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CAFE PROPRIETOR SIGNS AGREEMENT AFTER FIVE DAYS

Walk Out Second Time When
Employer Hesitates to
Sign

A STRIKE of waitresses at the Crescent Cafe, 251 East Hastings Street, in Vancouver, ended with the signing of a tentative agreement on Monday, February 15, after the strikers had picketed the restaurant for five days.

The strike started on Thursday, February 11, when the waitresses' request for more help had been turned down by the cafe proprietors. The girls were not members of any union and were assisted when the strike took place by the Single Unemployed Protective Ass'n., whose executive members later got in touch with the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union.

Although the strikers original demand was for more help only, in order to take care of the heavily increased business, union recognition and union wages were

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Canadian Shipowners Negotiate With

Ban on Unfair Canadian Ship Shipping Comp

British Columbia shipowners last week agreed to negotiate with the Inland Boatmen's Union and the International Longshoremen's Association locals in Vancouver on the question of hiring union crews and union longshoremen, after maritime

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also demanded after the girls had applied for membership in the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union. An agreement was drafted embodying all three demands and presented to the proprietor on the first night of the strike, and a temporary settlement reached pending acceptance of the terms of the cafe owner.

The following day, however, the girls were compelled to again walk out when it became apparent that the employer had no intention of signing the agreement. Picketing continued until 2 p.m. on February 15, when the settlement was negotiated.

TWO WEEKS' TRIAL

Claiming he could not afford to pay the union scale of wages, the proprietor objected to this clause in the proposed agreement, but finally agreed to pay the scale for a period of two weeks, during which time the union would keep his books, and decide at the end of the stipulated time whether the volume of business and level of profits would permit him to continue paying the full union scale. If it is found then that to pay the union scale would force him out of business, as he says it will, other arrangements will be made. If, however, his profits merit payment of the regular union rates, the agreement will become effective and remain in effect until July of this year.

RELIEF BUSINESS

Business of the cafe had been growing rapidly before the strike, most of the customers being relief recipients, and the waitresses had made several requests for additional help. On the day the strike took place they had again asked that more waitresses be put on, but were definitely told that none would be hired.

WELL KNOWN DIES AT C

COMOX, B.C.—Victor Carlstrand, 60 years of age, died at a hospital here on Sunday, after an illness lasting for several weeks. Carlstrand was well known to the loggers in this district. He had been employed as a logger for eight years.

He was married and has a widow and two children. A funeral was held here on February 10.

CUMBERLAND WANT CUT

CUMBERLAND, B.C.—A meeting held here on Sunday by the Cumberland Local Mine Workers of America called to hear the report to the Calgary wage scale was decided to make re Canadian Collieries (Dur restoration of the pay day imposed on miners. The company has been in violation of the union's desire to open negotiations to alter an agreement.

Increased cost of living has caused a reduction of the monthly pay days, and increasingly more difficult grocery bills which are coming higher as food prices rise. Hotel board cost rose in January.

The miners have threatened to strike if Cumberland business men



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