

Still Waiting on Winnipeg is Reply of Strike Committee in Discussing the Local Situation

Little Activity Is Apparent at Present in Edmonton Strike Circles—O.B.U. Is Well Represented on Local Board, Berg and Marshall Both Being Strong Supporters of New Organization

No new developments were announced in the Edmonton situation Thursday morning. The usual reply, "We are still awaiting events from Winnipeg," came as a result of questions concerning activity.

The federated railway trades met in the Labor Temple at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the meeting having been called for the transaction of important business. What this referred to would not be made public by the strikers.

That the One Big Union element is well represented in the Edmonton strike executive is a well known fact. Carl E. Berg is a champion for the cause and now W. Marshall, acting chairman of the strike committee, comes out with his views in a long article to the Winnipeg Strike Bulletin. "Just as the various railway federations united into one district so will the industrial unions unite into One Big Union or amalgamate in order to meet new conditions with a mightier weapon," is an opinion of Marshall's as published in Winnipeg.

Not Such a Sinister Affair He Says.
He does not think the One Big Union idea is near so sinister as some of its opponents would like to paint it. Marshall believes it is merely the desire of a large element in the labor unions who wish to see some efficient form of organization.

Mr. Marshall asks that a spirit of tolerance be used toward the merits or demerits of the movement and states:

"The intolerance exhibited in certain quarters to the idea of One Big Union is merely the result of a lack of the historic sense. Those who have closely followed the history of the movement can clearly see that the final and logical development of the

movement naturally tends towards One Big Union. Even during the past twenty years we see the development from craft union of each trade (when even the helpers in the various departments had their separate locals) to federations, first local then for the whole railway system and from this form to a federation of federations as exemplified in Division No. 4, and now there is talk of consolidating the four divisions."

Berg Not Optimistic.

Carl E. Berg does not look for much effectiveness coming out of the resolutions submitted to the Trades and Labor congress, which ask for the release of the alleged agitators interned in Winnipeg.

"Past experience has shown us that we cannot place too much reliance upon the congress; then again it is merely an administrative body, and I, for one, cannot conceive of Paddy Draper or Tommy Moore—congress members—going out of their way and perhaps, jeopardizing themselves in the carrying out of something that might not meet with the will of the majority of trades unions," declared Mr. Berg Thursday. He also added that their jobs were much too good for them to be lost, and expressed the opinion if anything was done in regard to the Winnipeg trouble, that the various strike committees would have to do it themselves.

At Standstill in Winnipeg.

Local strike headquarters, which has received notification from its delegates in Winnipeg, reports the situation in the Manitoba capital at a standstill as a result of the arrest of strikers. The delegates could not give any information concerning the doings of the running trades.