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SOCIALISM CAUSE OF COSTLY ENGLISH STRIKE

LONDON, December 18.—The Boilermakers' lockout in the shipyards of North England, which lasted nearly three months, caused a loss of \$5,000,000 in wages. It came to an end last week as a result of an arrangement effected by the Board of Trade.

That Socialism is responsible for the lockout was admitted by Philip Snowden, the Socialist member of Parliament, who said the trouble was caused by the defiance of discipline by the Socialist members of the trade union. He added:

"If this sort of conduct is to be tolerated; if pledged word is to be lightly broken whenever it suits the whim to do so; if a handful of men are to be free to bring a great industry to a standstill and inflict untold privations on 10,000 innocent persons, and to do all this in the name of democracy, then democracy becomes an intolerable instrument of tyranny, and an ordered government must give way to anarchy and chaos."

"The lockout is one of the results of the spread of democratic ideas. The workmen have been lectured so much about their rights and their powers that they have forgotten their duties to labor and the Socialist movement."