

ALABAMA MILLS CLOSED 100 P. C. IS UNION CLAIM

25,000 Workers Walk Out From Their Jobs

NO DISORDERS MARKED OPENING OF STRIKE

Six Points Contained In Demands Of Workers For Ending Shut-Down

A textile strike that has halted operations in every cotton mill in Alabama began officially today and from 23,000 to 25,000 men and women operatives are out.

The strikers are all members of the United Textile Workers of America and the demands that are made on the mill operators are:

A thirty hour work week.

An increase of 33 1-3 per cent in pay.

Abolition of the stretch-out and speed up systems.

Restoration of the jobs of persons who have lost out through the stretch-out and speed-up systems.

Re-employment of all workers who have been discharged for union activities.

Recognition of the right of collective bargaining through the unions.

The strike over Alabama was 100 per cent effective this morning according to early reports that reached strike headquarters in Huntsville, which showed that all of the mills in the Huntsville area had closed before 10 o'clock which was the official hour for the strike to begin. The Avondale mills near Birmingham were completely stopped, the three mills at Florence were idle and the big Dwight plant at Alabama City and two smaller mills at Guntersville and Albertville were listed as having been idle several days. It is estimated that there are 5,000 operatives in Huntsville; 3,000 in Florence; 450 at Avondale; 1,500 in Alabama City; 200 at Albertville and 300 at Guntersville.

State headquarters for the strike are located for the present in the Russel Erskine hotel. The union officials here are John Dean, of North Carolina, national representative of the United Textile Workers of America; Albert W. Cox, Alabama representative of the United Textile Workers of America; Miss Mollie Dowd, national representative of the United Textile Workers of America, and Miss Alice Berry, Alabama representative of the United Textile Workers of America. An office will be established later, probably with the Central Labor office in the Echols building on the southeast corner of Court Square. Close check will be kept on developments over the entire state at all times, Mr. Dean declared.

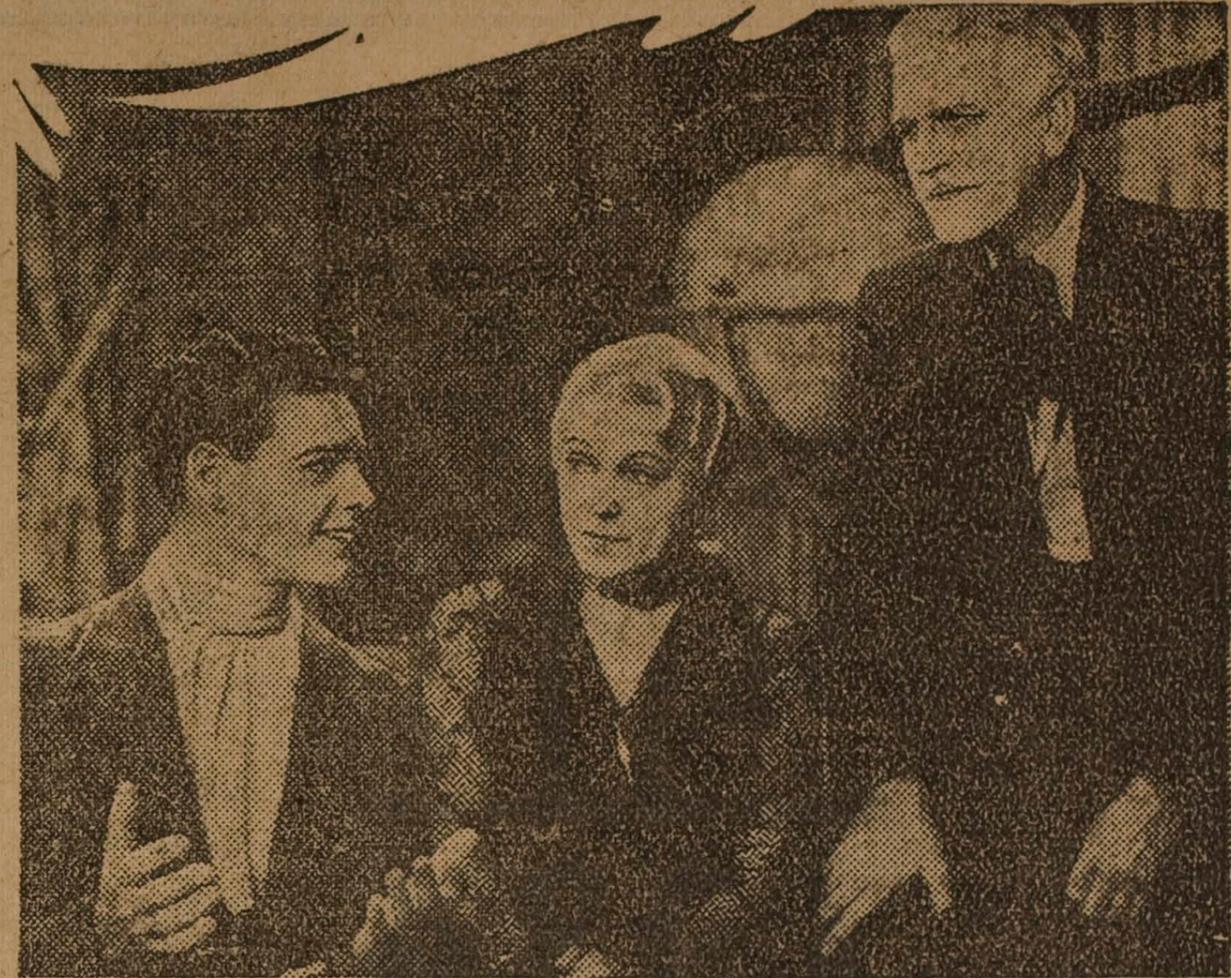
The strike began without any violence and every mill was picketed to prevent workers going in and to stop any effort that might be made to ship goods out of the mills. Every mill is allowed to keep a full staff of engineers, plumbers, electricians, watchmen and others to prevent any deterioration of property and nothing is to be brought out except goods for which the bills of lading had been prepared up to 10 o'clock last night.

