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Supplemental Help Will be Continued

BUZZA WORKERS FIRM RANKS WIN THEIR DEMANDS

Settlement Brings Wage Raise for All Workers and Sets New Minimum Scale

Signed Agreement Is Reached After One Week of Fight by Militant Pickets

Driving their way through l opposition with ranks as solid as granite, workers at the Buzza company Tuesday scored a smashing victory when they returned to the plant under the terms of a signed union agreement guaranteeing vast increase in wages and a vast betterment of work-

and a vast betterment of working conditions in the plant.

The settlement of the strike at the Euzna company is one that holds rial significance for the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union. Organizing of the workers was in itself a job that seemed surmounted by obstacles that were extremely difficult to overcome.

The Buzza plant was the scene of one of the most vicious speed-up systems ever used in this part of the country. The infamous Manet system

country. The infamous Manet system had been introduced by the company several years ago. A whole staff of trained efficiency experts were constantly on the job clocking operations, speeding up the workers and at the are in charge report that the union same time continually recommending continues to gain strength steadily lower piece-work rates. It is not unplace of employment the speed-up of the workers under the Manet system headquarters and sign applications had reached 100 per cent efficiency. After the organization drive of (Continued on page 3)

COUNCIL AIDS IN LOCAL 275 DRIVE

Tea and Coffee Drivers Union Launches Campaign for Reorganization

Tea and Coffee Drivers Union coffee drivers employed by local companies. This union which has lain more or less dormant for some time. is being activized under the direction of the Teamsters Joint Council. Due ization the assistance of a full time

organizer.
Wives and families of union men, Wives and families of union men, About a thousand were present particularly those in the driving which included delegations from Min-Farrell Dobbs and Pat Corcoran, crafts, can lend great assistance to Local 275 in their organizational drive. Housewives everywhere should ask their tea and coffee driver for his union card and insist that he was called off when the Saturday of the was called off when the Saturday of the was called off when the Saturday of the crafts and been organized by the Minneapolis District Council. Forty-eight workers were enrolled as members of the Officers of the union announce that next month they will have a union button which will make identification easier.

Scott Gets Nod From Ward Club

At the Tuesday meeting of the Tenth Ward Farmer-Labor Club, the endorsement of the Executive Committee of the club for the post of County Commission-er, was tossed into the discard. The committee had en-dorsed Louie Boerbach. The Tuesday membership meet-ing of the club went on rec-ord for Alderman I. G. Scott by a vote of 98 to 22.

Sewer Project Is Struck by Unions: All Work Halted

Monday noon the entire Minneapolis end of the inter-ceptor sewer was shut down by a strike which was called for the purpose of jurisdic-tional rights on this job. The interceptor, which is a WPA project, has been claimed by

Local 563 and Local 363 shut down this project which puts out of work ap-proximately 500 men as part of the metropolitan sewer project. City and Sanitary Drivers Union report 20 of their men affected by the strike.

LUND EMPLOYES STILL STRIKING HASTINGS PLANT

Employer's Attempt to Beat Union Recoils On Own Head

The plant of the Lund Manufacturing Company continues to be struck by Furniture Workers Union in Hastings. Union organizers who as worker after worker, who were to say that in this particular formerly members of the company or

> The owner of the plant continues to maintain his stubborn, anti-union attitude and defies the union to bring nim into any sort of negotiations.

The entire working class popula tion of Hastings has rallied behind the strikers and are furnishing them with food and support, both moral and financial. Pressure is being brought to bear on union-fighter Lund to compel him to re-open the factory with union help. Strikers assert that they are prepared to clos-

torium instead of the courthouse son, Secretary of the Minnesota State square due to inclement weather.

was called off when the Saturday union at the meeting and encouragreported.

Reports from organizers of the work. parade indicate that a thousand In Superior officers of the Dis-

Taxi Drivers Local Go to Council Meet a full time staff is maintained.

of Local 544 attended a council com- on the Kelly Howe Thompson committee meeting Monday on the ques-tion of changing the location of One hundred and twenty-eight memtook no formal action.

The Tight-Rope Walker



North Central Council Aids Duluth Drivers to Organize

Under the direction of the North Central District Drivers Council, Duluth and Superior General Drivers Unions are making gigantic strides forward and it will only be a short time before both cities are completely unionized insections. pletely unionized insofar as the driving crafts are concerned. The Duluth union, General Drivers Local 346, set an example for the rest of the driving unions in this territory to the other territory.

Federation of Labor.

evening victory of the workers was ing reports were received by com mittees engaged in organizational

would have made the trip had not trict Council found the situation the plans been changed.

Among other speakers at the mass into the union in a way never experiment meeting were Sander Genis of the enced before. Two more full time or-Amalgamated Clothing Workers and ganizers have been added to the staff Farrell Dobbs of Minneapolis General of the Twin Port cities driving unions as the dmand grows for organizations and settelment of gricvanees Superior and Duluth unions have both established their own officers where

Taxi Drivers Local 125 as well as assist in the preliminary negotiations Dobbs and Corcoran were able to mbers from Cab Drivers Section for a settlement of the drivers strike downtown cab stands. The committee bers of Local 346 are out at this Marshall Wells company, a concern similar in character to the Thompson company, is the next firm on the list

Groff Paper Plant Tied Up by Union

HEARS F. DOBBS shoot at.

In the space of a few months they have grown from a membership of 150 to over 800. Thursday night at cently organized by Warehouse and mitteemen from various departments in the company for Tuesday night. This committee will meet at Drivers that the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the company for the cently organized by Warehouse and the cently organized by the c The Sunday mass meeting at Albert Lea called for the purpose of a full time to the assistance of a full time to the assistance of a full time to the assistance of a full time to the fact that all members of Tea and Coffee Drivers executive staff are employed in the industry, Teamsters Council will lend to that organization the assistance of a full time to the fact that all members of the fact that all members of the driving crafts which packed the driving crafts which packe an agreement

Owners of the Groff Paper Company have stubbornly refused to listen to the demands of the workers for reforms in working conditions. Thirty people are employed by the Groff Paper Company.

