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IN THE FOUR PROVINCES.

Lucan. Shackleton the Frightful, of lock-out ill-fame, tasted some of his own medicine in last week's out by the electors. A long way last on the list, "Johnno" polled 23 votes in all. A successful Labour candidate polled ten times that in first preferences alone. Now, outside the family, where did the 23 boobs come from? But, sure, they say there's one of them born every minute and, presumably, Lucan wasn't forgotten when they were being handed round.

Castlepollard. The laird of Kinturk House managed to get between his men and the Union last time out and the patiently-awaited opportunity for reprisals has now come, the job being struck on the non-union question.

Galway.

A 59 minutes past the eleventh hour settlement was effected for the 600 employees of the Woollen Mills Co., the workers accepting all-round advances of 7s. downwards just before expiry of notice. In the settlement, Organiser O'Brien and Secretary Martin joined hands. Here's one of ours to them!

Co. Kilkenny Roadworkers.

The new County Councillors will be tested in their pre-election professions of zeal for the welfare of the working class by the County demand for 50s. for roadmen, etc., just sent in.

Co. Galway Roadmen.

Same dope for the fresh Councillors here, who are to break off with an attempted settlement for the menders of roads, on strike throughout the County for some weeks past.

Birr.

Despite Alderman Tom O'Reilly's best Corporation oratorical efforts, the mandarins here sprang only 7s. on the local rate, 33s., at the Conference on the all-town demand. The men have turned down the offer and, barring its being bettered, will turn up the mandarius.

They're scrapping Kynoch's Factory, the scene of many a bout between Labour and Capital, and cur men on the job are putting up another fight on the ruins for increases on present rates.

Newbridge,

The Curragh stable lads have claimed increases and will be " all out " shortly, failing their concession .- Kildare shop-workers are on the same

Balbriggan.

Deeds in Deedes Templars' very soon unless the firm rouses from its slumber on the sixweek-old claim of the hosiery operatives.

Drumkeerin.

A 22s, indoor rate has been secured in some jobs; in the others, stoppages are in progress.

Rathfarnham.

Golf links men accepted 47s.

Bandon.

The shop assistants, who sadly lacked organisation, are now under Secretary Jones' tutelage and, to the last man, are in the Branch which hopes to do well for them.-The non-Union carters have been roped into the Union, after being allowed too much rope previously.

Waterford.

Corn-store men are 15s. up as a result of Conference on demand, at which Organiser Nagle and Secretary Dunne took the leading parts .-Bakery vanmen are likely to cease work shortly.

Thurles.

The Branch Committee has successfully put through the town demand, 40s. being the new rate in all jobs save two, which are being struck.

Limerick.

The local agreement in the shipping trade, arising out of the Dockers' Conference, is briefly : Deep Sea and Grain Trade : timber (casuals), 16s. per day in ship's hold, 17s. on quay; grain (casuals), 16s. elevator men, 17s. on hand discharge; cement, slag and salt (casuals), 17s. Cross-Channel Trade: Casuals, 16s., with "dirty money," constants a 20s. increase. ('oal Trade : casuals, 16s.; 17s. for fillers in hold. Toumage rate; 2s. for discharging and piling in yard. Carters, fillers and shedmen, a 20s. advance. All increases operative as from May 10.

New Ross.

More "battering at the gateways of Ross," Organiser O'Donoghue, Secretary Lanigan and local officials being the men behind the "Red" guns. Following terms negotiated for Cherry's brewery workers : Labourers, 45s.; lorry drivers, 53s.; attendants, 42s., with 2s. 6d. extra single journey for both; carpenters, 65s.; cookers, 75s. All first week's increases go to the war chest .- The general town-workers' claim has been met with a 4s. offer, which has been rejected, but further parleys are expected to yield a better advance. Kinsale.

The Dail is taking in hand the matter of the lengthy town stoppage, both parties agreeing.

Ennis.

Grganiser S. O'Brion, P. Hogan and local officers got an excellent settlement on the shop assistants' hours' claim, viz., a 47-hour week for those in grocery and hardware houses (9 a.m. to 6-30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, and to 8 p.m. Saturdays, with a weekly half-day), and a 45 hour week in drapery establishments. Tralee.

The recent all-round 6s. increase, Secretary Murphy informs us, makes the new rates: General workers, 52s.; carters, 55s.; Urban Council men, 54s.; Council carters, 56s.; gas stokers, 10s, and 10s, 4d. per 8-hour shift, with double time for Sunday work; boys between 18 and 21 years, 25s. to 35s.; under 18 years, up to

Kilcommon.

