

WRONG WOMAN BEATEN BY STRIKERS IN RIOT

Mistaken for "Scab," She Is Knocked Down in Street Before Her Children.

20,000 WAIST MAKERS BACK

Endless Chain System Started by Their Leader to Aid Kimono Workers, New- east Girls' Strike.

On the eve of a partial settlement with the striking shirtwaist makers, rioting broke out again last night, and a mob of almost one thousand strikers and strike breakers clashed in Bleecker street, near Lafayette. One woman was thrown to the ground and beaten and kicked almost unconscious, and her small daughter, who was wheeling the child of the family in a go-cart, hurried away with it when she heard threats to kidnap the baby. It was necessary to call out reserves to keep the crowd in check.

The woman who was injured, Mrs. Augusta Kubeka, wife of an engineer in the Manhattan Savings Bank, was walking with a friend, Mrs. Shea, when the two were mistaken for friends of strike breakers who are being housed in a loft building at No. 65 Bleecker street. The throng hanging about the streets made a rush for the women. Somebody yelled "Oh, you dirty scab!" and Congetti Congo, an Italian striker, struck Mrs. Kubeka a blow that sent her reeling against a railing. The mob urged the Congo woman on and she beat Mrs. Kubeka, then grabbed her by the hair and threw her to the flagstones and jumped on her prostrate body.

By this time the crowd was in a frenzy. It was then that Gertrude Kubeka, the little girl, says she heard men and women yell: "Kidnap the baby! Take it quick!" She fled with the go-cart in front of her. Patrolman Fitzgerald ran up, blowing his whistle, when he saw the Congo woman kicking Mrs. Kubeka, who lay on the ground. Other policemen came in a hurry and Mrs. Kubeka's assailant was locked up in the Mulberry street station, while the reserves kept order in the crowd. Mrs. Kubeka's husband says he will press a charge against Congetti Congo. His wife will be in bed for several days.

Miss Barnum turned her attention yesterday to the question of raising funds for the support of the striking workers in the wrapper and kimono trades and the white goods industry. Miss Barnum said that the conditions of the workers in these trades were becoming desperate, and unless funds were soon forthcoming starvation would shortly have to be fought.

Miss Barnum said she had received word that Mrs. Mathias Nicolls and Mrs. Frank Houston had announced that they would co-operate with the union in collecting a war chest. Cash will be supplied further by means of an endless chain scheme instituted by the women of the Social Service League of the Church of the Messiah, 24th street and Park avenue, many of whom are socially prominent. Each member will telephone to ten friends, explaining the reasons for the campaign and soliciting their aid. These ten in turn will call up ten others; this to continue until sufficient funds are raised.

It was announced that as a result of a conference between Miss Barnum and the State Child Labor Commission assurances were given by the commission that it would work in harmony with the union to do away with violations of the child labor law.

Ask Brandeis, Holt and Hilquit to Aid.

Efforts to form a board of arbitration for the waist and dress trades were made yesterday, resulting in the sending of letters, requesting their services in such capacity, to Louis Brandeis, Hamilton Holt and Morris Hilquit. These three now form the permanent board of arbitration in the cloak trades.

It was announced yesterday for the first time that the kimono and wrapper workers' strike had not been authorized by the union. Miss Barnum said the workers suffered so from the conditions that they determined to strike. It had been planned, she said, that the strike was to be held off until later in the season. The international union would support the action of the kimono and wrapper workers, despite the fact that the three branches of the same union being on strike made it more difficult.

At the headquarters of the garment workers it was announced that \$10,000 had been given in bulk to assist those of that body on strike by the Cloak Makers' Union, with a pledge that \$1,000 would be paid weekly until the grievances were settled. The strike is now in the fourth week, with little hope for an early settlement.

Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes addressed a meeting of the East Side Housewives' League at No. 175 East Broadway yesterday. She told of landlords dispossessing families the heads of which are members of the men's and youths' garment workers. She advocated, with the continuance of such action, a general rent strike by the housewives against the landlords.

The Rev. J. Howard Melish, of Holy Trinity Church, of Brooklyn, it was said last night, was planning for a meeting in the interest of the strikers on Thursday night, at the Academy of Music, in Brooklyn. Thomas A. Rickett, president of the garment workers, is expected to address the meeting. It was also said an invitation would be extended to Eugene S. Benjamin, president of the New York Clothing Trades, in an effort to present both sides of the trouble.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Chicago garment workers will vote on Tuesday on a proposition to call a general strike in the trade. According to announcements by several delegates to-day, the men are in favor of joining the New York garment workers in a walkout.

The announcement that the garment workers probably will strike was made at a meeting to-day of the Chicago Federation of Labor. Delegates from the Garment Workers asked aid from the federation for themselves—when the strike officially is declared—and for the New York garment workers, who are said now to be feeling the first touches of want. A motion was adopted authorizing members of the Garment Workers' Union to solicit funds among various labor organizations to aid the strikers in New York.