

# TROUBLE AGAIN OVER LOADING CABLESHIP

## U. S. Transport Burnside Would Use Filipino Labor.

## Commercial Club Writes Senator W. L. Jones—Alleged That Government Men at Seattle Interfere.

With the government transport Burnside in port again prepared to use Filipino labor in the handling of six cars of telegraph cable, the Commercial Club this morning not only sought to have the secretary of war rescind the order and employ Tacoma stevedores and longshoremen but charged officials in the Seattle office with attempting to "mess up" the labor situation in Tacoma.

A letter was sent early this morning to Senator W. L. Jones at North Yakima asking him to take the matter up with the federal authorities. Providing nothing further can be done, Senator Jones is asked to have Tacoma labor employed until after the forthcoming visit of Quartermaster General J. B. Aleshire or his representative. Aleshire himself is expected to come to investigate the situation here with regard to the continued maintenance of the Tacoma office.

### Effort to Embarrass.

In the letter to Jones, the alleged unfair attempts of Seattle government employes are represented as follows:

"There seems to be a persistent attempt on the part of certain government attaches in the Seattle offices to embarrass the situation in Tacoma as it pertains to labor for the government in the signal corps and quartermaster department. I anticipate that, in the apparent desire to embarrass the situation, these officials in the Seattle office have succeeded in getting erroneous reports into the hands of the secretary of war."

The use of Filipino labor is said to have been ordered by the secretary of war on the ground of economy. According to the laboring men of the longshoremen's union, this is a misrepresentation and forms another ground for complaint in addition to the plea of the union that Tacoma labor only should be employed.

### Work Begins Tomorrow.

The work of unloading the cars is to begin tomorrow morning. It will take 17 men about two weeks to finish the job. Following this, about 60 miles of old cable is to be taken out of the Burnside and coiled on the floor of the dock. The Burnside will then go to the Columbia river to install an intermediate fire control cable. It will return to this port to load and put the old cable into the tank. Altogether, according to the longshoremen, about three weeks' work for about 20 men is involved.

The situation is the same as existed six weeks ago, when the Commercial Club took up the matter and had an order made to use Tacoma stevedores and longshoremen. In the letter sent this morning, Jones is urged to take immediate action and to recommend a course for the club to take, as to wiring to the quartermaster's department and the secretary of war.