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**COUNTRY WAGES MOVEMENTS.**

**Slow Up On the Councils' Coin.**  
Some of our branches would seem to need a repetition of the counsel that the newly-elected R.D. and Co. Councils should be afforded a chance of getting into their stride before demands for improvements for their employees are slapped at them. A display of temperance in this respect and the devotion of more attention to the really constructive side of the Councils' work will be more in accord with Labour's ideals and program.

**Mullinavat.**  
Over £1,000 in Wages' Board arrears due to the farm labourers here, and a Farmers' Union official (an alleged "prominent patriot") declares that his members can't afford to pay the A.W.B. rate, 30s., and that, if they have to pay, they must dismiss some of the men! What about the Dail including these Mullinavat agriculturists in its anti-thieving campaign.

**Managherow.**  
Nero fiddling while Rome burned is rather paralleled by the estate proprietor here who tried to bring off a garden party while his crops are going to ruin owing to the strike of his 120 employees against their appalling wage, 24s. 6d. The pickets upset the festivities. The stoppage, which now enters its third week, is being prosecuted grimly by the men, and it is hoped the A.W.B. will also do some prosecuting in connection with their regulations.

**Naas.**  
Conference or a strike is the ultimatum of the carpet factory girls, with whose claims for increases the Morton Manufacturing Co. has been shilly-shallying overmuch.

**Cavan.**  
If the town bosses sit much longer on the demand, the incubation process will yield no downy chicken but just one fighting gamecock, right there with the spurs.

**Edenderry.**  
Lately fallen on lean days, the branch is now renewing its vigour, and was recently inoculated with the "giz" virus by Organising Secretary McCormack who, during his visit, secured good increases (including a 50s. minimum for general workers for Alesbury's timber factory employees here and in Navan.

**Easkey.**  
Town workers have decided to defer their demand till August and to utilise the intervening time in armour-plating the branch for the attack on the employers' lines.

**Ballyhaise.**  
The men at the Dept.'s Agricultural Station have demanded the rates recently secured in Kinsale.

The month's old town strike has been settled by a Dail Eireann arbitration court, whose award embodies a wage of 45s. (previously 32s.) for a 50-hour week.

**Birr.**  
Strike threat squeezed 2s. more out of the Employers' Federation, but the men are unlikely to accept the 42s. now offered.

**Monaghan.**  
Town workers got 5s. increase on demand made, but are not content with it, small blame to them.

**Killucan.**  
Has broken the ground for the Co. West Meath farm workers by claiming 40s. and 54 hours for all agricultural members. Stud farm men seek same rate.

**Kilkenny Co. Council Workers.**  
It has been decided to postpone the demand on the Council until its meeting towards the end of July, by which time the new members will have grown accustomed to their harness.

**Tubbercurry.**  
The original offer of 5s. to outdoor men (who were working for 30s.) and nothing to indoor men (20s.) was rejected, a town stoppage called, and an improved offer accepted, all jobs except one being settled.

**Dunboyne.**  
Has two stoppages on hand in the case of farmers not observing the Co. Meath agreement.

**Leix Farms.**  
A conference with the Farmers' Union representatives on the county demand takes place on Saturday.

**Co. Tipp. Agricultural Workers.**  
In the South County, activity is again noticeable. Littleton branch is pressing for an immediate settlement. Gortnahoe is to parley with the Farmers' Union. Killenaule threatens a strike. Kilsheelan has just sent in demands, and Cashel has fixed up for its Boherlahan Section, and the others look good to Secretary Casey. Some of the Cashel boys will want to show a turn of speed in contributing to the war chest.

**Waterford.**  
Demands have been served for porters, storemen, carters in various firms, and for iron-foundry labourers. The increases for the corn store men, reported last week, were negotiated by T. Dunn, I.T.G.W.U., and E. Harte, Dockers' Union.

**Co. Galway Roadworkers.**  
All have now resumed work, the new Co. Council having taken the matter in hand. A county rate of about 42s. 6d. for roadmen is expected as a result.

**Retail Drapery and Outfitting.**  
A Trade Board is being set up to fix legal minimum rates of wages, hours, and conditions for all workers engaged in the retail sale of drapery and men's, women's and children's clothing. A large number of articles are specified under the above description, including male clothing, mantles, costumes, dresses, robes, overalls, dressing-gowns, blouses, jumpers, sweaters, underclothing (all kinds), hosiery, collars, ties, haberdashery, trimmings and frillings, ribbons, feathers, pins, buttons, gloves, handkerchiefs, textile fabrics, etc. Many members of the Union are engaged in this trade through

the country, and branch secretaries are hereby requested to supply H.O. with full information as to numbers, conditions, etc., in order that representation on the Board may be claimed.