Wis. Alumni to **Hold Card Party**

The YWCA, Twelfth and The YWCA, Twelfth and Nicollet Avenues, Saturday, April 10, will be the scene of a get-together card party of the Minneapolis Alumni of the University of Wisconsin Summer School for Workers in Industry.

Several kinds of card several will be played so

games will be played, re-freshments will be provided, and the admission is 25 cents. The affair will start promptly at 8 p. m. All alumni of the Wisconsin summer school who reside in Minneapolis are urged to attend and help make the af-

Labor Stirs on Country-wide FEDERAL SECTION Front as Workers Everywhere **Present Fighting Unions to Boss**

As Country's Working Classes Demonstrate Power, Employers Move to Bind Hands of Militant Unions

The Giant, Labor, after a long sleep, began to shake himself awake about three years ago. The Giant, Capital, unable to understand why the methods used in years gone by to throw Labor, book into a choice of consequently and the second state of the second state.

to understand why the methods used in years gone by to throw Labor back into a state of somnambulism, have failed, shudders and looks for a new method.

In Lansing, Mich., where Governor Murphy has been meeting with Lewis and Chrysler for almost two weeks, 1,000 workers from Detroit, impatient at the long delay, demonstrated on the steps of the capitol. So loud were their cries, and so lusty their demands that they broke up the meeting within. Tonight, April 5, radio reports announce that Mr. Chrysler is going over a proposed settlement with his board of directors, and Mr. Lewis is likewise conferring with the UAWA board of strategy. Possibility that the strike may be settled very shortly is indicated.

GAS LIGHT CO. IS ORGANIZED

Two Months' Campaign Brings Almost Every Worker into Union

Employes in the Minneapolis Gas Employes in the Minneapolis Gas Light Company have about concluded release the prisoners. The men were whose families number three or more released without bail. At 11 o'clock will be granted an additional \$9 each their drive to unionize all workers that evening an announcement came month or the equivalent in groceries, there. A whirlwind campaign of two over the radio that the Teamsters Only those who have attempted to months has resulted in bringing al-most every worker employed by the Gas Light company into the union.

At a meeting held Monday, April 5, which almost filled the large hall at the downtown Eagles, many workers from the gas producing plant of the company became members of the union. It was reported at this meet-

The meeting was addressed by Miles Dunne, editor of the Northwest Organizer, who talked on the that should be taken by the organization in drafting and presenting to the company a union contract.

A meeting was called for all com

Alderman Miller of the Tenth Ward. portance among workers there.

raiding of union headquarters, etc.

WINS A VICTORY FOR UNEMPLOYED

Welfare Board Grants Demand of Federal That Aid for WPA'ers Continue

Supplemental Help in Form of Groceries Not to Be Taken from Workers

Federal Workers Section of Local 544 Tuesday morning achieved one of the most significant victories in the history of the organization. After a campaign covering six weeks time the Board of Public Welth the UAWA board of strategy. be settled very shortly is indifare was finally forced to grant the demand of the Federal Workers Section that supplemental aid, which had been granted as a temporary content truck drivers here in 1934. Tear gas, clubs, guns, arrest of the leaders, raiding of union headquarters, etc.

raiding of union headquarters, etc.

Sympathizers from the small surrounding towns and also from Minneapolis gathered in the town on the The organization has accured a real, afternoon of the raid (Friday) recaptured the plant, the union headquarters, and then started for the jail to In short, it means all WPA workers

Employer Controlled Paper Speaks of Attack on Hall Two Days Before the Event

the meeting was addressed by Sheet Tells in Detail of Plan to Smash the Union Picket Line and Jail All Striking Workers

As an aftermath of the struggle that took place in Albert that should be taken by the organization in drafting and presenting to

victorious in their clash with the union pickets.

For quite some time employers in Albert Lea have busied themselves attempting to form an organization of their em-ployes which traveled under the name of Albert Lea employes' labor association.

Having all the earmarks of the

company union and functioning in every case to the benefit of the employers and in opposition to the real union of the workers it nevertheless union of the workers it nevertheless tide of organization in the two plants of the company. Finally, the work-

of the company. Finally, the workers of the bona fide union took actions in their own hands and struck plant. Militant and determined picketing established the fact, for the employers, that the factories could not be opened with the usual methods

Some time in the early part of last week, in complete agreement with Sheriff Myre of Freeborn county, employers decided on the strategy of assembling an army of deputized the usual riff-raff found in a town of that size. Plans were laid to not only attack and disperse the picket line but to gas and capture the union hall in order to completely demoralize the union.

Their scheduled attack was made as planned. The picket line was atcked, hundreds of pickets were arrested and the union hall was broken into and smashed. This occurred on Saturday morning. So far, the strat egy planned by the employers and sheriff carried 100 per cent.

However, they did not reckon with the temper of the working class in Albert Lea and surrounding towns. What occurred there in the afternoon and evening is history. The workers recaptured the town, recovered their (Continued on page 2)

And So Into the River



amped into the river at Albert Lea Sunday by enraged striking

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

544 SIGNS PAPER **CONCERNS NEVER** BEFORE COVERED

New High Reached for Drivers —17 Per Cent Average Wage Increase

Agreement Adopted Unanimously at Workers' Meeting Tuesday

After two months of negotiations with 22 wholesale paper companies, Local 544 has served an agreement covering some 200 workers in the industry and raising the drivers' wage to a new high of 70 cents per hour. The contract affects all drivers, helpers, platform men, shipping and receiving clerks in an industry never signed to an agreement before.

An overtime scale of time and one-

half for all work in excess of the daily and weekly maximum hours has been established with double time for Sundays and holidays. A regular work week of forty-five hours is guaranteed. A minimum vacation of one week with full pay is established for all workers who have been in employ for a year or more.

An average wage increase between the lowest raise of 71/2 per cent and the highest raise of 30 per cent amounts to about 17 per cent. Since the agreement is retroactive to February 5, there are considerable sums in back wages to be paid to the work

Endorsed unanimously by a meet ing of the workers on Tuesday night, the agreement was negotiated and signed by Jack Smith and Carl Skog-

AGREEMENT

The undersigned employers in the Wholesale Paper Supply Industry, and the General Drivers and Helpers Union, Local 544, agree to be bound by the following terms and provisions covering wages, hours of labor and

ARTICLE L The General Drivers and Helpers Union, Local 544, shall be the representative of its members in collective bargaining with the employer. There

ARTICLE II.

