

SMITHFIELD STRIKE.

LONDON'S MEAT SUPPLIES HELD UP.

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This is Smithfield Market, but it's not a bit like itself to-day. Scores of vans stand idly about, while thousands of carcasses of meat wait to be loaded. Meanwhile London's meat customers start thinking how a nice nut chop will compare with a juicy steak. Some stalls are empty; the owners attending meetings of the strikers rather than hanging around, surrounded by sides of beef hanging around. After this meeting the men adjourned to a hall, held a secret session, press, cinema, or otherwise being excluded, at which they decided to continue the strike, against the advice of Ernest Bevin. Mr. Zinges, the strikers' organiser doesn't care if he does lose weight over the stoppage of London's meat supply. One lorry was loaded by amateurs, but on discovering that the van driver was from Covent Garden, it had to be unloaded again. Some lucky butchers collected their own supply, and are still telling us what lively legs they've got.