This Co. Tipp. Branch won increases ranging from £20 to £40 yearly for Kilcommon creamery workers.-The dilatoriness of the Upperchurch Council elections, when he was effectually locked | Co-op. in disposing of claims will lead to a stoppage.-P. O'Doherty, representing Kilcommon district, and another I.T. & G.W.U. man, were elected Labour representatives on Borrisoleigh District Council.

Bagenalstown.

All shop assistants are coming across to the O.B.U .- The general labourers' demand is being bustled forward.

DUBLIN DOINGS.

Printing Section.

In response to the memorial served recently on the newspaper offices by the Dublin Printing and Kindred Trades Alliance for an all-round increase of 30s. per week on present wages, the newspaper managers have offered 7s. 6d. to skilled men and 5s. to the "unskilled" workers, which magnanimous offers were unanimously turned down by the Alliance and the service of a fortnight's notice is imminent, unless substantially improved proposals are immediately forthcoming.

. It is difficult to understand upon what grounds the newspaper managers differentiate in their offers, seeing that the claim is based entirely on the high cost of living. Surely the lower paid workers are, in rude justice, entitled to at least a parallel advance to that offered the skilled men. The former are much more severely hit by soaring prices and are charged exactly the same for a loaf or a pound of sugar as their better paid brethren, but the "bottom dog" invariably gets more kicks than halfpence.

However, we are out to see that he is not let down on this occasion at any rate, and whatever settlement is made with the newspaper offices we will use every endeavour to ensure participation for our members on strictly parallel lines

Gas Workers' Settlement.

Negotiations with the Dublin Gas Co., in connection with our recent demand, have not been protracted on this occasion. A conference was held last week and, as a result, an increase of 15s. per week has been secured for shift men, 10s. for general labourers and 16s. 8d. for skilled workers, from May 1st., the other increases operating on and from June 1. These offers have been accepted by the employees concerned, any outstanding matters being subject to subsequent adjustment between the Union and the дов соперату.

Women's Section.

A claim has been submitted on behalf of the office cleaners in the Freeman's Journal for an all-round increase of 10s, per week on existing wages, and the matter is having the attention of the company.

Demands have also been sent to Cahill and Sons, Aungier Street, and E. and J. Burke, Bachelors Walk, for improved conditions in the case of the women and girls who are members of this Union.

. The claim recently served on behalf of the laundry workers in Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital will be considered at the next Board meeting.

In connection with the sack workers' demands the offers made by the merchants were quite inadequate, and unless these proposals are considerably improved there will be no alternative but to take strike action.

Drapery Section.

Settlements have been effected with T. J. Callaghan and Co., Ltd., Dame Street; Messrs. J W. Elvery and Co., Ltd., O'Connell Street, and Messrs. McBirney and Co., Aston Quay, in connection with recent demands.

Irish Lights.

A conference is being held early this week concorning our application for the recent increases in the building trade to be made operative in the case of the nice employed by the Lifsh Lights Commissioners.

BUILDING THE O.B.U.

A Conference took place at Enniscorthy on Sunday, June 13, between the Executive of the Irish Agricultural and General Workers' Union and the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union-Alderman William O'Brien, General Treasurer, and Conneillor Thomas Kennedy, Executive member, representing the latter. Mr. John Bryne, M.C.C., presided, and there was a very representative attendance. A letter was read from Mr. Everett, Wicklow, regretting that it was impossible for him to be present and pledging the support of the Wicklow branches to any decision arrived at. Messrs. O'Brien and Kennedy having addressed the meeting as to the terms on which members of the I.A. & G.W.U. would be accepted into the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, a discussion ensued in the course of which a number of questions were put and answered, after which a resolution was unanimously adopted agreeing to wind up the I.A. & G.W.U. and to the transfer of its members into the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union on the terms agreed upon. In concluding the proceedings Messrs. O'Brien and Konnedy announced that steps would be taken at once to inaugurate an organising campaign so as to place the membership in Wexford and Wicklow on a thoroughly sound basis, and it was confidently hoped that both new and old members would benefit as a result of this decisive step.

Following the decision of the Irish Agricultural and General Workers' Union to link up with the Iriah Transport and General Workers' Union, we learn that the Tipperary Workingmen's Protective and Benefit Society have also decided to throw in their lot with the all-conquering Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, and have invited Alderman O'Brien to attend and carry out a transfer.

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