

Dockstrike

More than half the Port of London was idle. 75

ships were stranded; 22 were under-manned by dockers; 26 vessels laden with food - some of it perishable - waited to be unloaded. This time the men had no grievance themselves; they struck in sympathy ~~for~~^{of} the 500 Glasgow dock-workers who have been declared redundant.

Government

The/appeal to return to work, issued by Minister of Labour Isaacs, was turned down, and 9,400

men similarly ignored Union advice. 1,000

tons of tomatoes were rotting; bacon, sugar, meat, sorely wanted by the emptying larder of Britain, lay in the holds untouched.

Tower Bridge was left open. Another ~~important~~ strike, this

one by the City of London branch of the Municipal and General Workers, ^{Union,} protested against the promotion to sergeant of a Billingsgate Market policeman. That union

includes the men who work Tower Bridge. It also includes the attendants of public conveniences and street-cleaners, so one way and another, life in this part of London became complicated.

(Ships) We fought the war to protect the liberty of the individual, which includes the liberty to strike. We also fought it to save our country from extinction. Now that we are really up against it, surely we aren't going to CHOOSE to want!

London is the greatest seaport in the world. It was bombed in the war, but it kept going and it's still there. It's vital to the greatest maritime nation in the world, ~~the country whose lifeline is the sea.~~ It musn't be long idle.