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## **BUFFALO DEPARTMENT STORE GIRLS STRIKE FOR LIVING WAGE AND SHORTER HOURS**

*Force Biggest and Richest Stores to Close Doors—Girls  
Do Picket Duty—Sympathy Walkouts Threatened.*

Buffalo, N. Y., May 1.—The department store girls of Buffalo walked out on strike for a living wage and shorter hours today.

The clerks organized at a meeting last night, and immediately afterwards decided on a strike to enforce their demands.

The men and women in the Department Store Employees' Association arrived at the stores as usual this morning, but instead of going to work, formed picket lines along Main street in the neighborhood of the big stores.

Their demands are simple—and reasonable. They ask a minimum wage of \$15 for men; \$6 for girls, and \$18 for chauffeurs and drivers, an eight-hour day, with Saturday half holidays in June, July, August and September. A minimum wage of \$8 a week for boys also is demanded.

The girl pickets who lined Main street today distributed pamphlets announcing the strike and their demands to all passers.

The effect was immediate. Two of the biggest and richest stores closed their doors shortly after the opening hour. The others are trying to keep open, but they haven't enough clerks among the lot to man a soda water

fountain.

All the drivers and teamsters in the city are in sympathy with the strike. Unless the stores grant the demands of the girls speedily, all the men in this work are expected to walk out. They might walk out Monday.

The other labor organizations of the city have promised their support, although they are not ready to go as far as the drivers and teamsters.

Conditions in the Buffalo department stores have been as bad as those in the stores all over the country. Girl bundle counter clerk were getting as little as \$2 a week; few of the women clerks were getting over \$5.

Ever since the Illinois senate low-wages commission dragged the millionaire Chicago department store owners out into the open, the Buffalo girls have been quietly preparing to organize and strike for living wages.

It is estimated that there are fully 2,500 girls out today. And most of those out are on picket duty.

It is not thought the department store owners will dare to use the police against the young girl pickets on Main street.