

# Mediation Committee Visits Dam Job To Interview Workmen As To Dispute

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Mediators in the strike of Boulder Dam workmen, meeting yesterday afternoon at 3:30 for the first time, continued their sessions until long after midnight, and then recessed until this afternoon to allow Reverend C. H. Sloan, chairman of the committee of three, to go down onto the job and interview the men personally concerning various phases of the dispute.

Reverend Sloan returned from the river at 2:30 this afternoon, and the mediators were expected to go into session about three o'clock in an effort to work out an agreement on the troublesome wage issue.

Other members of the committee are Frank T. Crowe, representing Six Companies, and L. A. Parker, representing the striking workmen.

Yesterday's sessions were largely devoted to the taking of testimony from witnesses presented by the labor council, with Reverend Sloan requesting the privilege of going onto the job himself, in his own way, to make his investigations.

He left Las Vegas early this morning and spent the day on the project.

Upon his return, he expressed  
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himself as being hopeful that a speedy agreement might be reached, but said he was "very doubtful" if this would happen.

"There are so many points to be considered, with two sides to every one, it is extremely difficult to speed things up," Reverend Sloan said.

The committee was appointed yesterday to arbitrate the demands of the strikers for a new wage scale of \$1.00 for skilled mechanics and 0.75 an hour for laborers, representing an increase of approximately twenty-five per cent over the present scale.

Meanwhile the number of men working on the project was approximately the same as during the past few days. The strikers are remaining off the job awaiting the outcome of the arbitration efforts.