The strike was set for 10 o'clock today but most of the mills closed down this morning a few hours ahead of the time set by the union, the managements stating that the shut down was for an indefinite time. Local union officials, one being informed that the Huntsville cotton mill on Washington street was running as usual during the forenoon, sent a delegation headed by William Adcock over to see about it and the delegation was informed that this was not wholly a union mill. Some of the workers asked to be allowed until 11 o'clock to decide on the matter of striking but the delegation insisted that all come out forthwith. The management closed down the machinery and within a few minutes all of the workers had filed out.

Lincoln, Dallas, Merrimack and the Erwin Mills were quiet with pickets and watchmen on duty and hundreds of operatives standing

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AT THE GRAND MONDAY- TUESDAY



EDDIE QUILLAN, ALICE BRADY and FRANK MORGAN in "BROADWAY TO HOLLYWOOD"

MISS THOMPSON APPOINT
UNIVERSITY, Ala., July 16.—
 Mss Henrietta Thompson, profes-
 sor of clothing and textiles at the
 University of Alabama, has been ap-
 pointed to a committee by the Fed-
 eral Emergency Relief Administra-
 tion to work out budgets in cloth-
 ing for families on relief.

The materials are to be made
 available for use by relief workers
 throughout the nation. The budgets
 are to be made out from two angles,
 occupation and income.

Other members of the committee
 are Lucy Rathbone, University of
 Texas; Mary Whitlock, University
 of Illinois; and Alpha Latzge, Kan-
 sas State Agricultural College.

Prof. Thompson has also been re-
 elected secretary of the textiles di-
 vision of the American Home Eco-
 nomics Association.

to 30 hours a week and wages of
 \$9 weekly. This referred to the na-
 tional textile cut of 25 per cent in
 time which was enforced every-
 where.

Union officials declared that
 another grievance was the fact that
 there had been more than 300 NRA
 code violations reported to Washing-
 ton and action taken on none of
 them. In the meantime the viola-
 tions continued and the workers
 were getting the hot end of the pro-
 position.

Relative to the stretch out and
 speed-up system, it was claimed
 that several hundred operatives had
 lost their jobs in local cotton mills
 because more machines had been
 added to those attended by skilled
 workers, providing the same output
 as had been made by the larger
 number of workers. Another thing,
 they said, every operative was sup-
 posed to keep his machine going at
 capacity. After a week-end of idle-
 ness, it was declared, the operator
 would go back to his machine and
 find that it had been speeded up
 from 25 to 33 1-3 per cent and he
 would be expected still to keep it
 going at full capacity which was
 adding to the operative's work with-
 out any increase in pay and throw-
 ing less skilled workers out of jobs.

The strike was voted almost un-
 animously by every one of the 42
 local unions in Alabama. The date
 was fixed in Birmingham Sunday
 when representatives of the local
 unions met and decided to give 12
 hours notice to the mills before the

strike would begin. The official
 time was set for 10 o'clock today but
 in nearly all the mills the night
 shift was the last that went to
 work before the strike began. The
 day shifts did not show up at 6 this
 morning or in some cases the man-
 agers of the mills simply announced
 a shut-down for an indefinite time.

The eyes of the nation appear to
 be on Alabama cotton mills at this
 moment and it is the full intention
 of the strike leaders, according to
 John Dean, to keep the peace and
 have no damage done to any of the
 mill properties. The mill manage-
 ments have been fully sanctioned in
 their choice of persons selected to
 remain on duty and strikers hope to
 avoid any damage whatever.

A staff of motion picture men
 representing Pathe News is expected
 in Huntsville this afternoon to take
 shots of the local situation and re-
 cord an address by John Dean.

Mr. Dean was a busy man last
 night. He spoke in the open air to
 employes of the Lincoln and Merri-
 mack Mills and in the Methodist
 church to several hundred employes
 of the Dallahs Mill's. He aroused the
 workers to great enthusiasm when
 he told them that the United Tex-
 tile Workers of America was fully
 behind the Alabama movement and
 would see that the strike is carried
 through to success.

EVELYN LAY HAS
COMPLETED PICTURE

Evelyn Laye, talented star of
 stage and screen, has just completed
 her latest picture for Gaumont Brit-
 ish at that company's studio at
 Shepherd's Bush, London. This
 production is "Evensong", originally a
 novel by Beverley Nicholls, and
 later done into the London stage suc-
 cess, written in collaboration by Mr.
 Nicholls and Edward Knoblock.

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around talking over the situation.
 Some of those who were question-
 ed by newspaper men declared the
 main fault with the jobs they had
 just left was the curtailment of
 time and pay which had cut them