The employer agrees not to ente into any agreement or contract with his employes, individually or collec which in any way conflicts with the terms and provisions of this

ARTICLE III.

The regular work day shall be eight (8) hours and the regular work week shall be forty-five (45) hours. Overtime shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half for all time in excess of the above daily and weekly maximum work hours, except that double time shall be paid for all work ione on Sundays and legal holidays All regular payroll employes (not casual or intermittent employes) cov-ered by this agreement shall be guaranteed forty-five (45) hours per week including pay for holidays not worked if this is necessary to fill out the full quota of the guarantee. All casual or intermittent emoyes shall be guaranteed four (4) hours work per day. There shall be no split shifts.

ARTICLE IV.

All employes on the payroll as of February 5, 1937, shall receive a 7 ½ per cent increase in wages effective as of that date, and not less than the following minimum rates of pay shall be maintained during the life of this agreement:

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service of the company for a period of one year or longer shall receive two representatives of the Union, of one year or longer shall receive a minimum of one week vacation with full pay at the rates set forth

ARTICLE VI.

Seniority rights shall prevail. In the application of seniority, however, ability to do the work shall determine. The senior man shall have first preference on the job. The oldest man on the job from point of service shall be given the regular jobs and shall be provided full time work, if work is available. In reducing the personnel because of lack of work or other legitimate cause, the last man hired shall be the first man laid off, and in returning men to work, the last man laid off shall be the first man rehired. New employes shall be placed on the seniority list after thirty (30) days of continuous employment by any one firm. A man

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On the Route With the Milk Man



bowling team, with Johnson and Sinnott leading off, attempted to make up six games Sunday previous schedule. The pay-off is that they lost all six games.

Local 471 reports that they have et with great success in organizing the Old Home and Maple Cream cheese companies. Almost 100 per cent organization has been achieved after the enraged workers had turned trucks. in each place and at this writing a the tables upon the finks. signed agreement with both companies is expected hourly.

It is the sad duty of a local union to report the death of Fred Nelson, long time employe of the Clover Leaf Creamery company and member of Milk Wagon Drivers Union for 13 years. Brother Nelson was born in Denmark in 1885, coming to this country when he was 10 years old. Brother Nelson was married and is suvived by a wife and two brothers. He was buried in Northfield. His pallbearers were fellow workers from the Clover Leaf Creamery. Union officials also attended the funeral.

Bill Sinnott, who returned from shall be no discrimination against his vacation Monday morning, reany employe because of union af-ports that he worked harder last week

than he had for a year.

The union agreement at Land O' Lakes Creamery is apparently working out to the benefit of members there. Ray Sawyer reports that no complaints have been reported from that plant. Business agents of Milk Drivers

nion report that the campaign that is being waged against counter ice ream freezers is meeting with success and that a real sentiment exists for the organization of the operators.

Bill Sinnott reports that he has a large number of union label directories on hand.

Janosco to Aid Union Organize in Faribault

John Jonasco, business representative of Local 1859, has been requested by George Lawson, secretary of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, to go to Faribault Thursday for the purpose of assisting the workers in a Faribault furniture company form a union.

of this agreement, said controversy shall be settled by negotiations be-Helpers and Truckers, 55c per tween the Union and the employers, will reward them with an appreciable except that in the event the Union and the employers are unable to come ARTICLE V.

Employes who have been in the troversy, same shall be submitted to two representatives of the employers Shindig, namely, the Yellow Drivers and a fifth neutral member to be Second Annual Ball and Benefit selected by a majority vote of the four representatives thus selected.

This agreement shall be retroactive to February 5, 1937, and shall be in full force and effect to and includ-ing January 31, 1938. THE EMPLOYERS

GENERAL DRIVERS UNION LOCAL 544



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BR. 3421

Bill Brown Says-

Monday night at the State Capitol, the workers of the State witnessed another example of the inability of the Stalinists group led by Nat Ross and Harry Mayville to grasp the real meaning of building an organization. While this group who pretend to be leaders of workers were drinking milk and eating cake at the "so-called" sit-down festival, to enforce bills that the Governor of the State has proposed, Federal Workers Section of Local 544 concentrated their efforts for supplementary relief at the Welfare Board, where increases were obtained to the extent of \$9 per month.



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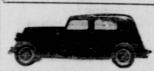
into the buildings of the gas machincompany and drove out into the cornfields of the surrounding countryside the strikebreakers and finks deputized by the sheriff.

Now for the amusing part of the

We quote from an article in the cent perfect: "The plants of the Am- painted on the truck door. erican Gas Machine Company are opened and workers who have fought for their rights now occupy their jobs. Whn the American Gas Company workers, accompanied by the agents of the law, arrived to take back their jobs, the boastful 'army' of IUAW thugs ran like rats. The confused retreat of the IUAW forces is indicative of the general confusion

n their organization. . . " etc., etc., No conclusions need to be drawn from this quotation. Only it is perhaps well to say that employers' foresight in dealing with future actions of workers is, to say the least, unre-

Yellow Notes



ers Organizer of Chicago has been received which gives a full and complete history of the Taxi Drivers affiliated with either the A. F. of L.

commissaries supported by merchants Big business gets what it chooses. and private donors. It was only the last three days of the strike that they were compelled to draw upon the were compelled to draw upon the funds of the union to purchase nec- Nicholas Murray Butler says, "The essary supplies.

must prove his ability to handle his work in an efficient manner in order to hold his job.

Although the questions of wages of the radical proposals to undermore and working conditions are still to be mine our social and political order."

In other words it is necessary that we jectives and their recognition of the exploit the children of this country. ARTICLE VII.

In the event of any controversy arising over the interpretation of or adherone to the interpretation of or who participated in the strike.

union as sole bargaining agent and so that the social and political system be kept intact. We have often wondered what kept the crazy thing

It is sincerely hoped that their staggering along. perienced in the three years we have been organized.

Just one more week until the Big Dance. If you haven't as yet purchased your ticket, do so at once All Yellow Drivers still have them.

