



Eldon Street, Vauxhall, 1910 (picture from Carl Fletcher)

JANUARY 2011

Also in this month...
 Liverpool Printing Trades Federation mass meeting demands 48-hour week (7th)
 Rev Herbert Dunnico says National Service League is a device to introduce conscription (26th)
 Liverpool Association of Womens' Trade Unions formed







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<p>31</p> <p>James Sexton says Ruskin College (of which he is now a governor) will produce future labour leadership</p>												
<p>3 Public Holiday</p> <p>Sydney Street siege in East London sparks nationwide paranoia about anarchists</p>							<p>4</p> <p>London newspaper says Liverpool is the most active centre of anarchism in the proviinces</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Alleged Liverpool sightings of 'Peter the Painter' (Jewish anarchist Sidney Street suspect)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>2,500 boiler-scalers strike for wage increase and reduced hours. Police prevent picketing</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Striking scalers picket Allan Line and Langton Dock</p>
<p>10</p>							<p>11</p> <p>Employers of scalers offer 10% wage increase and arbitration, which scalers refuse</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Carter's union membership in Birkenhead increased as wage increase granted</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Board of Trade official arrives Liverpool to mediate in scalers strike</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Reported that seamen's strike likely to disrupt the King's Coronation in June</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Boiler-scalers' strike settled with wage increase and no victimisation</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>						
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Shop Assistants Union soiree at Kings Cafe to boost women's membership</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Liverpool shopkeepers will give staff 60 hour week and a half day off</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Meeting of Anti-Vivisection Society at Adelphi</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Liverpool Anti-Sweating League hold Annual Meeting at Common Hall</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>						

