

8000 MEN WALK OUT AT BRISTOL SHIPYARD

Day Shift Follows Action of Night Workers—Divided Authority, Is Complaint

RIVETERS WANT GUARANTEE

Between 8000 and 10,000 workmen at the plant of the Merchants' Shipbuilding Corporation at Bristol walked out in a general strike today.

"Divided authority and generally bad conditions" are blamed for their action. The men walked out shortly after 8 o'clock today when they learned that the night shift had laid down their tools shortly after midnight.

John A. Mellon, general organizer for the labor unions at the yard, declared today that officials had been "passing the buck" from one to another in the matter of labor grievances and that dissatisfaction among the riveters as to piecework guarantees was only a threat upon which to hang the general walk-out.

"The riveters would have gone on a strike, anyway," he said. "But that is not the cause of the walkout. The men want to know who is in authority and who is not. Conditions are very bad in the yard with respect to labor."

No One Accepts Authority

"For weeks I have been going between the company's officials and the Emergency Fleet Corporation and no one seemed to have any authority to act on our complaints. I could get no satisfaction."

"The officials were warned that this would be a long strike. The men intend to stay out until they find out who they are to deal with."

Mellon, who has an office in the yard, was ordered out of the plant yesterday. It is said. The men who worked on the night shift met yesterday afternoon and discussed the matter of conditions and decided to take some action.

According to Mellon, W. T. Wilson, the plant manager, attempted to adjust conditions last night. Mellon says he refused to treat with Wilson about midnight and the shift walked out.

Mass-Meeting Follows Walkout

When the other men reported for work today they punched their clock cards and then laid down their tools. The walkout was orderly and no violence was reported. The men immediately proceeded to Textile Hall, Bristol, where a mass-meeting was held.

The complaint of the riveters is based on the lack of guarantee from either the company or the fleet corporation that by changing over to piece work they will receive a minimum wage of \$6.40 per day.

Under the Macey wage scale the rate for riveters is 80 cents per hour. They claim that a recent ruling by the Emergency Fleet Corporation changes many of the workers over to a piecework basis, but that there is no guarantee that the class of work given them will enable the men to earn the equivalent of the hourly rate.

George C. Thayer, general manager of the Merchant Shipbuilding Corporation, said today that the company's hands were tied in the matter which is entirely up to the Emergency Fleet Corporation. He declined to discuss it.

H. C. Higgins, director of the Tenth district for the Emergency Fleet Corporation, arrived in Bristol shortly before noon, but refused to issue a statement or see the reporters.

NEW ARREST HINTED IN DEATH MYSTERY

Richmond Police Scout Theory That Mrs. Bicoff Was Slain by Bandits

Police of Richmond, Va., virtually abandoned the theory that Mrs. Rosa Bicoff, daughter of Benjamin Barankin, 312 North Thirteenth street, was fatally shot by two negro burglars reported to have entered the store of her husband, also Bicoff, former Philadelphia merchant, the night of April 26. The men were reported to have opened fire on her when she attempted to prevent them from overpowering her husband and robbing the cash register.

"The Richmond police are now working on the theory that no burglars entered the place. They promise sensational developments at the coroner's inquest scheduled for tomorrow. It was intimated that a white man is under suspicion and may be taken into custody after the inquest."

Although Mrs. Bicoff lingered for a day or two at Virginia Hospital after being shot, the police say they were unable to obtain any coherent statement from her. Her principal thought, they say, was about her children and what would become of them in event of her death. The police say they have been unable to locate any person in the neighborhood who saw the supposed burglars running from the direction of the store after the pistol shots.

9 MORE PHILA. CASUALTIES

Two Local Men Dead, Others Wounded, in Late Report

The names of nine Philadelphia boys are in a casualty roll released by the War Department today.

Private Henry E. Eberle, 410 West Norris street, died from accident and other causes; Private Daniel V. Crawford, 2022 Stenton avenue, was wounded severely; Private Walter Hauns, Castor road and Cottman street, was wounded, degree undetermined. Among the wounded slightly are Privates Guido Cittadini, 918 Moore street, and Gaetano Crisofulli, 2122 Tryon street.

Two men are reported missing in action—Sergeant Albert W. Backner, 7117 Tulip street, and Private Edward A. Smith, 1229 Shackamaxon street.

Corporal David C. Ware, 1228 North Fifteenth street, is reported missing in action. He formerly was classed as wounded severely. Private Joseph J. Baldrick, 2122 Walsh street, killed in action, was previously reported missing.

CAR HITS MAN, 60; GOES ON

Trolley Crew, Ten Minutes Later, Refuses to Aid Wreck Victim

Patrolman Sinnott, of the Twenty-second street and Hunting Park avenue police station, found a bruised and feeble aged man propped against a wall at School house lane and Ridge avenue early today.

He said he had been hit by a trolley car. "They picked me up and brought me here and then went on," he told the patrolman. "Look at my wagon there."

Sinnott saw a wreck in the street. The man said he was Thomas C. Jenner, sixty years old, of 2049 North Reese street. He said he was a maker of brooms and was starting out to deliver when a street car hit him as he crossed Ridge avenue. The wagon was demolished and the aged man thrown to the street.