It seems to be a rather difficult job to keep the exterior of the cabs clean due to the frequency of April such as we experienced last Saturday.

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Truck Chatter

A letter from Christgau states whole affair. On Friday, ONE DAY that WPA trucks will be cut from PRIOR TO THE ATTACK ON THE the payroll if discovered doing part UNIONISTS, the employers had time work. These trucks should be printed a bulletin describing the vic-satisfied with one job. Don't chisel tory of the deputies and the complete rout of the trade unionists. Copies on the unemployed people that have no other income but the odd jobs they of this little publication were hur-riedly suppressed by the employers plies to both relief and contract

There is a city ordinance in exist-

Independent Truck Owners Section.
Thinking this was a pretty good promotion we were about to congratu
The Retail Clerks Irom Donaid233. An \$18 ball has been donated by Bates Grip for the Union Tournament besides many other prizes. The Retail Clerks Union, Local ball will be drawn for in order to The Retail Clerks Union, Local ball will be of the General on his good fortune at the first meeting, but then he said, "Of course, I accepted this job very reluctantly." And so, Mr. Chairman, we threw our felicitations back into company has been unionized from top to bottom and that department to ball will be of the days of the company has been making real head-way during its first weeks of life here. The Maurice L. Rothschild company has been unionized from top to bottom and that department cold storage. Deep Study: Now why store is now operating under a sat should he be reluctant?

Don't forget if you want to see the General in action you must come to the meetings on the first Thursday of each month. Next meeting Lamont Strikers of the ITO Section will be on May 6.

Another "Quick" Fighter

Yes, you heard right. C. H. Quick now a grandpappy. John M. is the youngster's name, and we want to know if the "M" stands for "Mili-

More Lay-offs Coming

There is a definite shortage of oney for useful and constructive WPA and PWA work throughout the nation, but you will notice that there is no lack of Federal funds to carry plete history of the laxi Divers out one of the largest long strike in Chicago from March 6 to armament programs in the history of March 29. This tabloid represents an this country. What would happen if March 29. This tabloid represents independent organization of approximately 5,700 Yellow and Checker the public could choose either the first case, where labor gets the bulk first case, where labor gets the bulk strength of the public could choose either the first case, where labor gets the bulk strength or the public could choose either the first case, where labor gets the bulk strength or the public could choose either the first case, where labor gets the bulk strength or the public could choose either the first case, where labor gets the bulk strength or the public could choose either the first case, where labor gets the bulk strength or the public could choose either the first case, where labor gets the bulk strength or the public could choose either the first case, where labor gets the bulk strength or the public could choose either the first case, where labor gets the bulk strength or the public could choose either the first case, where labor gets the bulk strength or the public could choose either the first case, where labor gets the bulk strength or the public could choose either the first case, where labor gets the bulk strength or the public could choose either the first case, where labor gets the bulk strength or the public could choose either the first case, where the public could choose either the public choose either the publ of the appropriation less administrative expenses, or the latter case where buring their 23 days' strike they labor gets the small change that slips through the sticky fingers of the et up and maintained kitchens and your choice, but take what you get.

Grease for the Wheels

child labor amendment is one more Although the questions of wages of the radical proposals to under wondered what kept the crazy thing

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STREET RAILWAY UNION VOTES ON STREET CAR ACT

Monday, April 5, Street Railway Employes union in Minneapolis took a referendum vote as to whether or not they would support a bill now pending before both branches of the Minnesota State legislature calling upon Twin City Rapid Transit com pany to maintain a two-man crew or each streetcar.

The union voted to support the bill by a majority of over 75 per cent. The vote to support House File No. 86 came despite the fact that officers and executive board of the union issued a bulletin to the membership advocating that the bill be not supported.

This action on the part of th officialdom is indicative of the fact that they have been subject to undue influence by that force which is most concerned with the defeat of the bill,

RETAIL CLERKS HOLD MEETING

employers' bulletin, written by some-one whose foresight was not 100 per ence that requires all commercial ve-hicles to have their owner's name 544 hall Friday evening to discuss the organizational drive being ried on throughout the city and to Head Man sign up new members into the union. The Executive Board has chosen The meeting was a big one, attended rolled 243. Iserman, 217; L. Hanson, Carl Skoglund to be chairman of the by enthusiastic clerks from Donald- 233. An \$18 ball has been donated

isfactory union agreement. Agreements for the other stores are ex-

Will Hold Dance

Workers at the Wells Lamont company who are on strike against this vicious antiunion concern will hold dance and social affair in the Drivers Hall at 257 Plymouth Avenue, Saturday night, April

This social affair is for the purpose of raising funds with which to carry on the brave struggle these workers are waging against the company. All trade unionists and well-wishers of the strikers are urged to attend and contribute to it as generously as possible



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Cemetery Men To Hold Meeting Cemetery Workers Union Local 20231 will hold a mass

Local 20231 will hold a mass meeting for all cemetery workers Monday, April 12, 8 p. m., at 257 Plymouth Avenue North. The purpose of the meeting is to attempt to reorganize the union, unionize all cemetery workers and secure a written agreement with cemetery owners covering wages and working conditions.

Handbills will be distrib-uted Saturday.

BOWLERS SMASH TO NEW RECORD

BOWLING

1,042 and 3,019 to win all three games from J. C. Nat Teas kept the Twin City Rapid Transit compace with the leaders as they won pany. The membership of the union from Con No. 2. The Meats took should be commended on their stand. three from Con No. 1 while 544 were

	blanked by FWS.			
	Team Standings			
	Ind.	34	17-66	
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١	FWS	40	23-63	
ì	Meats.	39	24-61	
	544	37	26-58	
	Con. No. 2	28	35-44	
	Con. No. 1	14	39-22	
	J. C.	12	45 91	

Notes

McKean blew a spare in the last The Retail Clerks Union, Local ball will be drawn for in order to

WPA CUTS HOURS WAGES TO DROP

The recent cut in hours for Independent Truck Owners working on WPA has resulted in a wage cut of Drivers are negotiating with the two 110 hours per month, they are now working 88 and 89 hours with no increase in wages.

nti- in this paper weeks ago—that work a ers on WPA are in for real wage cuts. And, of course, this is not the end; there will be more cuts to follow.