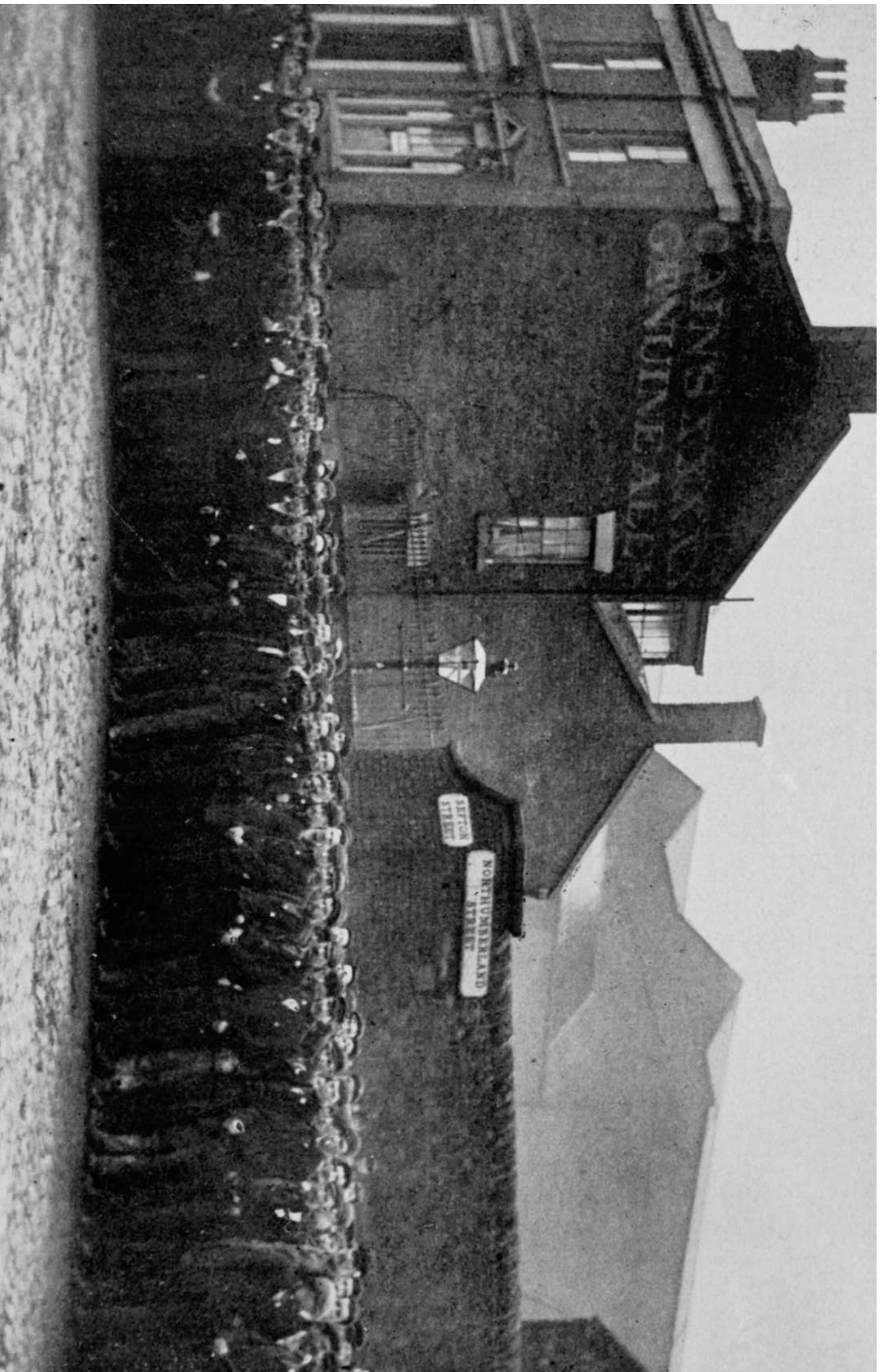


Ragged Trousered Philanthropists at work (Artwork by Alan Murray)

FEBRUARY 2011

Also in this month...
Board of Trade declines to set up a Conciliation Board for the shipping industry (17th)
James Sexton wins libel action over pamphlet accusing him of assisting the prosecution of Jim Larkin (17th/18th)


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
 <p>ROBERT P NOONAN Born in Dublin, 18 April 1870 As Robert Tressell he wrote 'THE RAGGED TROUSERED PHILANTHROPIST' He died here at the Royal Infirmary 3 February 1911</p>	1	2	3	4	5	6
<p>Union official warns that London printers' strike may spread across the country</p>	<p>National Union of Women Workers local branch membership up from 273 to 312</p>	<p>Special Labour Party conference votes to organise nationally not just in Parliament</p>	<p>Robert Tressell (Noonan), author of 'Ragged Trousered Philanthropists', dies in Royal Infirmary</p>			<p>Ramsay MacDonald elected chairman of Labour Party</p>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<p>James Clarke, black dockerman, saves a man from drowning in Collingwood Dock</p>	15	16	17	18	19	20
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<p>Wallasey carters threaten strike to force reinstatement of those dismissed following wage settlement</p>		<p>University students demonstrate: 'Hands off St George's Hall'</p>	<p>Wallasey Carters Union demand wage increase and shorter hours (employers concede on 20th)</p>	<p>Trades Council celebrates its 63rd anniversary</p>	<p>Edward Whitley, Labour city councillor (Edge Hill), resigns from ill-health. WR Blair to contest by-election</p>	<p>First repertory theatre season: opens with J Galsworthy's <i>Strife</i> (about strike at a tin-plate works)</p>
28		23	24	25	26	27
<p>200 refractory heating boys at Cammell Lairds walk out demanding wage increase</p>	<p>Union Buttons (left to right) Seamen, Stewards, Dockers, Carters, Railworkers</p>	<p>Long debate in Parliament on 'Akbar Inquiry' report (see article page 30)</p>		<p>Reported that Women's Freedom League plans 'census parties' to avoid being counted in the census</p>		
						



Casual labour: South End dockers wait for a day's work. Many wear the union badge or 'button'

