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Collection Summary

Repository:	Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries
Title:	General Strike Collection
Dates:	1926 May
Quantity:	3.9 cubic feet (6 flat boxes)
Abstract:	Newspapers, bulletins, timetables, public notices, and facsimiles documenting the course of the General Strike.

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Historical Note

The General Strike was a massive wave of labor strikes that occurred in Great Britain in May of 1926. The strike originated in a dispute between coal miners, who wanted to protect their existing work conditions, and mine owners, who sought to cut wages and extend work hours. To force their demands, owners on May 1 locked roughly one million miners out of their mines. In response, the Trade Unions Congress (TUC), an umbrella organization of British trade unions, called for sympathy strikes throughout the country. By May 4 over one million workers in a variety of industries had answered the call and taken to the streets. The nation-wide strike lasted until May 12, when the TUC, under pressure from the government, called on strikers to return to their jobs. The coal miners' strike continued, however, until November, when the miners' own economic needs compelled them to accept mine owners' demands.

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Scope and Content Note

The General Strike Collection includes newspapers, both daily and weekly, strike bulletins, railway timetables, assorted public notices, and facsimiles of publications pertaining to the strike. Of particular interest is a set of the newspaper, The Strand Gazette, with variant strike issues.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged alphabetically by document type. [Top](#)

Subject Headings

Subjects:

- General Strike, Great Britain, 1926
- Labor--Great Britain
- Strikes and lockouts--Great Britain

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- Politics

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Encoding Information

Encoded by Mark Seidl, August 2014.

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

General Strike Collection, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Mark Seidl, August 2014.

Acquisition Information

The items in this collection were donated by Lucy Maynard Salmon and cataloged in Dewey. Original acquisition date unknown. Transferred from Special Collections Dewey materials on June 13, 2014.

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Container List

Box 1	Bulletins of provincial newspapers
Boxes 3-6	Daily newspapers
Box 1	Facsimiles of testimonials re. Gerstner machines from newspaper offices
Box 1	Illustrated records of the strike
Box 1	Miscellaneous strike bulletins (2 folders)
Box 2	Political bulletins
Box 2	Public notices
Box 2	Railway time-tables
Box 2	Set of The Strand Gazette (with variant issues)
Box 2	Strike issues of weekly newspapers

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