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LOCAL 1859 GETS THANKS FROM A WESTERN UNION

Canadian Local of Furniture Workers Tells of Fight for Decent Wages

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America Owen Sound, Ontario April 3, 1937

2622 Washington St. N. E. Minneapolis

Dear Sir and Brother: This will acknowledge your letter of March 26. Our local wishes me to

thank Local 1859 for cheque and we ant you to know how we appreciate We are forging ahead and some of

the manufacturers are with us and willing to come to your terms. we realize we are up against it because at the present time there are only a few places organized. So now we are trying to get a government code to cover the whole province. That is the only thing we can do under the circumstances. We have an organizer but he has to cover the bush men, saw mills, lumbermen, carpenters and joiners, furniture workers, in fact, everything there is in

I will write you later and let you know what the results are here. In the meantime, if any other locals in your council care to write I would be very pleased to hear from them.

Fraternally yours, BERT HAWKSFORD Recording Secretary Local 1324

Milk Drivers Get Closed Shop Pact

A closed shop agreement has been signed between the Milk Drivers and Dairy Employes Union, Local 471, and the Pederson Dairy in Hopkins ligning of the contract is the result of several weeks of negotiations with this plant, which is one of the few remaining dairies that is still organized. At present, the At present, the Milk Where ITO men were working or three companies that have yet to

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FEDERAL SECTION WINS A VICTORY FOR UNEMPLOYED

was necessary to feed, house and clothe a family, can know what a us victory has been gained by the Federal Section.

The action was taken at the Tues day meeting of the board when a committee report recommending the granting of supplemental aid was signed by the following six members: Mayor Latimer, Mrs. Storely, William McGaughren, Alderman Nelson, Herbolsheimer and Alderman

The one dissenting vote against the adoption of the report was our old comrade, "friend of the masses," I. S. Joseph. In a fiery oration on the question of the adoption of the report Joseph said that he would "take the issue to the courts" and promised that there would be a real fight made on the question.

Appearing before the board was a committee of the Federal Workers Section consisting of Geldman, Palm-quist and Orgon. The Federal Workers Section is to be congratulated for the splendid and worthwhile victory have been able to bring about. A struggle for the adoption of this have additional aid will be made through-

With the Laundry **Workers Union**

out the rural sections.

Members of Local 183 and their friends are getting ready for the big doings, namely, the Third Annual Installation Dance and Musical Program which will be held Friday, April 9, at the South Side auditorium. The various committees are very active and they guarantee every one a good time. A musical program of songs,

The decision of the Arbitration Board in the case of Martin Johnson vs. the Flour City Laundry was a 100 per cent victory for the union starters and cleaning women strikes at one of the most criminally experted or contracted by an employer and employee for the purpose of avoiding the terms of our agreement was pertaining to seniority rights, wages and hours, no individual bargains to always been able to get away with it. Both young and old stand together with the rest of the trade union movement in Minneapolis and with their day hoppen. We call upon all our to manhars to inform us as soon as manhars to inform us and reap for the manhars to industry the present system to take part in the specific group under the present system to take part in the specific group under the present system to take part in the negative to take part i because that is the only way we can safeguard the interests of our mem-

We are sorry to learn that Brother Tony Denardo of Gross and Kronick's is on the sick list again.

Good News' Workers employed in the rug and furniture cleaning industry: a closed shop agreement is ready and will be signed by the time this paper goes to press with the American Rug Laundry Company, one of the largest in the state, estab-lishing workers rights, seniority, shop steward system, and a substantial increase in pay for every one em-

way he's going at it and the success he encounters in his undertakings. In a short time there will not be a laundry driver in our city who will

Duluth Drivers Sign Up Members

As we go to press comes the news that Duluth General Drivers Union has taken another real stride forward head-of-the-lake drivers. Organizer Smith reports that Monday all drivers, helpers and platform workers in Duluth fruit houses joined Gen-eral Drivers Union. Tuesday the entire crew of Marshall Wells company also came in. A union contract has been presented to Marshall Wells company. Action is expected

JANITORS UNION ORGANIZED FOR **ACTION ON JOB**

Starvation Wages Are Paid to Janitors and Operators in Downtown Buildings

Over 700 janitors, elevator-operators, starters and cleaning women have been signed into Local 26 of the Building Service Employes Union in a move to organize of the most thoroughly exploited people in the world.

In an effort to raise the shamefully low wage standard of this group of workers, consisting mostly of very old men and women, Local 26 has made some real organizational advancement. Men and women who come under this classification of work are signing up in veritable flocks.

have no provision for wages or down strikers that the word "injunction" has come to seem almost synthesis as the words "sit down

Tell them that you saw their ad in the NORTHWEST ORGANIZER.

not be wearing a union button. More power to you, Claire. You can always count on our co-operation.

every minute of the day for the last two weeks in placing members on jobs, taking care of the many complaints that were registered, and signing up many new applicants, and reinstating many of the old members of the many complaints that were registered, and over New England. In the central truck used to carry scabs into the reinstating many of the old members industry again.

The entertainment committee was successful in engaging a master musical artist, Brother Tony Denardo, we wish to take our hat off for Brother Claire Johnson, able and energetic business representative of Laundry Drivers, Local 131, for the

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Very shortly thereafter he strike was settled.

In Kansas City, the workers at the Ford plant were dissatisfied with the method of lay-offs. Over 300 men had Many of these men were talking union pretty strongly. Most of them had many years of service, some as gh as 24 years. A charter from the UAWU arrivd about two weeks ago. With no elected officers, but with about 1,400 workers in the union out of a possible 2,500 workers, they staged a sit-down strike last Friday. Sunday's paper carried the story of the settlements. All men are to be returned to their jobs without disrimination, no further discrimination is to be practised because of nion affiliation. The union was not recognized. However, this was not made an issue, probably because of the youth of the union, and its lack of co-ordination as yet.

At Wilmington, Del., the renewed sympathetic strike in support of the truck drivers last Saturday. Last week 3,600 workers were out.

