

THIS WEEK IN LABOR HISTORY

September 05

20,000 to 30,000 marchers participate in New York's first Labor Day parade, demanding the eight-hour day - 1882

"Palmer raids" on all IWW halls and offices in 48 cities in U.S. Alexander Palmer, U.S. Attorney General, was rounding up radicals and leftists - 1917

September 06

One of the worst disasters in the history of U.S. anthracite mining occurred at the Avondale Mine when a fire, originating from a furnace at the bottom of a 237 foot shaft, roared up the shaft, killing 110 miners - 1869

September 07

Federal employees win the right to receive Workers' Compensation insurance - 1916

September 08

United Farm Workers union begins historic national grape boycott and strike, Delano, Calif. - 1965

September 09

More than 1,000 Boston police officers strike after 19 union leaders are fired for organizing activities - 1919

September 10

Polish, Lithuanian and Slovak miners were gunned down—19 dead, 36 wounded—by the Lattimer Mine's sheriff deputies in Hazelton, PA. The miners were marching peacefully and without weapons for collective bargaining and civil liberty - 1897

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