After Patrolman Sinnott had taken Jenner to St. Timothy's Hospital he returned to wait for the trolley car. He was told by the crew that they left the man unaided because their passengers were in a hurry and they were already ten minutes late.

JOBLESS AND FRIENDLESS MAN ENDS HIS LIFE AT 70

Two Other Suicides Reported—One Youth, Leaving Note, Announces Desire to Learn More of "Hereafter"

"Seventy years old; no job and not a friend in the world." These were the last words of Joseph Harkins, who shot himself through the head last night in his room in Winter street near Ninth.

"It's a mighty cold world," he had previously told his landlady. A one-dollar bill was all that Harkins possessed. It was found pinned to his vest pocket when he was taken to Hahnemann Hospital.

Harkins' suicide was one of three reported to the police. Charles Waddell, Jr., 4810 Beaumont avenue, a student, was found dead with a bullet wound in his heart at Wissahickon drive and Allen's lane. A letter in his pockets said Waddell wanted to "learn more about things in the hereafter."

Captain G. L. Heyman, of the United States medical corps, 630 Carpenter's lane, while walking with his wife along the Wissahickon drive, discovered the body. At first they supposed the young man to be asleep, but on coming nearer Captain Heyman discovered a small caliber army revolver lying on the ground beside the recumbent figure. On closer examination he found the young man was dead.

HERO HEALTH OFFICER HERE

Charles Forrest, Winner of Belgian War Cross, Given Floral Tribute

When Charles Forrest came back to his office in the Bureau of Health, City Hall, today, after a long stay in France, he found his desk covered with flowers, and the faces of his friends of the department wreathed in welcoming smiles.

Mr. Forrest, who lives at 2105 Thompson street, has been an inspector in the Department of Housing and Sanitation since 1914. When the war broke out he went overseas with the 108th Field Artillery, Headquarters Company. After some months of service in France his outfit was transferred to Belgium, where it was to support a regiment of Belgians and two regiments of French.

Mr. Forrest's chief and enviable claim to distinction is that he was the only private in a group of seventy-five—all the others were officers—other Americans who were awarded the Belgian War Cross by King Albert. The cross was given him at Broven for having heroically kept open the telephone lines between Ypres and Scheldt on November 2. He also, under intense fire, carried some wounded civilians to safety.

"These Belgian soldiers are some ditty shakers," said Mr. Forrest today, "and, believe me, when they go to pinning crosses on you they don't stop at a little thing like kissing you on both cheeks."

Wife Seeks Missing O. H. Hunter

Mrs. Owen H. Hunter, 1244 East Palmer street, has asked the police to assist her in a search for her husband. Hunter left his home suddenly more than a year ago and his wife, who is supporting their two children, has heard nothing from him since.

8-HOUR DAY URGED FOR PUPIL NURSES

League of Nursing Education Backs Nation-Wide Movement

AIDS HOSPITAL WORKERS

An eight-hour day for pupil nurses in hospitals is advocated by the League of Nursing Education and the Pennsylvania State Association of Nurses. Legislation in this state to make eight hours the legal working day for a pupil nurse on ward duty has been discussed by these two organizations and may crystallize in a bill to be presented before the state Legislature.

The League of Nursing Education, which is national in its scope and has its membership among the superintendents of nurses and graduate instructors in training schools of the largest hospitals in the country, is behind a nation-wide movement to cut down the working hours of pupil nurses. A rumor that registered nurses were preparing to demand an increase in salary to \$40 a week and a strict eight-hour working day—which would make it necessary to employ nurses in three shifts in cases of severe illness in private families—was absolutely denied by the head nurses of hospitals here.

They expressed the belief that the rumor was "propaganda of the worst sort," designed for the purpose of discrediting the plan for an eight-hour day for pupil nurses.

Must Reduce Working Hours

Miss Clayton, superintendent of nurses at the Philadelphia General Hospital and former local head of the League of Nursing Education, explained that for the last year the women who administer the nursing staffs of hospitals throughout the country had been urging shorter hours for the pupil nurses upon their hospital boards.

"The hours of work for pupil nurses," said Miss Clayton, "must be cut down either by agreement among the hospitals or by legislation. We

feel that the only way to get the result we aim at is by making an eight-hour day mandatory.

"It is generally agreed that the pupil nurse has to work too hard. We feel that a girl who has to attend classroom lectures and give time to study should not be forced to spend more than eight hours a day working in a hospital ward."

Such a law as is advocated by the superintendents of nurses would make it necessary to expand the present staffs of hospitals by at least one-fourth, or possibly one-half. In most hospitals the present arrangement keeps the pupil nurses on duty twelve hours. To comply with the suggested law it would be necessary to have three eight-hour shifts.

Fears for Proposed Bill Dr. A. E. Blackburn, secretary of the Pennsylvania state board of examiners for registration of nurses, said today in discussing the project that he did not think such a bill could be passed.

"I am very much in sympathy with the movement," said Doctor Blackburn, "but in my judgment it would be difficult to pass an eight-hour law for pupil nurses."

"I believe the smaller hospitals of the state would oppose such a law. Its passage would compel them to make

large additions to the number of their pupil nurses to do the work they are doing now.

"You probably will find that the superintendents of nurses in the larger hospitals in Philadelphia are in favor of the eight-hour bill. They have waiting lists of applicants for admission to their training schools, and would have no trouble in getting the number needed."



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