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THE STRIKE SITUATION IS NOW GETTING SERIOUS

The strike called by the I. W. W. against the Stone & Webster work here, which has been on for some weeks, has reached a point where trouble is likely to occur at any time, and conditions are more serious than appears on the surface. The pickets maintained by the I. W. W. are gradually becoming more troublesome and people in cars and on foot are being stopped and interfered with, even though they have no connection whatever with the strike. The few men in this city who are still working at the camp have to be escorted through the picket lines by officers, and even then there have been several narrow escapes from a clash that might lead to bloodshed.

There were many people in the city who were in sympathy with the strikers when the strike was first called, but the tactics of the I. W. W. pickets has turned the community almost unanimously against them. Most of the men who went out on strike have left town and the picket lines are now maintained by professional strikers "imported" for the work, and it is these men, who have never worked here, who are apparently causing most of the trouble. A force of deputies from the sheriff's office took charge of the situation yesterday and hope to be able to avert any serious clash here.

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