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## TO PREVENT HARBOR STRIKE

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*War Department and Secretary of Navy Will Enforce  
War Labor Board's Decision on Local Dispute*

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In order to avert a possible tie-up in the commerce of the port of New York by a strike, the War Department and the Secretary of the Navy Tuesday assured the National War Labor Board that they will accept and enforce the board's decision on the matter of the dispute between the Boat-owners' Association and the marine workers of this port.

This announcement was made Tuesday at City Hall by Basil M. Manley, a chairman of the War Labor Board, where that body is in session, having been directed by Secretary of Labor Wilson to act in the emergency in place of the New York Harbor Adjustment Board, which has failed to settle the dispute. William Howard Taft was absent and Frederick N. Judson acted as alternate joint chairman.

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