

THREAT OF OPEN SHOP

Employers Tell Gompers That
Interunion Warfare Must
Be Stopped.

NEUTRAL; BUSINESS IS HURT

Labor Chief Says Action of Carpenters in Fight on Woodworkers Is Outrage.

Threatened with serious financial losses because of interunion strife, a delegation of manufacturers waited on President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor yesterday, and told him that unless they got relief they would declare for the open shop. In the delegation were

B. E. Beninger, president of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company; John C. Schunk, superintendent of the same concern; Oscar Bauer of the Liquid Carbonic Manufacturing Company and James Hanley, superintendent for A. H. Revell & Co.

The fight for supremacy between the carpenters and woodworkers has aroused the employers.

"We are being ground between the upper

and nether millionaires," said Mr. Bensinger, "and unless it is stopped we will cease doing business with unions altogether. In our factory we have 1,200 men, every one of whom belongs to the union of his craft, and we have closed shop agreements with twelve unions. That does not seem to protect us and our business is interfered with because two unions cannot agree on the

OUTRAGE, SAYS GOMPERS.

Mr. Gompers said he believed it an outrageous proceeding for the carpenters to call a strike on the Brunswick company to force the concern to break an agreement. He promised to take the matter up with the national officers of the carpenters' organization and attempt to adjust the difficulty.

The Ironsawick company, which is the largest concern of its kind in the country, has an agreement with the woodworkers' union which provides that only men carrying the card of the organization shall be employed in the woodworking department. Recently fourteen of the men joined the carpenters' organization, and were discharged. The carpenters' union then declared a boycott against the company, and

Switchmen are preparing to take final action on the demands which they presented to the railroads a month ago asking that they be recognized as a union.

ing for a wage increase and an eight-hour day. Officers of the switchmen's union have issued a call for a mass meeting to-morrow night at 10 Clark street to hear reports of the various committees. The men demanded an answer from the railroads on or before Oct. 25. It is said that the railroad managers will grant the committee a conference, although they already have announced that they would not.

The trouble with the mail wagon drivers was adjusted satisfactorily yesterday. Some of the drivers quit temporarily because they were required to descend from the wagon seats to help hitch and unhitch a mule used to haul the wagons up the incline under the federal building. An extra man was hired to do the work.

"ONE-EYED" CONNELLY IN LUCK
Former Pugilist Has the Fortune to
Lose Orb in Right Place.

Some time ago "One-Eyed" Connelly, the old prize fighter, had no place to sleep, and wandered into Honest John Kelly's place in

SIXTH avenue, New York City. Kelly allowed him to sleep in a chair, and while snoozing away Connelly's glass eye dropped out and Kelly picked it up and carefully laid it on a shelf.

When Connelly awoke and discovered the loss of his eye he began to yell: "I'm robbed; I'm robbed! Somebody has touched me!"

"What's the matter?" asked Kelly, as he came running up.

"Somebody has stolen my eye," cried Connelly.

"Why, here is your eye," replied Kelly, and with that he handed him the missing orb.

Ever since that day Kelly has been called "Honest John."—[Cleveland Press.

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