

FARMERS' 'STRIKE' SPREADS IN WEST

**Growers Demanding Selling
Holiday Tighten Blockade on
Roads Into Sioux City. Ia.**

\$1 WHEAT IS DEMANDED

**Movement Takes Hold in the Da-
kotas and Illinois as Leaders
Meet in Des Moines.**

DES MOINES, Iowa, Aug. 15 (AP).—A farmers' strike, begun a week ago in seemingly mild protest against low prices for farm products, tonight had effected a tightening blockade of the Sioux City terminal as its leaders considered extending the movement to other States.

Picketing, boycott and threats were invoked by the farmers in Northwest Iowa to advance the strike, which would withhold produce from markets until producers are assured that production costs plus a fair profit will be realized.

Stockyards in Sioux City, one of the major livestock markets of the country, today received 3,500 animals as compared to 6,500 a week ago and 8,500 on the corresponding date last year.

Hundreds of farm men and women barricaded roads to prevent produce-laden trucks from entering Sioux City, and a crisis there was considered close at hand.

Threats to Dealers Close Shops.

Produce dealers in Kingsley, a small town a few miles from Sioux City, were warned not to open for business today, a demand to which they bowed. Unemployed men near Waterloo, Iowa, patrolled suburban roads with signs bearing the slogan, "Farmers' holiday—sell no products."

Meanwhile in Des Moines a group of National Farmers' Holiday Association leaders from several States met to make plans for spreading the movement, to report that in near-by States the holiday was receiving increasing support, and to decide what would be done with the products held back from market at the termination of the strike.

The holiday was started under the auspices of the Iowa Holiday Association by Milo Reno, national president of the organization, last Monday. During the week many produce dealers, elevator men, railroad officials and others declared the strike had no effect.

The strike in this State is scheduled to last thirty days, or until its leaders have decided that farmers are paid what they should be paid for hogs, corn, wheat, chickens, cream and other products.

Growers who wished to bring their produce to market besieged authorities with requests for safe conduct.

In Kingsley, in the last few days milk and cream have been poured out of several trucks after drivers defied demands to stop handling produce.

Adding to the concern in Northwest Iowa, is a milk strike in Sioux City. This is not a part of the farmers' holiday, but a distributors' movement. Milk has been thrown into the roads and many gallons have been given free to poor people.

In Harrison County, in the extreme west central part of Iowa, officials were on the alert to prevent the carrying out of threats to dump cargoes of milk trucks bound for Omaha. Notes threatening drivers were pinned to the machines.

In the association leaders' meeting, John S. Bosch of Atwater, Minn., and E. N. Hammerquist of Farmingdale, S. D., declared that the strike sentiment was growing in their States. They were not prepared to say when it would be started.