

STRIKERS EXPLAIN WAGE OF 20 YEARS AGO TOO LOW TODAY

One thousand workers who have not been given a raise in wages for 20 years are on strike at the cigar factory of the Havana-American Co., 12th and Robey sts.

The men walked out when their offer of arbitration and their plea that they could not live on the wage scale of 20 years ago were unheeded. Affected are: 600 cigarmakers, 150 strippers, 30 banders and about 250 packers, clerks and miscellaneous workers.

The strippers did win a strike a few days ago. They secured a raise of 5 cents a day upon their wage of from \$2 to \$3 a week. Strippers in other factories get \$9 a week.

The banders get \$7 a week, but have to band at least 6,000 cigars a day. They want 30 cents per 1,000, which is 5 to 10 cents per 1,000 less than is paid in the average shop.

Foilers get an average 22½ cents per 1,000. They want 27½ cents, as against 35 to 40 cents paid in many shops.

What the cigarmakers are asking for will average an increase of \$2 a week in their wages. If they get this they will still be getting \$5 to \$10 a week below what a union cigarmaker is supposed to get.

An oddity of the strike is that the cigarmakers are actually striking for longer hours. The firm is working its men but 4½ days a week, though it is working its shops in other cities full time. This seems to be because all its other four big factories are "open shops." The firm is trying to freeze out the union workers here.

Last year the company offered to arbitrate a threatened strike with its workers. Then it refused, according to the workers, to live up to the findings of the arbitration board.

The Hebrew Trades Council has pledged moral and financial support to the strikers, who are members of Progressive Cigarmakers' union, and

will shortly make arrangements for establishing a fund.

WEST SIDE MOVIE HOUSES ARE HIT IN CRUSADE

Warrants were taken out yesterday for ten employees of West Side nickel shows on the charge of contributing to the delinquency of girls whose ages range from 13 to 17 years old. The warrants are based on information presented Ass't State's Att'y R. E. Hogan by Mrs. Anna Davrin, investigator for the juvenile court.

This is said to be only a general cleanup of nickel shows in certain neighborhoods. The theaters hit in today's warrants are in the vicinity of Kedzie and Harrison and Madison and Western.

BERNSTORFF WANTS GERMANS TO RESPECT U. S. LAWS

Washington, May 19.—First step in new German campaign to stop alleged lawlessness by Germans in the U. S. was announced by Ambassador Bernstorff yesterday. Embassy made the following formal statement:

"In consequence of cases that have occurred of late, German Ambassador Bernstorff sent instructions to all German consuls in the U. S. to strongly impress on German citizens living in their districts that it is their duty scrupulously to obey the laws of the states in which they reside."

APPEAL TO LICENSE COMMITTEE TO DIVORCE DANCE-BOOZE

Representatives of many civic bodies today appealed to license committee to favor ordinance to prohibit sale of liquor in dance halls. Argument was that if dance and drink are divorced downfall of many girls will be prevented.

Anton J. Cermak of United Societies was there to oppose the ordinance. Said police can't enforce the 1 o'clock closing order now. Said so many patrolmen are protecting strikebreakers that there are no police left to catch law violators.