At Hershey, Pa., the workers in the Hershey Chocolate Co. plant evacuated the plant after more than a week, under an agreement with the company to negotiate the differences. A strong picket line was set up imme-diately. Not so long ago Hershey Chocolate was much press-agented as an ideal place for workers.

In Minneapolis the end of the Buz-Meanwhile, the bosses are trying frantically to find a method of tying These workers, whose wages run from as low as \$30 to \$70 per month, the hand of labor. They have used the injunction so much against sit-

ese plants, and in the hosiery mills. In the southwest the oil and refinery workers are organizing. The UAWU been laid off during the past year. steel unions are growing daily. All see the last non-union driver in the over the country new unions are beng brought into existence. Old charters, long dust laden, are being taken ters came after the workers had already struck.

The Giant that is Labor is awake. Like Sampson, he will soon be shakmy's castl. Let there be no Delilah!

ALBERT LEA GAS threat of a general strike stirred the town when 500 workers went on a STRIKE STRUGGLE

Two-Week Sit-Down Strike Ends in Clash Between Union and Deputies

Climaxing a day of bitter the jail shortly before the crowd of warfare, a truce was reached late last Friday night between the American Gas Machine In Minneapolis the end of the Buz-za strike was announced on April 5. The clash between union pickets and 200 deputies marked the crisis in the two-week sit-down strike in the gas machine company there.

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Like organization in the Air-Loc plant, for which an agreement was signed two weeks ago, this drive among janitors, elevator-operators, along the recommendation of the Strikes that the word "injunction" has come to seem almost synonymous with the words "sit-down strike a felony. In New York, the Washburn Bill, now being ring conclusion. When Clark the strike by the Central Board of the IUAW to assist the local leaders as to make dealing with a group of jail by the sheriff and his aids, the other strikers on the Front Austine early in the clark street picket line, events in the strike by the Central Board of the IUAW to assist the local leaders as to make dealing with a group of strikers. In many state legislatures with the words "ist-down the words "sit-down the words "sit-down the Words "sit-down the Words "sit-down the Clark street picket line, events in the strike by the Central Board of the IUAW to assist the local leaders as to make dealing with a group of site of the strike by the Clark the strike by the Central Board of the IUAW to assist the local leaders to assign the strike." In many state legislatures with the words "injunction." After an address by Joe Voorhees, who was sent from Austin early in the Clark street picket line, events in the strike by the Central Board of the IUAW to assist the local leaders a

In the south, the CIO announces In the remainders and other union and labor organizations, a crowd of about 2,000 began conferences with company and union The office force was kept busy the beginning of a concerted drive in their counter-attack on sherin and every minute of the day for the last the Textile Industry. In the north, deputies by smashing up the office of two weeks in placing members on it is likely that the first move against American Gas Machine Company, will come at running a police car into Fountain the beginning of a concerted drive in their counter-attack on sheriff and officials as well as with the governor.

Spick and Span Notes Local 131

overreached the 300,000 mark. The first of March. Two more weeks will by members of the local. fold. That goes for solicitors as well.

Your business agent wishes to exout and brushed up. Workers in press the appreciation of this local every category are coming into unions for the splendid co-operation of Mr. in droves. Some strikers have been Latz of 183 in obtaining a closed reported which had no organization shop agreement with the American pehind them at their inception. Or- Rug Laundry, also for the assurance ganizations and application for char- of team work at any other time that Rug Laundry, also for the assurance may be necessary.

> Our president, W. N. Burnham, is riding around in a new car.

Laundry Drivers Get American Linen Men

Local 131, Laundry Drivers Union, cored heavily this week when they compelled the unionization of all drivers of the American Linen Com-

This laundry was the last to out against the organizational drive of Laundry Drivers Union. Organzer Johnson reported that the drivers from this company joined Monday.

to demand justice for their fellow

protesting workers. The mass den the governor to release the victims of ruling class conspiracy, succeeded in opening the doors of the jail. Governor Benson declared the actions of the sheriff and deputies to be a "high."

Your writer had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Bartholoma who is having the Women's Auxiliary meeting at her home Wednesday afternoon. Don't forget, ladiies, 4314 Penn Ave.

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The settlement affects approximately 250 workers. ernor Benson declared the actions of the sheriff and deputies to be a "highthe sheriff and deputies to be a man handed" and "brutal assault" and an "Your writer had a meeting to attend to Sunday morning but failed discovered that the only thing wrong the theory of the power sheeping."

After an address by Joe Voorhees, the IUAW to assist the local leaders ly mixed up or what? carrying Voorhees on their shoulders.

Marching back to the shambles of

in the eyes of the law. In Washington the issue is receiving much attention from the lawmakers. A movement is under foot to regimentate thirser from relating the lawmakers of Albert Lea. The number of men arrested and Guy W. Alexander of the Electrical Workers, Local 292, and Sander thirser from relating class of Albert Lea. Two Minneapolis labor leaders, Guy W. Alexander of the Electrical Workers, Local 292, and Sander Genis of the Amalgamated Garment ment is under foot to regimentate Labor and bring all unions under the supervision of the Federal Gov-

Truck Owners Raised In Columbia Heights BUZZA WORKERS

As a result of the fight waged by Your business agent just collected \$45 for George Friedlund from Waldron's.

Independent Truck Owners in Local 544, the wage scale for these workers has been raised from \$1 per hour to \$1.50 per hour in the village of Columbia Heights. This means an The American Linea Drivers signed this classification of drivers. This Local 20316 which brought all of the workers are organizing. The UAWU up 100 per cent this week. That announces that its membership has makes 60 new members since the about through union pressure applied a contract was drawn by the work about through union pressure applied a contract was drawn by the work-

Watt Notes

By J. J. Kitowski Brother Phillips was on the sick ist last week, but is up and at them

The B. A. attended a meeting at the St. Cloud division last week and they voted to join 292 unanimously.

Brother Sionestrom of the over-ead department is back on the job, A little mix-up on seniority.

The boys in the meter department have pinned a union button on the was reached between union represen-new men who have started to work tatives, the strike committee and of-

Remember-Meeting for the Util- 10 ity Section of 292 Friday, April 9, workers at the Buzza company. at 257 Plymouth Ave. N., 3rd floor.

