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## STRIKE SETTLEMENT HANGS ON P. C. JENKS' RETURN

### FEDERAL MEDIATOR IS ACTIVE

Peace Reigns in Strike Zone  
Situation Remains Un-  
changed Today.

(BULLETIN)  
INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE  
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the situation at Hammond by telephone.

Attempts at adjusting the differences which exist between the Standard Steel Car Co. and its striking employees will be made this afternoon through the mediation of Federal Labor Commissioner Fred Feick, providing President Jenks of the company returns from Pittsburgh as expected.

Commissioner Feick met with the committee representing the strikers yesterday afternoon and became acquainted with the demands. Later he went to the offices of the car company and conferred with Maj. George Vincett, works manager. However, as assistant-to-the President Jenks was out of the city no attempt was made to hold a conference on the matter.

#### HERE ARE BASIC DEMANDS.

The three basic demands of the strikers are for the eight hour day, a wage suited to the American standard of living and the recognition of the general committee representing the allied crafts. The eight hour day has been conceded by the company. They have also promised to increase in wages for the laborers and to make such other adjustments as are found necessary after the plant is in operation once more.

The men object to returning to work without first knowing what wages they are to receive and ask that the company revise its schedule in advance.

#### WILL MEET WITH CRAFTS.

The third point is the one on which the split really rests. The company desires to conduct the negotiations through the shop plan which is already in operation there. This is patterned after the scheme used by the Standard Oil Co. at Whiting in which each craft appoints its own committee which carries the grievances to the plant officials.

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### STRIKE PICKUPS

EVERYBODY but the Indianapolis boys complain of the sweltering heat, but they love it. That's all they have there is heat.

CORPORAL BOB SNYDER, of Elkhart, is trying to sell an overland to one of the strikers, according to an Elkhart newspaper man, with good grounds for success.

THE sentiment that peace is pending was shown by an legion of newspaper reporters today for their homes, headed by Col. W. H. Blodgett of Indianapolis.

SERG. KUNTZ was busy answering calls at the police station last night when the shooting was heard in the northeast end of town.

"GUESS there's no hard times here," said a Shelbyville guardman. "They have more silk shirts among the strikers here than we have at home."

A BIG bunch of militia and smokers gathered in the Gary militia company yesterday and they all sang "Ain't It a Grand and Glorious Feeling?"

ONE black paper said last night that the troops would be sent home Monday. That reporter is the seventh son of a seventh son born with a veil over his face.

ADJ. GEN. H. B. SMITH is looking for the Chicago Evening Post reporter who said 400 strike-breakers were brought into the plant by boat. He will make him tell what became of the boat.

HERBERT EILER, of the Indianapolis Star, is here covering the strike for his paper and he is doing a nice clean job of it. Eiler looks for facts and he doesn't color them in the least.

SOMEBODY asked a top sergeant downtown today, "How the 'corn-willie' was?" "We don't have to eat corn-willie, thank God," he retorted. "We're all gentlemen out there."

SHERIFF BARNES, chief of the Michigan Central station, who came here from Jackson, Mich., last May, is a live wire, who is trying to serve the public and is doing so unsafely.

Mr. Vaughn announces the following improvements in passenger service, which he has secured for the citizens of Hammond and vicinity. Train No. 29 leaving Hammond at 8:15 P. M. will stop for passengers to Toronto and beyond. Train No. 8, 9:44 A. M. and No. 10, 8:50 P. M. will stop for passengers to New York City.

Trains No. 10, eastbound 11:15 A. M. and No. 14 eastbound 2:45 P. M. will make daily stops instead of flag stops as in the past. On Labor Day a special train will be run from Three Rivers to Chicago, arriving at Hammond at 8:00 P. M.

BARBER SHOPS in town were besieged by militia men today for their over-Sunday shave and clean up. Some of the boys looked as though they had been on the Mexican border for several weeks.

THE Spanish war vets among the officers, and there are a lot of them, tell the younger men how much better the vets are now than they were when they were campaigning. They still have that bitter word for "hard tack."

IT IS costing Indiana about \$2,000 a day to keep troops out there and Gov. Goodrich is much concerned over the failure of negotiations. It is possible that he may come up next week to look over the situation unless a settlement is reached soon.

MAJOR EARL MCKEE, of Indianapolis, a former newspaper man, is compiling the headquarters scrap-book. He clips and classifies all of the articles appearing in the newspapers about the strike. Some of the wild-eyed stuff will make amusing reading after the affair has blown over.

IN commenting on the situation at the Standard as compared with the Linon telephone strike, where they were called, officers of the state militia say that the East Hammond folk are much more tractable and better behaved. It was necessary at Linon for the soldiers to fire into the crowd before they dispersed.

GEN. SMITH and his officers have not relaxed their caution. Armed scouts were sent into all localities where there had been trouble. A big motor-bus filled with soldiers, commanded by Maj. D. Wray DePree of Shelbyville, followed the scouts and sprang from the bus when more than two strikers were together. The appearance of the soldiers caused the men to retire.

WHILE Captain Axtell was clearing one port of Columbia Ave., Peter Autoges, chief of the Hammond police, with a squad of men was clearing the streets in the foreign part of the vicinity. No opposition was encountered. Men returned to their houses, women and children peered from windows. Mothers with babies in their arms, stood in doorways. From one house came the weird strains of a squeaky accordion. The tense strain that there might be trouble when the men went to work was broken.

TICKETS from the strikers rode about on bicycles and motorcycles. They rushed back to the strike headquarters downtown with reports. One of them carried a bouquet of wild flowers. It was his badge of office, for he was the chief picker. A boy not more than ten years old, sat against a telephone pole.

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