

NEAR RIOT RESULTS WHEN JAPANESE LOAD BARK

Charles Nelson Company Has Trouble With Longshoremen at Tacoma Over Question of Putting Cargo Aboard.

Alleged attempt by the Charles Nelson Company to load a barkentine at the Danaher Lumber Company's dock in Tacoma with the help of Japanese lumberjacks all but caused a riot this morning, according to long distance telephone messages received by M. E. Wright, acting secretary in charge of Coast district headquarters of the International Longshoremen's Association in Seattle today. Half a dozen of the Japanese were ordered to place lumber in slings for loading, said the message. Union dock workers loudly protested and for a time a riot was threatened.

The police were called in, but Wright's latest information was that trouble had been averted through the intervention of prominent Japanese business men who were called upon by the longshorement's union to request their countrymen to refrain from doing longshoremen's work.

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Wright visited Tacoma yesterday to interview a number of flour mill managers who, he said, so far have refused to grant the wage increase and the closed shop demanded by the longshoremen. He reported that the J. P. Fransloll Mill Company and John B. Stevens, both large dealers in hay, grain and feed, doing an export business, signed agreements with the union granting the closed shop and the wage increase asked.

Conferences held with the Sperry Flour Company, the Tacoma Grain Company and the Puget Sound Flouring Mills Company were barren of results, the three concerns declaring their intention to hold out against the closed shop.

The district headquarters has received no advices from the members of the district executive board now in San Pedro, since Monday. At that time negotiations for the settlement of the San Pedro trouble were still pending.