Fray—Probe of Sanitary Conditions Likely.

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