

33 Strike Pickets Captured

Some Are Noted Suffragists

Miss Freeman Is a Prisoner

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Leonora O'Reilly and Rose Livingston Taken Also: "N. Y. Police Not as Rough as English."

Two more suffragists of international prominence were arrested by the police assisting the striking needle workers on the picket line last night. They are Miss Leonora O'Reilly, vice president of the Woman's Trade Union League, and Miss Elizabeth Freeman, an American suffragette, who has served in English prisons because of militant tactics.

Miss Rose Livingston, the "China town angel," was another prisoner taken. She was bailed out by Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw.

The total number of prisoners taken into the West Seventeenth street station during the evening, was thirty-three, of whom twenty-nine were women. Miss Freeman, with Miss Gertrude Corless and Mrs. Marguerite Remington Charter, and about thirty strikers were pacing back and forth in front of Max Held's shirtwaist factory at No. 310 Sixth avenue, when a number of strikebreakers came out.

Thinks English Police Rougher.

"Girls, don't be strike-breakers!" Miss Freeman shouted at them. An instant later a policeman tapped her on the shoulder and told her she was under arrest. At the station house she complimented the police for not being as rough as the English police in handling her. Miss Livingston was arrested at the same place a few minutes previous. She also is alleged to have shouted at the strike-breakers.

Miss O'Reilly was in charge of the pickets in front of the Masonic building, Sixth avenue and Twenty-third street. When a score of girls came out of the building, the pickets flocked about them and begged them to join the strike. Some of the girls are said to have called the strikebreakers names. The police surrounded a number of the girls and shoved them into the building. Miss O'Reilly insisted that the girls had not violated any law, and she was also arrested.

Ten pickets, all girls, were arrested in front of the Beekman & Hayes factory at No. 26 West Seventeenth street, and nine others were taken at No. 53 West Twenty-first street. All were charged with disorderly conduct.

Women Fined \$5 Each.

Miss O'Reilly was fined \$5 in the Night Court. Five girls who were arrested with her were discharged. The fine was imposed by Magistrate Herbert in the face of testimony by Rose Young and Edna Kenton, the novelist, corroborating Miss O'Reilly's statement that she had not used the word

"scab," as stated by the policeman who arrested her.

Miss Freeman was also fined \$5. The policeman in her case said he was about a foot away and heard her use the word "scab." Miss Freeman declared he was fifty feet away and that she had merely said, "Don't be strike-breakers," in which she was supported by the testimony of Mrs. Marguerite Charter.

Eighteen other girls arrested were fined from \$2 to \$5 each.

Miss Fola La Follette said last night she had telephoned to her father, Senator La Follette, requesting him to take up the matter in the Senate.

"I have received his reply," said Miss La Follette, "in which he says that he will introduce a resolution ordering a Congressional investigation of the garment manufacturing conditions in New York City."

In a clash between some of the women strikers and reserves six more of the girl garment workers on strike were arrested. They were fined later in the Night Court.

Miss La Follette a Picket.

In the afternoon Miss La Follette and Mrs. Josephine Preston Peabody Marks, playwright, poetess, and well-known suffragist, addressed the girls at Labor Temple. Both women went on the picket lines with the girls.

The heaviest sentence yet meted out by the courts, one for ninety days—was given to Caesar Vilpeas by Magistrate Appleton, in the Tombs court. Vilpeas is alleged to have struck a strikebreaker.

Dissension among leaders of the men's garment strike is becoming hotter each day. President Rickert declares himself in favor of settling the strike on a compromise basis, but Organizers Schweitzer and Pine are insisting that the strike be settled when the full demands made are given by the manufacturers.

Miss Gertrude Barnum, of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, made an appeal yesterday, for funds for the wrapper and kimono girls, many of whom are said to be starving. She said the unusually mild weather has prevented many of the striking girls, from picketing.