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DONOVAN'S SPEECH.

① The Dockers' Delegate Conference requested the Union to negotiate a new charter. This was submitted to the employers on September 27th and the Conference adjourned to get the employers reply on October 18th.

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INTERVIEW DOCK STRIKERS.

1. SCU MR. POWERL.

[In 1925 the dock workers of Britain were paid 16/- a day. Today in 1945 they are still paid 16/- a day basic pay.] Despite the shocking rise in the cost of living. This we feel justifies our claim for a raise in basic pay.

2. SV MR. ROGERSON SPEAKS.

Mr. Stagg - why did you call a strike now.
Mr. Powell why ~~has~~ the strike been called before the results of the ~~negotiations~~ negotiations have been announced.

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3. POWELL: We object to the dictatorial attitude of our Union officials ~~and the~~ slow method of handling our claims in the past. This has lead to a shaking of the dockers' confidence in the Union officials.

3. CU ROGERSON SPEAKS.

That appears to be a domestic ^{matter} ~~negotiation~~ for the Union themselves to settle. Can it not be settled by the Union?] (Pan to CU Docker)

DOCKER SPEAKS: Well our Union is governed by its Trade Union branches and branch life at the moment is sorely lacking due to the men's apathy and lack of trust in the Union officials.

4. SV ANOTHER DOCKER: We do not believe we are sabotaging the country's food effort. We believe that there is sufficient food in the cold storage depots in London alone and also we are sending food to the continent.

5. GV ROGERSON SPEAKS: What were the week's wages of you chaps ^{a week} prior to the strike? £3.10.5d. for a wife and seven children.

£ 4.2s.

Welmy total earnings ^{were} are £3.8.2s.

Get a load of this £3.12 and on piece work at that

My one is £.4.15 and I had to work until 7 O'clock two or three nights a week.

~~£.5.2.6d. and at work until 7 O'clock every night.~~

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