

MASS PICKETING WINNING BIG N. Y. CLOTHING STRIKE

Unorganized Workers Join by Hundreds

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NEW YORK, June 27.—While hundreds of the striking members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America were carrying on mass picketing at the unorganized men's and children's clothing shops, representatives of the union went into conference with the representatives of the New York Clothing Manufacturers Exchange to discuss a settlement of the strike in the shops of the members of the association.

The Exchange is the newly formed association of bosses. It is expected that a settlement will soon be reached between the union and the Exchange.

Demand Full Union Control.

The settlement if reached will undoubtedly include the following points. First, that all wage reductions be stopped. Second, that the union be given full control over the shops. Third, that all work shall be done in union shops under union conditions. Fourth, that from September first an unemployment fund for the relief of unemployed workers in the industry be established. Fifth, that a minimum wage scale on the basis of the scale worked out a year ago, be established.

Substantial Wage Increase.

The proposed minimum scale, if adopted, will mean a substantial increase in wages, as last year's wage scale was worked out before the wage slashing campaign of the bosses began. It is proposed that the increases resulting from putting the minimum scale into operation be paid part now and part within a certain period of time to be decided on.

Union officials close to the situation expect that a definite settlement with the Exchange will be reached about Monday or Tuesday. Such a

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settlement will effect about 40 per cent of the workers on strike.

A meeting of all the shop chairmen in the industries effected by the strike was held in Cooper Union to-day where the union officials reported on the conferences they have held with the Clothing Manufacturers' Exchange.

Mass Picketing Winning.

While the ranks of the bosses are splitting and numerous employers are entering into conferences with the union preliminary to surrender to the workers, the strikers by mass picketing at the unorganized shops are inducing hundreds of workers, not members of the union, to come out on strike.

The mass picketing was carried on in the face of the original sluggers of the bosses, aided and encouraged by the police. Many strikers were brutally slugged by both police and the gunmen of the manufacturers.

Strikers Brutally Beaten.

One striker, who was so brutally beaten up that the police had to take him to a hospital, was placed under arrest while there and was only saved from being transferred from the hospital to jail when the union put up seven thousand dollars bail. While waiting for the bail to be taken to the police station, several uniformed police officers and plain clothesmen stood around his bed to watch that he did not escape.

While the mass picketing brot hundreds of workers from the unorganized shops the union was closely watching to see that work was not sent to out of town non-union shops. Many out of town non-union shops have also gone on strike.