MARCH 2011

Also in this month...
 Sandon Studios Society hold modern art exhibition at Bluecoat (4th till end of month)
 Navvies strike settled with demands partially met. All have joined Navvies Union (10th)
 Suffragette magazine Votes for Women discusses plans to defy the census (30th)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 300 boy rivet-beaters at Cammell Lairds strike (one day)	2 Print unions and employers agree to reduce working week to 51 hours	3	4 300 Wallasey carters strike. Picket of Kings Theatre in Seacombe	5 21st anniversary of 'the great dock strike' (1890)	6 Striking Wallasey carters rally at Seacombe, clash with police. Mayor offers to mediate
7 Navvies building the new Gladstone dock strike for wage increase, form Strike Committee next day	8 9 Wallasey carters taken to court for 'quitting employment'. Strike ends that evening and case dropped	9 200 platers helpers at Tranmere Bay strike for wage parity with other regions	10 20 women workers at Mayfield Sugar Works, Falkner Street, strike for wages to be doubled	11	12	13
14	15 Brussels paper reports International Federation of Seamen plans international strike action	16 100 West African seamen strike as Elder Dempster only pay them half the wages of white seamen	17	18 Suffragette protester greets Secretary for War (Haldane) at Lime Street with 'Votes for Women' placard	19 First International Women's Day	20 Southport painters threaten strike action from 1 April if conditions not improved
21	22 Trades Council informed that unskilled workers are doing skilled work on the Liver Building	23 Black seamen refuse partial wage increase. Elder Dempster recruit white crew to replace them	24	25	26	27 British Summer Time begins Bonar Law wins Boote Parliamentary by-election for Tories. One vote is cast by a woman
28 Suffragette meeting at Hardman Hall highlights injustice of 'the census and no vote'	29 Parcel delivery drivers strike and win reinstatement of their boy assistants who demand higher wages	30 Sandon Studios Society holds debate on post-impressionist art	31			

APRIL 2011

Also in this month...
 50% of gasworkers are now in the National Union of Gasworkers and General Labourers (10th)
 Chief Officer Lovelock of Heswall Reformatory School (Akbar) resigns after report critical of
 maltreatment of boys (11th)



Suffragettes on
St George's Plateau (1908)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2	3
4 W B Yeats and Lady Gregory direct Dublin Abbey Theatre players at Kellys Theatre	5 Four Birkenhead wards support votes for women but 'no quorum' prevents council vote	6 City Council declares by-election in Edge Hill	7 Union official wins damages claim against employer arising from January scalers' dispute	8 30 Mersey railway conductors strike for a day and demonstrate at Central Station	9 Suffragettes complete census form with one male name and 'no other persons but many women'	10 50 Mersey railway conductors walk out again as talks unproductive
11 Election meeting of William Blair, Labour candidate in Edge Hill council by-election	12	13 Railway Clerks Association wins pay increases for its members	14	15	16	17
18	19 Keir Hardie at Liverpool Peace Society denounces church support for Territorial parades	20	21 Announced that <i>Daily Herald</i> (started as London printers' strike sheet) will be a daily Labour paper	22 Public Holiday	23	24
25 Public Holiday	26	27 Edge Hill Council by-election. Conservatives regain from Labour	28	29	30	



ROYAL LIVER BUILDING, AND DOCK BOARD OFFICES. LIVERPOOL. (11)

The Liver Building opened 19 July 1911 - The Birds were unfinished (picture from Bluecoat Press)

MAY 2011

Also in this month...
 Co-operative Union reports that Liverpool has 13,000 members (17th)
 Havelock Wilson calls on shipowners to set up conciliation boards (23rd)
 Carters Union warn members not to work with carters recruited through Labour Exchange (26th)



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<p>30 Public Holiday</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Feeder marches from North and South docks to major transport workers' rally on St George's Plateau</p>					<p>1</p>
<p>2 Public Holiday</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Liverpool and District Church Socialist League Annual Meeting at Common Hall</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Labour officials criticise State Insurance plans as employee contributions will be too high</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Women's Enfranchisement Bill gets Commons second reading but will not become law</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Transport Workers Federation Secretary visits Liverpool to organise demo and first national conference</p>		<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Reported that international seamen's strike set for 29th by secret meeting last week</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Trades Council notes Royal Liver paid extra £20,000 to meet union rates on Liver Building</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Meeting of Peace Propaganda in Byrom Hall. Resolution against war and increasing armaments</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Adele Pankhurst tells suffragette meeting there will be another London demo soon</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Railway Clerks' Association Annual Conference in Liverpool calls for rail nationalisation</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Seamen's union General Secretary complains Shipping Federation will not meet union delegates</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Meeting of sailors, firemen, dockers at St Martin's Hall welcomes striking African seamen</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Seamen's union Canning Place office displays notice: "Sailors and Firemen - watch for the signal"</p>	<p>25</p> <p>300 platers helpers at Cammell Lairds strike for wage increase</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Striking platers at Cammell Lairds are joined on strike by 590 general labourers</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Cammell Lairds crane-drivers strike</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>