The dance given by the Blooming-ton club had all the earmarks of The union demanded a

The dance held on Lake street at er of the Supreme Court. This theory who was sent from Austin early in the Arcadium was successfully held was promptly endorsed by the Com the strike by the Central Board of at Brother Gilbertson's home. Slight-munist party—and consequently ha

FIRM RANKS WIN THEIR DEMANDS

ers involved and presented to the company. This brought from the company an outright refusal to deal with the union or make any sort of wage or hour concessions.

After futile attempts to negotiate the workers struck Tuesday, March 30. The plant was closed and em-ployers declared that they had voluntarily ceased operations. A continual picket line was maintained around the factory, strike headquarters was opened at Dupont and Lake where daily strike meetings were held.

Saturday it was indicated that employers were willing to talk business with the union and a series of meetings lasting from Saturday until Monday night when an agreement tatives, the strike committee and of-

ficials of the company. The agreement brings about a flat raises the minimum hourly rate of St. Croix employes have all joined boosts the men's scale from 45 to women from 30 to 40 cents and 55c. The agreement calls for union

The union demanded and secured the picket line out at Riverside plant.

Your writer had the pleasure of the union declared that the first two

with American capitalism is the pow

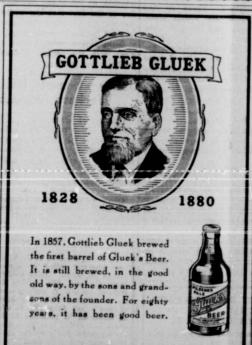
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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick I'm a decent Sheeney, Wop or Mick, But when I strike I'm a Bolshevik I'm Labor.



Action Versus Words

No better demonstration of the real difference between working class organizations and chasing after reformist legis-lative will-o'-the-wisps could be found than in what took place Tuesday in Minneapolis. Over in St. Paul a group of people, labeling themselves the People's Lobby, descended upon the State capitol at the legislative chambers whose avowed purpose it was to compel the legislature to pass certain reform

pieces of legislation proposed in the Farmer-Labor platform.

The People's Lobby, organized with a great fanfare of trumpets and rolling of drums, proposed that by force of their numbers they would so impress both sections of the Minnesota state legislature that the whole program of reform legislation would be pressed. There is little contribute that the Parker. would be passed. There is little question but that the People's Lobby, if not organized by the state executive office, had at least the complete endorsement of that branch of the state

One does not have to seek far to find the reason for apparent collaboration between the capitol march and the executive office. So ill-advised has been the legislative program

apparent collaboration between the capitol march and the executive office. So ill-advised has been the legislative program adopted by the convention and vastly amplified later that despite a preponderant majority in the lower house of the state legislature the legalizing seems doomed.

While the People's Lobby were beseeching senators and representatives, attempting to influence them, the Federal Workers Section, a real bona fide organization of the working class, was engaged in a different and more worth while enterprise. This organization, recognizing the futility of attempting to bring about real lasting economic reform for the workers through the medium of legislation, had long before started a campaign aimed towards putting more food in the mouths of WPA workers, more clothes on their backs, and a chance to enjoy some of the better things of life.

While the People's Lobby sipped coffee and munched cake in the luxurious senate chamber, Federal Workers Section was making a demand on the Welfare Board that supplemental aid in the form of more food be given WPA workers who labor at \$60.50 a month, and the Welfare Board, knowing that this demand was backed not by an organization composed of a hodge-podge of bankers, business men, politicians, baritones and tenors, but by a militant men and women whose working class composed of militant men and women whose only basis of organization solidarity was need, granted the deworking class composed of militant men and women whose only basis of organization solidarity was need, granted the demand and took action that will mean nine dollars more worth of commodities each month for the workers. United fronts of this, that and something else may bring forth oratory and verbal fireworks but real organizations of the working class secure the worthwhile, lasting reforms.

Chain Store Tax

One of the legislative measures proposed in the present session of the Minnesota state legislature, which apparently has the endorsement of the administration, and one that meets the solid opposition of General Drivers Union is that bill proposing that an excessive special tax be placed upon chain

stores.

This bill, while it apparently meets the approval of those who have given it no analysis and is a sop to those who are exponents of individualism, is in reality not a piece of progressive legislation but actually one that is reactionary. To attempt by excessive taxation to stop the march of progress and turn the wheels of history backward is as futile and as foolish as the actions of King Canute when he bade the tide stand still.

General Drivers Union opposes the attempt to tax out of General Drivers Union opposes the attempt to tax out of business the chain stores for a good and valid reason, and that reason, upon examination, cannot fail to win the approval of any thinking trade unionist. Today in Minneapolis every driver, every warehouse man and every inside worker employed by chain store distributors is organized into General Drivers Union and is working under signed union agreements providing splen-

chain store distributors is organized into General Drivers Union and is working under signed union agreements providing splendid wages and decent working conditions.

Contrast this with a picture of that industry a few years ago when the rugged individualist, the corner grocer, served the food needs of the city. Union organization was then close to an impossibility. In attempting to unionize the grocery industry it was found that literally hundreds of little bosses employing workers under all sorts of conditions had to be contacted. To settle wages and conditions in one place of employment meant that this effort had to be duplicated hundreds of times.

Today one chain store employer can be dealt with for hundreds of employes and unions find it no more difficult now to deal with chain store owners for hundreds of workers than they formerly did for one. In short, the chain stores employ workers who are organizable. The old time individual to the chain stores of the owner did not. Today the industry is unionized. Yesterday it

Who can say that progress has not been made? Who will say that progress has not been made in the right direction? We are opposed to any legislative act that attempts to destroy an industry where union people are employed at union wages.

Forced Arbitration

Those in the ranks of organized labor who months ago predicted that the bosses would attempt to stem the rising tide of mass action of the workers by forced arbitration are now seeing their prophecies come true. Editorials appear now almost daily in the capitalist press together with radio talks designed to mold public opinion in favor of government regulation in the contraversics between employers and employers lation in the controversies between employer and employe

A gigantic amount of pressure is being brought to bear on public officials, from the president down, by Big Business in an attempt to "water down" the militant action of the workers against oppression.

