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MISSION 4: "City of Immigrants"

"Record of Police Persecution in the Waist Makers' Strike"

The "New York Evening Call" newspaper was sympathetic to the cause of the shirt waist strikers, who began their strike on November 23, 1909. After five weeks of striking, as the year 1909 drew to a close, the Call published a day-by-day listing of the number of strikers arrested and fined by police, the number discharged (let go), the number held in jail, the total amount of fines collected, and the number of strikers sentenced to the workhouse (a prison where offenders are required to work).

Record of Police Persecution In the Waist Makers' Strike					
Number of strikers arrested since general strike began					653
Number of strikers arrested in Leiserson and Triangle strikes					118
TOTAL NUMBER STRIKERS ARRESTED....					771
STRIKERS SENTENCED TO WORKHOUSE..					19
TOTAL FINES.....					\$1,296
AVERAGE DAILY AMOUNT OF BAIL AND BONDS					\$2,500
Date.	No. fined.	No. disch'g'd.	No. held.	Total of fines.	Wk'hs sent'ces.
November 23	1	2	—	\$10.00	—
November 24	1	1	—	1.00	—
November 25	—	—	1	—	1
November 26	7	—	—	29.00	—
November 27	4	2	2	20.00	—
November 29	7	5	—	27.00	—
November 30	24	2	—	84.00	—
December 1	8	2	2	24.00	—
December 2	27	15	2	65.00	—
December 3	12	8	2	62.00	—
December 4	21	3	—	147.00	—
December 6	2	1	4	15.00	—
December 7	5	17	24	20.00	—
December 8	19	16	7	108.00	—
December 9	4	10	12	18.00	—
December 10	17	7	11	135.00	2
December 11	2	8	13	6.00	—
December 13	9	10	7	25.00	—
December 14	2	10	—	15.00	—
December 15	7	7	5	25.00	1
December 16	19	22	5	129.00	7
December 17	12	6	8	96.00	—
December 18	6	7	9	30.00	2
December 20	5	3	4	25.00	2
December 21	3	3	4	20.00	2
December 22	14	1	22	25.00	1
December 23	—	18	11	—
December 24	7	—	8	25.00	—
December 27	3	4	5	30.00	—
December 28	—	—	6	—
Totals	248	190	202	\$1,296.00	—

Christmas and Sundays there were no pickets on duty at the shops, hence no arrests.

Source: *New York Evening Call*, December 29, 1909.