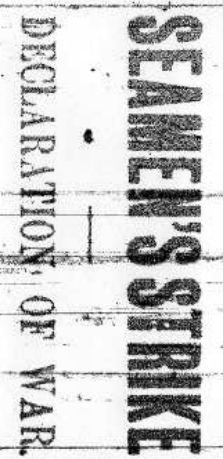


MANN ADDRESSING CROWD.

Strike Committee leader Tom Mann addressed several meetings a day through the summer (picture from Bluecoat Press)

JUNE 2011

Also in this month...
 Cabinetmakers locked out over demand to end piecework system (10th)
 Dockers refuse to unload *Pointer* (from Glasgow) until striking crew reinstated (18th)
 Black sailors and firemen join crew of Elder Dempster ship *Aro* on strike (19th)

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6 Coal porters of Southampton strike and hold up the White Star's Olympic	7	1 Transport Workers Federation holds first Annual Conference at Engineers Hall (3 days)	2	3	4 International Seamen's Strike Committee begins 3-day meeting in London	5 200 Jewish cabinet-makers are locked out over demand for increased wages and job security
13 Tom Mann arrives in Liverpool to lead the seamen's strike with poster "War Declared: We Strike for Liberty"	14 Seamen's strike begins as 500 seamen refuse to sign on. Mass meetings in Liverpool and London	8 Women Clerks Association hold organising meeting in Hardman Hall	9 Strike leaders turn attention to smaller firms. Dockers are also in state of unrest	10 Sailors and firemen resolve not to go and break a strike in Southampton	11 <i>RMS Baltic</i> arrives Liverpool. Crew do not sign on for next voyage, demanding wage increase	12 Havelock Wilson writes to UK Shipowners Association with last-minute plea to avoid strike
20 Seamen and stewards agree wage increase and union recognition with Cunard, White Star and Allan Lines	21 Report that the strike has spread to Dublin and Hull. CPR Line concedes strikers' demands	22 Coronation of King George V. Docks all quiet	16 50 dockers strike at Bramley Moore dock in support of seamen and firemen (successful after two days)	17 250 women take special train from Liverpool to join 40,000-strong women's 5-mile 'Coronation' suffrage march	18 Carters meeting at St Martin's Hall expresses support for seamen	19 Stewards on four ships join the strike of sailors and firemen
27 90 tailors and tailoresses strike (successfully) at Joseph Davies', Russell Street. Girls plan to form a union	28 Dockers present their own demands for union recognition. 2,000 coalheavers also strike	29 Dockers defy Strike Committee advice and insist on recognition and payment of union rates	30 George Milligan (secretary of North End NUDL) joins Strike Committee as dockers stay out	24 Elder Dempster charter depot ship <i>Friesland</i> for 3 weeks to supply non-union labour	25 4,000 rally at St George's. All Shipping Federation seamen are called out. Dockers and carters support	26 Dockers refuse to work on ships where owners have not conceded. Carters do the same






Move over W G Grace - young striker keeps a straight bat (picture from Bluecoat Press)

JULY 2011

Also in this month...
 Strike Committee forms a District Council of National Transport Workers Federation (13th)
 Goods porters at Lancs and Yorks North Docks station demand wage increase and reduced hours
 1000 workers at six oil mills strike for wage increase (31st)

