

DELIVERY STRIKE ENDED BY MAYOR

1,600 Employees of United Parcel Service Return to Work After 2½ Weeks

LA GUARDIA SET DEADLINE

Told Deadlocked Conferees He Would Force Arbitration Unless They Made Peace

The two - and - a - half - week - old strike of members of Local 804 of the Teamsters Union, A. F. of L., that disrupted deliveries to 100,000 customers of 375 departments and specialty stores in the metropolitan area ended yesterday as a result of intervention by Mayor La Guardia. The 1,600 drivers and helpers returned to work shortly after announcement of the settlement by Mrs. Ethel Epstein, the Mayor's industrial secretary, at City Hall.

The strikers are employes of the United Parcel Service, which makes deliveries for the stores, but the dispute involved also jurisdictional issues between Local 804 and three other locals of the Teamsters Union.

Ultimatum by Mayor

The dispute ended twenty-four hours after Mayor La Guardia had announced that unless it was ended by midnight Tuesday he would insist that the matter be given over to an arbitrator, whom he named but whose identity was hidden in a sealed envelope, to be opened if the disputants failed to reach an agreement by the deadline set by the Mayor.

Representatives of the three locals and the United Parcel Service remained in conference continuously all day Tuesday and until 5:50 A. M. yesterday, when the accord was reached. The main point in dispute so far as the controversy with the company was concerned was wages. John O'Donnell was counsel for the unions at the conference, while the United Parcel Service was represented by Burton K. Zorn.

Before Mayor La Guardia stepped into the situation the State Mediation Board had tried in vain in a series of conferences to bring about a settlement. The wage question, however, stumped the conferees.

A three-year contract between the unions and the United Parcel Service expired last January.

To Resume Deliveries Today

The United Parcel Service announced that deliveries would be resumed this morning, but because of the considerable accumulation of packages in the stores it would take a few days to get back to a normal schedule of deliveries.

"We greatly regret the inconvenience to consumers in Greater New York caused by the stoppage," the company said. "We are convinced, however, that the settlement, embodied in a long-term contract, has laid the basis for uninterrupted deliveries of parcels in the future. We wish to commend the men for their gentlemanly conduct during the strike. We are pleased that the jurisdictional disputes between the various Teamsters Union locals have been ironed out. These disputes were an important factor in delaying negotiations for the new contract."

The company expressed appreciation of the efforts of the State Mediation Board and the action of Mayor La Guardia in facilitating the settlement.