**Macroom.**  
The concession to saw-milling workers of Ballyvourney of the award terms practically clears off all recent wages movements in this branch area.

**Kilsheelan.**  
Organiser Nagle, M. Lennon Clonmel, and Sec. Mahoney won 10s. increases for Ballypatrick Creamery men, making wages: Butter-maker, 50s.; separator, engine and cheese workers, 40s.; retrospective to April 10.

**Ballinrobe.**  
Grist Mill strike settled. New terms: Carters 40s., labourers 37s., miller 43s., and 50 hours.

**Clara.**  
Great steam amongst the workers here is reported, some 150 unorganised men having come into the branch recently. A demand for a 15s. increase has just been presented to Messrs. Goodbody.

**Kilrush.**  
It is unnecessary to make any comment on the following. The figures speak for themselves and show the progress made by this branch. Before the coming of the I.T.V. Union: Average wage paid to employees in town firms, 12s. per week; hours, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; overtime, nil. Present wage, etc.: Minimum, £2 6s. 6d. for a 48 hours' week; overtime, rate  $\frac{1}{2}$  a quarter. Dock work prior to the I.T.V.U.: 15s. per discharge. Present system: Workers have now control of the discharge and earn on an average £1 per day.

**Killavullen.**  
Transport workers here are on the trail of the grazing system, and last week shouted "Hands off!" to an auctioneer who was letting 100 acres of grazing. He took their advice nicely but seriously, and now we hear nothing but the imprecations of the defeated owner. But we heard him again last year, when he refused to pay our member his bonus, and when the hammer of the Union reached his door he very quickly opened it and gave the greeting, "All settled." Our motto is, "Till the land or hand it over." Veteran Flynn has brought forward an ingenious method of dealing with members who do not give a good record at meetings, by imposing a fine on them for missing two consecutive meetings. Bravo, Flynn! You have known the benefits to be derived from constant attendance. Chairman Rea insists on Miltownmalboy subscription being finished on Sunday, June 19.

**Newmarket-on-Fergus.**  
The following resolutions have been passed unanimously by the above branch:

**SENTENCE ON JIM LARKIN.**  
"That we, the members of the Newmarket-on-Fergus I.T.G.W.U., do, in common with our workers throughout the country, testify our abhorrence of the vindictive sentence and brutal treatment meted out to our General Secretary, James Larkin, and demand that he be forthwith released and facilities granted him for his immediate return to Ireland."

**MILITARY BRUTALITY.**  
"That we, the members of the Newmarket-on-Fergus I.T.G.W.U., do hereby enter a most solemn and emphatic protest against the unwarranted and unprovoked action of the military and police at Newmarket-on-Fergus on the night of Saturday, the 12th inst., whereby they recklessly jeopardised the lives of the civil community, and that we wholeheartedly condemn the system that condones such outrages, and demand the immediate withdrawal of the alien garrison."

**Limerick.**  
In connection with the demand recently served on Messrs. Cleaves, a delegation interviewed the firm on Thursday, June 17. H.O. was represented by Alderman William O'Brien and Organiser J. Dowling, and Cleaves' employees were represented by Messrs. Cobbett, Connolly and Sullivan. After a long discussion an offer of 3s. to the men, with 1s. 6d. to women and boys, together with 2s. additional for men holding responsible positions, was made by the firm. The delegation refused to recommend this, but at the request of the firm submitted it to the workers concerned. At a meeting of the employees on Thursday night, addressed by Messrs. O'Brien, Dowling and Sullivan, the offer was rejected and a resolution unanimously adopted calling on H.O. to serve strike notices.

**Tipperary Local Union.**  
Following the decision of this Union to link up with the I.T. & G.W.U., Messrs. Wm. O'Brien and J. Dowling waited on the committee of the local society on Friday, the 18th inst., to arrange terms of transfer. A satisfactory agreement was come to, and arrangements were made for a large demonstration to be held on Sunday, June 27, in order to place the new branch on a thoroughly sound footing.

**Charleville Dispute.**  
Advantage was taken of the presence of Alderman Wm. O'Brien in the vicinity to invite him to Charleville on Friday, 18th inst., in connection with a strike concerning the dismissal of two employees. A very imposing demonstration was organised on short notice. A general strike of the town workers was declared from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., all business being suspended in the town during these hours. The workers formed up at the railway station in military formation, and after giving Messrs. O'Brien and Dowling a hearty welcome marched into the town under the command of Organiser McGrath and J. O'Hagan, preceded by a cyclist scout carrying a red flag. The demonstration attracted a great deal of attention, the country people coming to their doors cheering, and shouting "Up the Red Flag." A parade was then made through the town, after which a meeting was held in the main thoroughfare, when addresses were delivered by Messrs. O'Brien, McGrath, O'Hagan, and Dowling.

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