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	LIVERPOOL DOCKERS AND THE CONFERENCE APPEAL FOR LOYALTY AND SOLIDARITY.					
4 2,000 Hawarden Bridge steelworkers strike over employment of non-union labour (resolved after a week)	5 Tugboatmen return to work after four-day strike	6 Agents try to recruit strike-breakers for London but no one volunteers	7 200 dockers' delegates meet at Engineers Hall. Manifesto calls for 'loyalty and solidarity'	8 Strike Committee meets North End dockers, agrees to include their demands in negotiations	9 Rally of 5,000 on St George's Plateau hears that the largest rail union supports the strike	10 Coasting ship owners agree to raise minimum wage
11 Tobacco warehousemen win wage increases after five-day strike	12 Trades Council addressed by Tom Mann who calls for support for transport strike	13 150 strike at Dock Board's wool warehouse (succeed after one week)	14 Dockers' union convenes meeting of cotton porters. Many join the union	15	16 Rally at St George's Plateau. Tom Mann thanks public, press and police for 'the goodwill shown towards us'	17 250 girls at Walton rubber works strike for wage increase (succeed after three days)
18 Shipping companies set up committees to meet with unions	19 700 Skelmersdale miners strike over employment of non-union labour (one week)	20 Strike at Dock Board grainhouses in Liverpool and Birkenhead successful	21 500 tram workers hold grievance meeting. 300 declare ready to join a union	22 Workers at Fairrie & Co sugar refinery on Vauxhall Road strike and win instant wage increase	23	24 700 men at Silcocks oil mills strike for wage increase (succeed after 2 days)
25 Sexton presents demands at first meeting of shipowners and unions	26 Workers at MacFie sugar refinery strike for wage increase	27 International Miners Congress calls for 8-hour day and two weeks paid holiday a year	28 Strike settled at North Shore flour mills	29 900 out of 1600 tram workers now belong to a new union	30	31 Second meeting between shipowners and unions appoints sub-committee to draw up agreement



The 'Monster demonstration' at St George's Plateau on 13 August (picture from Bluecoat Press)

AUGUST 2011

Also in this month...
 Strike Committee issues permits for transport of essential goods
 Police insist that the film of Bloody Sunday be edited to remove their attacks on the crowd (14th)
 'Don't Shoot' leaflet of stonemason Fred Bower urges soldiers not to fire on striking workers


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1 Stanhope Street meeting for uniting all brewery workers in one union (<i>Trade Union ale</i>)	2 Transport Workers Federation organises large meeting of Garston dockers	3 'White Book' agreement between shipowners and unions signed, effective immediately	4 Tugboatmen win wage increase following last month's strike	5 1,200 Lancs and Yorks rail goods porters strike at North Docks depot and picket other stations	6 Mass meeting of tram workers at Litherland tram station	7 Brunswick Dock goods porters (Cheshire Lines) strike. Pickets stop goods at Lime Street
8 3,500 now on strike at goods stations. Carters and shunters refuse to cross picket lines	9 Engine-drivers refuse to take imported scabs to North Docks station. Birkenhead goods yards closed	10 400 troops arrive Seaforth barracks. Extra police arrive from Leeds and Birmingham	11 Many shop assistants told to take a week's holiday. St John's Gardens occupied by police	12 Board of Trade official arrives Liverpool to consult with Lord Mayor	13 Bloody Sunday: 80,000-strong demonstration attacked by police on St George's Plateau	14 Lockout of all cargo work on docks. Strike committee declares general transport strike from next day
15 Five prison vans attacked. Soldiers shoot dead Michael Prendergast and John Sutcliffe	16 Rail union officials go from Liverpool meeting to London. Strike committee calls out tram workers from midnight	17 Rail unions meet at Board of Trade, reject offer of Royal Commission and call national rail strike	18 Rail talks continue. Striking tram workers parade. Electric lighting in city goes out. No street-cleaning	19 Rail company owners join talks. Rail strike settled with reinstatement and Railway Commission	20 Funeral of Michael Prendergast (shot on 15th) at Catholic cemetery. 250 Protestants attend	21 Strike Committee calls for no return to work until tram workers reinstated
22 Railwaymen return to work. Tom Mann tells meeting: "we are on the eve of a complete and glorious victory."	23 Rally to support tram workers. Tom Mann goes to London to call for strike in support	24 City Council agrees to reinstate tram workers 'as and when required'. Strike declared over	25 Shipowners meeting with unions. Mass meeting in Bootle agrees return to work	26 General return to work. 180 tram workers reinstated. First troops withdraw	27 HMS <i>Arctim</i> leaves Mersey, more troops leave the city	28 More tram workers reinstated (not all). Railway Commission opens
29 Public Holiday	30 Magistrates told Riot Act was read ten times and 4,142 special constables enrolled for strike-breaking	31 Inquests on Michael Prendergast and John Sutcliffe (shot by soldiers). Verdict: 'justifiable homicide'	<div data-bbox="151 981 359 1489" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>First edition of Transport Workers' paper (8th)</p> <div data-bbox="143 1579 359 2150" data-label="Image"> <p>HMS <i>Arctim</i> on the Mersey (18th to 27th)</p> </div>			
Newsboys strike						



