FARMERS' STRIKE SPREADS IN WEST

Growers Demanding Selling Holiday Tighten Blockade on Roads Into Sioux City, la.

$1 WHEAT IS DEMANDED

Movement Takes Hold in Dakota 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 affected a tightening of the blockade on the roads into the Sioux City territory, its leaders considering extended the movement to other States.

Brackets, boycotts and threats were invoked by the farmers in northwest-Iowa to advance the strike, which would withhold produce from markets until prices 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 supplies of live stock at 6,500 a week ago and 8,000 on the corresponding date last year.

Hundreds of farm men and women barricaded roads to prevent cattle and grain-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 do business today, a demand to which they bowed. Unemployed men near Webberon, Iowa, patrolled roads with signs bearing the slogan, "Farmers' holiday—set no produce."

Meanwhile in Des Moines, headquarters of National Farmers' Holiday Association leaders from several States met to make plans for spreading the movement, to report to the leaders in nearby States the holiday was receiving increasing support, and to decide what would be done with the money saved back from market at the termination of the strike.

The holiday was started under the auspices of the Iowa Holiday Association by Mino Reno, 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, as the leaders have decided that farmers are paid what they are worth for hogs, corn, wheat, chickens, cream and other products.

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

In Kingsley, in the last few days milk and cream have been rationed out of several trucks after drivers refused 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 withheld for the second day, the roads and many gallons have been given to poor people.

In Harrison County, in the extreme west central part of the State, officials were on the alert to prevent the carrying out of threats to dump cargoes of milk trucks brought for sale.

Notes threatening drivers were pinned to the machines.

In the association leaders' meeting, John E. Bosch of Atwater, Minn., and E. H. Hammons of Farmingdale, S. D., declared that the strike sentiment was spreading until its States. They were not prepared to say when it would start.