## SIX MILLS GLOSE ON GRAYS HARBOR

deen and Two Hoquiam

Lumber Plants.

Strike Now Affects Four Aber-

Statement Made That No Attempt

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, Men to Take Place of
Those on Strike.

HOQULAM, Wash., March 19.—(Spe-

clal.)-Principal operations of the I. W.

W.-Greek strike were transferred from

Hoquiam to Aberdeen today, and to-

night found six of the largest mills

of Grays Harbor shut down. The op-

erators of most of them announced the close was for an indefinite time. The list of mills includes two in Hoquiam, the Northwestern and Hoquiam Lumber and Shingle Company, (Lytle's), and in Aberdeen the Slade, Federal, American and Anderson & Middleton.

Though no formal statement has been issued by the mill owners, sev-

eral of them have said they have only

one course open and that is to allow

ers, it is said, have made no agreement among themselves as to a policy for lighting the strikers and say they do not intend to light them. One prominent operator said tonight that his mill would remain closed for an indefinite period.

"We cannot afford to attempt to bring men in from the outside," this man declared, "as the condition of the lumber business is such that it makes little difference to us whether our mili

We are not making any money and are about as well off closed as running.

The Northwestern mill did not resume operations this morning as a result of the strike now on. It had been running its box factory and planing mill since the strike was first called last Thursday. The Lytle mill did not start yesterday.

In Aberdeen, the Slade mill started

runs or not. If the men strike, it

simply leaves it up to us to close down.

up, but only to clean up a part of a day's run, and closed down before noon. The strike in the American mill took place shortly before noon and at the Federal mill this afternoon. The Anderson and Middleton strike occurred just at 5 o'clock today, an hour before quitting time. In all there probably are 700 men out in Aberdeen and half that number in Hoquiam.

Numerous meetings are being held by the strikers and the itinerant I. W. W. leaders. The mill operators have declared that hereafter they will not employ Greek labor and today the strike leaders declared the men would not return to work unless the Greeks were also given places.

Today one of the I. W. W. organizers was called before a committee of citi-

zens, who sought to know what the

strikers are demanding, but little was

accomplished, and members of the committee said they did not learn the strikers' wishes. A conference was held this afternoon by a delegation of 19 of the strikers with the city commission, relative to the opening of a free municipal employment agency authorized yesterday. The strikers opposed it, fearing men would be brought

posed it, fearing men would be brought in from the outside to fill the mills, on application from the millowners. The commission decided not to put the agency into effect for the present.