Convoys with police and military escort were a daily sight in August (picture from Bluecoat Press)

SEPTEMBER 2011

Also in this month...
 Anti-Sweating League organises 500 shop workers into union
 First statutory meeting of Liverpool Repertory Theatre company (25th)
 Railway Commission takes evidence from employers and unions


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 First meeting of new Transport Workers Council regards tram dispute as still not settled	2	3 5,000-strong East London rally remembers those 'killed in the interests of capitalism' in Liverpool and Llanelli	4 Liverpool stations still full of goods awaiting transport
5 TUC conference deplores use of military in trade disputes	6 United Irish League urges Home Office clemency towards those convicted of strike disorders	7	8 TUC salutes 'magnificent efforts' of transport and women workers in recent disputes	9	10 6,000 demonstrate against Tram Committee's failure to reinstate over 130 workers	11
12 Schoolboy strikes at elementary school	13 Trades Council urges donations for locked-out tram workers	14 50-60 Cammell Lairds drillers strike against piecework system	15	16	17 Rev H D Roberts at Hope Street church advocates nationalising railways	18
19 Lancs and Yorks railway clerical workers meet to protest at low level of wages	20	21	22 Transport Workers Council complains that 80 tram workers still not reinstated	23 Walker Art Gallery autumn exhibition of modern art (till Jan 1912). Strike backlog holds up some exhibits	24 National League for the Blind rally on St George's Plateau calls for free tram transport for blind	25 Meeting at St Martin's Hall protests 'odiously savage' police actions on 'Red Riot Sunday' (13 Aug)
26 Teachers picket a Liverpool hotel for holding interviews to replace striking teachers on Isle of Man	27	28	29	30	"They don't turn to the authorities and ask for convey which they could get. Our Strike Committee permit is of greater value" - Tom Mann	



Reinstating the sacked 250 tram workers was a major issue through the autumn (picture from Bluecoat Press)

OCTOBER 2011

Also in this month...
 Prof Benjamin Moore disputes medical officers' view that the strike increased city's death rate
 Star Theatre on Williamson Square will open as Liverpool Playhouse next month
 Council workers protest at Health committee delay in dealing with August pay demands (20th)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>31</p> <p>LNWR announce wage increases. Unions continue to demand recognition</p>				<p>Arthur Bulley's Council election leaflet. There was a Con-Lib pact 'to avoid any public excitement'. Labour contested 19 out of 35 wards</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Shop Assistants Union conference calls for longer breaks in working day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Meeting at YMCA in support of trade unionism among women workers</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Tom Mann addresses Tailors Trade Union at Daulby Hall, denounces sweating system</p>	<p>4</p> <p>City cllr Austin Harford says Birmingham police behaved like 'bashi-bazouks' on Bloody Sunday</p>	<p>5</p> <p>James Sexton letter defends his description in Council of police as 'unformed hooligans'</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Post and telegraph workers' rally demands wage increase</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Garston dockers accept 10 to 25% wage increase from rail company</p>	<p>9</p> <p>First meeting of dockers and shipowners under the 'White Book' agreement</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Tom Mann addresses Hardman Hall meeting of National Union of Clerks</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>H M Hyndman addresses SDP meeting at Sun Hall, says liberalism is 'the handmaid of the capitalist classes'</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Ship Stewards union membership has increased from 4,000 to 10,000</p>
<p>17</p> <p>J M Labouchere, Labour city auditor, criticises financial running of Council</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Keir Hardie addresses Independent Labour Party rally at Sun Hall</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Railway Commission report does not recommend union recognition</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Labour election rally at Liverpool stadium. Dockers union membership up from 9,000 to 33,000</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>'Three cheers for solidarity' disrupt Conservative election meeting in Kensington</p>	<p>25</p> <p>James Sexton calls for inquiry into police brutality on 13 August</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Labour open-air election meeting in Garston</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Election meeting of Fred Bower (Labour and Socialist, Dingle)</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Liverpool Railway Joint Strike Committee 'profoundly disappointed' with Railway Commission report</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Tom Mann and Sexton address 1,000 at Picton Hall election meeting</p>



