

TEXTILE STRIKE OUTGROWTH OF MACHINE ERA

\$1,000,000 - A - Day Walk
Out Directly Traceable
to Overproduction.

By United Press
NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—Behind decision of the United Textile Workers of America to call a "million-dollar-a-day" strike, involving 400,000 to 640,000 workers in from 1,150 to 3,300 mills from Maine to Alabama, lies the story of a super-mechanized industry, hindered by overproduction and the competition of cheap labor.

The strike cost in wages is estimated roughly at \$1,000,000 a day, if

The trouble is older than the 1929 debacle that brought its difficulties to a head, or the NRA which sought to correct them. It parallels the growth of the machine age.

Direct cause of the strike is a deadlock over the powerful union's demand that employers raise wages, lower hours, cure the evils of the "stretch-out," and adhere strictly to the letter of controversial section 7 of the NRA, which provides for labor the right to bargain collectively.

Violations Are Charged

This section, the unionists charge, is being violated by mill owners country-wide.

Employers, on the other hand, say they have observed the NRA. The cotton textile industry was the first to codify under NRA. Wages were raised to \$13 a week minimum for the north; \$12 for the south. Work hours of fifty-four to seventy were reduced to forty. Child labor was abolished.

Union's claim that the \$12-\$13 minimum has been reduced to \$9-\$9.75 is answered by the 25 per cent production curtailment ordered twice within a year by the code authority.

While employers point to the fact that the textile industry never before enjoyed a forty-hour week, workers charge the machine load had been increased to the point where the average man is doing more work an hour than ever before. Labor demanded a thirty-hour week to provide more employment; capital reported insufficient work for the thousands already on pay rolls.

Production Is Curtailed

Production, under NRA, first increased, then was ordered curtailed for several months. Continued apathy in the market brought the second curtailment order last June 4.

Younger union members demanded a nation-wide strike. Older heads of the union, which claims to represent 200,000 workers in the cotton textile branch alone, refused. The wisdom of their counsel was borne out when mill owners indicated that business conditions would make the enforced shutdown most welcome.

Subsequently, the now famous report of Leon Henderson, of the Russell Sage Foundation, on the cotton textile industry was released. It contended that "under existing conditions there is no factual or statistical basis for any general increase in cotton textile code wage rates." The report claimed textile workers enjoyed a 12 per cent increase in purchasing power over 1929. It was denounced as "misleading" by union officials, who declared the statement was predicated upon higher wages than the industry received.

Employment Up 40 Per Cent

Chairman George A. Sloan of the Cotton Textile Authority, in an address, claimed:

A 40 per cent increase in employment between August, 1933, and May, 1934, as compared with the similar pre-code period.

The claims left union leaders and the rank and file in anything but a pacific frame of mind.

The union, announcing it was bolstered by 500 new locals and 100,000 or more new members, convened in New York early in August to decide upon a strike. Southern delegations, led by the group from Alabama, where cotton textile strike was a month old, demanded sympathetic action.

Now Is Time for Action

Leaders, prophesying that 600,000 workers would answer the call, declared that "now is the time for action." Delegates answered by issuing a mandate to their executive council to call out cotton workers before Sept. 1. The other divisions subsequently were ordered out in sympathy.

A five-man board of strategy was appointed, headed by Vice-President Francis J. Gorman. Strike headquarters were established at Washington, and in various sections where the industry is strong. Leaders confidently hoped for mediation in the threatened strike, but this week that hope faded and the strike was set for Sept. 1, or sooner.

'LIBERTY' MEN TO MEET

Session to Be Held in Office of Al Smith.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—Plans for extending the American Liberty League, founded by prominent Democrats and Republicans dissatisfied with certain features of the New Deal, will be considered today at a meeting of organizers.

The meeting will be held in the office of former Governor Alfred E. Smith. A campaign to establish the League in every state will be discussed.

Mill Owners Frankly are Apprehensive

A strike on Sept. 1 will find at least 1,100 cotton textile mills, ready to begin heavy winter production, closed down. Should the other branches walk out in sympathy, the nation-wide strike would involve almost 700 woolen and worsted establishments and more than 1,400 silk, rayon and throwing mills.



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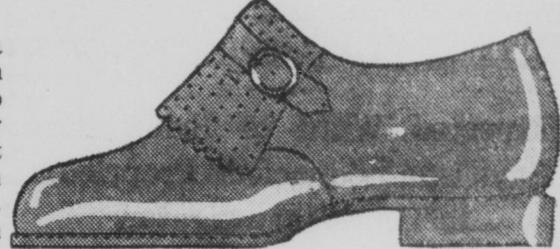
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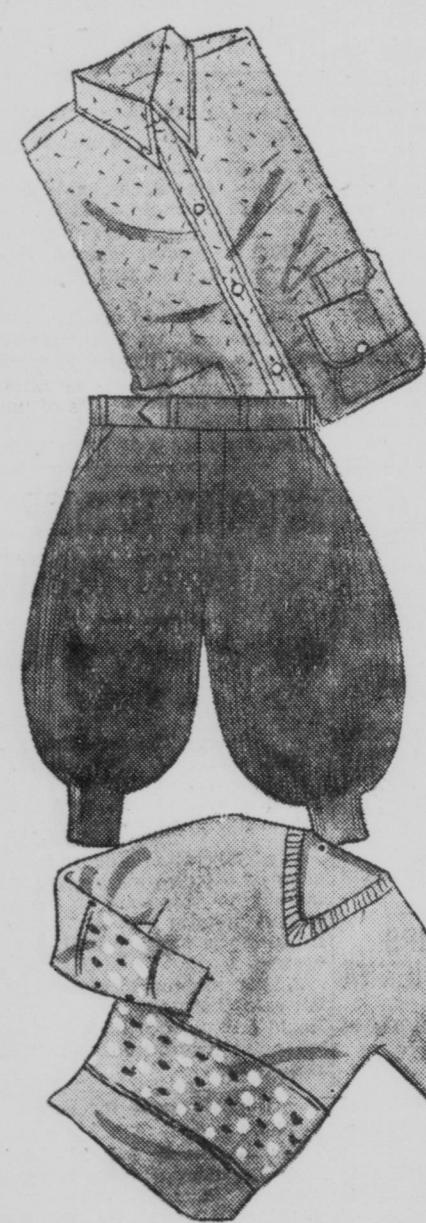
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