British Summer Time ends



X marks the spot - John Sutcliffe was shot dead here by soldiers on 15 August (picture from Bluecoat Press)

NOVEMBER 2011

Also in this month...
 Suffragette play 'Outlawed' performed at Royal Court
 Rail companies announce several wage increases to head off more strikes
 300-400 men and women of Jewish Tailors Union strike (3 weeks)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
 Liverpool Playhouse opens (11th)	1 Council elections: Labour gain 6 seats in Liverpool, 2 in Birkenhead	2	3 Tom Mann leaves Liverpool	4 Rail unions decide to ballot membership by 4 December on Commission report and possible strike action	5 Liverpool Railway Joint Strike Committee rejects Railway Commission report	6 LNWR makes concessions to carters over hours of work
7 Christabel Pankhurst says suffragettes will act against Manhood Suffrage Bill	8 City council meeting. City council members enlivened by Labour group (now 7 strong)	9	10 Lincs and Yorks rail announce wage increases for lower-paid	11 Star theatre re-opens as Liverpool Playhouse, staging <i>The Admirable Critchon</i> (J M Barrie)	12	13 Trades Council notes that 40 tram workers are still not reinstated
14 Trades Council calls on Labour Party to campaign for full voting rights for all men and women	15	16 Trades Council delegate wins by-election, becomes Birkenhead's 5th Labour councillor	17	18 Rail unions win all 42 seats on the new Lincs and Yorks rail conciliation board	19	20 Liverpool branch of General Railway Workers Union rejects Railway Commission report
21 Liverpool women march in big London suffragette demo where 223 arrested	22 Women's suffrage rally in Sun Hall	23 Carters and scavengers demand union rates of pay from City Council	24	25 70 electricians strike at Cammell Lairds	26	27 Playhouse theatre stages 'Justice' (J Galsworthy) - 'fascinating and yet terribly depressing'
28	29 Liverpool suffragette Patricia Woodcock jailed 21 days for damage on London march (21st)	30	The funeral of Michael Prandergast, shot by soldiers on 15 August			



Igniting the spirit - Tom Mann catches up with a modern-day politician while Nick Clegg clutches at the toga-tails of David Cameron (Original artwork from John O'Neill)

DECEMBER 2011

Also in this month...
 Rail dispute settled, still without full union recognition (result of strike ballot is not published) (11th)
 Miners are set to issue national strike ballot in campaign for minimum wage

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 Rail employers agree to meet unions in London	2	3 2,000 carters at St Martin's Hall vote for strike action	4 Cammell Lairds electricians resume work after 10-day strike

5 Report lists medical complaints of Liverpool telephone girls (nervous breakdowns, fainting fits)	6	7 Playhouse says appointment of Charles Brookfield as examiner of plays discredits censorship laws	8 Liverpool author applies to court for return of play scripts not returned by the censors	9 Coal carters meet with employers and resolve dispute	10 Barmen and managers resolve to organise a trade union	11 800 short carters strike for better wages and conditions
12 Second day of strike by 400 bargemen on Leeds-Liverpool canal	13 Stonemasons union resolves to try to unite 23 building unions	14	15 Carters dispute with city council is settled	16	17	18 Short carters dispute temporarily resolved till next month
19	20 Liverpool railway goods workers plan to form new union in New Year	21	22 Transport unions order boycott of Dundee steamers at other ports including Liverpool	23 Telephone employees protest that January takeover by Post Office will reduce wages	24	25
26 Public Holiday	27 Public Holiday	28 Liverpool trade expected to be reduced by lock-out at Lancashire mills	29 G B Shaw gives lecture at Walker Art Gallery	30	31	