The sit-down strikes of France were followed by The sit-down strikes of France were followed by government interference, so that now a strike is illegal in France. Nevertheless, strikes still take place in that country and it appears more than probable that any sort of legislation that may be placed upon the statute books in this country by the class representatives of Big Business will fail to stop strikes; rather, it will sharpen the whole class struggle.

To be sure, adverse labor legislation, whether it be local or national, is bad. However, it is not devoid of its compensations. It is certain to impress upon the minds of the workers

the fact that all courts are class instruments and though they father NRA legislation or forced arbitration laws, they are the tools of the boss class.

There can be but one road ahead for organized labor: a correct program and an absolute dependence upon its own numerical strength.

A Bed Time Story

That recent decision rendered by the Laundry Workers arbitration board was a honey. It involved a worker who was discharged for alleged inefficiency. This ruling rivals closely the famous King Solomon ruling of Biblical times in its uniqueness and quaintness.

The case in point deals with an old faithful employe, long experienced in the magical arts of the washing game and one who had virtually spent his whole life with dirty linen and soap and water. A hard way to serve the Lord; yet he served and

well.

The employer concerned attempted to convince the board that the worker had become inefficient and was no longer worthy of hire. But be it said to the everlasting glory of all arbitration boards that this one was not convinced and ruled that the worker had lost neither the keenness of his eye nor the cunning of his hand. In short, he was as efficient as ever.

And was he put back to work? Ah! Does life run so smoothly? No, indeed. Like the maiden betrayed, who in lieu of wedding bells was given a bit of gold, the worker was sent into the cold, cruel world.

sent into the cold, cruel world.

Keeping Step With 544 By Mickey Dunne

MEETING NOTICE ednesday, April 14, there be the rgular meeting of the People's Front, formerly the Central Labor Union. The meeting place is 18 North Eighth Street.

Albert Lea employers have found that smashing a picket line and keeping it smashed are two different things.

John Bosco, pressmen's tycoon. was a visitor at the Teamsters Joint Council headquarters Monday. It was on a matter of jurisdiction.

The Steno's Union has started a class in Business English. Not a bad idea judging from the construction of some letters we have

Northern States Power section of Local 292 is holding a mass meeting in Drivers Headquarters Friday

Dobbs and Corcoran were in Duluth last week. They report that there are now over 800 members in the Drivers Union

Wednesday, April 14, there will be wasted evening spent at 18 N. 8th St. I guess, I guess, I guess.

The Milk Drivers' office is now open on Saturdays.

The People's Lobby looked like a C. P. convention.

Now watch the bill pass. . . . into the ash can.

Cab drivers are squabbling over

America Linen Drivers are all in Local 131 now.

The ending of the Buzza strike ame on Tuesday morning as the girls marched into the factory sing-

ing "Solidarity." The driving crafts are opposed to the Chain Store Tax. We have the workers in chain stores and chain warehouses organized under union contract and drawing good union wages. Workers in so-called independent stores are still unorganized for the reason that it is almost impossible to organize them.

There is now a real union box nch company in Minneapolis. Patronize them.

ers passed away last week.

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Wells-Lamont workers will hold a

dance in Drivers Hall Saturday night. Attend and help support their fight.

RECORD TO SHOOT AT The CIO has shown a poor face in Minneapolis. The only place they have exhibited any activity is among workers who are already organized and working under union agreement while there are still thousands totally unorganized.

City and Sanitary Drivers are now perating under their new wage hedule.

Dobbs and Corcoran were in Manhato Monday night.

Tea and Coffee Drivers Union are staging a real organizational cam-paign among coffee truckers. Ask for their union card.

> WHY, MR. LUND The owner of the Lund Mfg.

Co. at Hastings says that he will not take back any of the boys that got rough there the other

Sears workers will hold a mass Sears workers eeting on April 20.

The fine hand of Charles Horn was in the Buzza thing.

Organizing of the union is just bout completed at the Minneapolis Gas Light Company.

There is a real story behind a paper printed by the employ-ers of Albert Lea, A DAY BE-FORE THE STRIKE, telling how the union men were defeated by finks.

3.2 places in town are becoming

Duluth drivers are really sailing ow. There are over 800 members in the local at the present time and

Mankato Drivers Union, who have been organized under direction of the North Central District Drivers Council, had 20 car-loads of pickets ready to go to Albert Lea Sunday.

HOW COME? The wiring department at the NSP has been abolished. This dumps three officers of 292.

Southern Minnesota Drivers Flocking Into Union

At a General Drivers mass meeting held in Mankato Monday night, 46 new members were taken into the new Mankato drivers union, Local 487. This union, which has been recently organized under the leader the North Central District Drivers Council, now has 100 members in its enrollment and is growing fast. Farrell Dobbs and Pat Corcoran of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council addressed the meeting and helped direct the plans for organiza-

At the present time officers and an executive board have been elected for the union and a wage committee assigned to drawing up a blanket Local 1859 Strikes wage scale that will cover the five companies with which the union will At Warren Shade Co. negotiate. The duly elected officers Earl Manning, president: George Pleiss, vice president; John Friesen, recording secretary, and Bob Bares, secretary-treasurer. Those on the executive board are Claud Mace, Ernie Auringer, and Jake Friesen. The five companies who will be approached for union agreements are the Armour company, the Lynard Produce, Labovitch Produce, Murphy Transfer and Ben Dilke Transfer.

Last weekend when a call was sent out by the Teamsters Joint Council for a motor caravan to Albert Lea, Local 487 had 20 cars ready and willing to go to the scene of the recent strike to aid in the mass meeting and celebration there on Sunday

Madden Employes in Meeting on Senority

Employes at the Madden Bro mpany have been meeting steadily for two weeks endeavoring to thresh out seniority troubles that exist at the company. This is a recurrence of the trouble that has been in ex-This is a recurrence istence since the signing of an agreement there. It is not settled yet.

ALL PROJECT WORKERS — ALL DIRECT RELIEF CLIENTS
Attend F. W. S. MASS MEETING
FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 8 P. M., AT 257 PLYMOUTH AVE. N. A report on the Victory on Supplementary Aid will be given. Plans to consolidate the gains made will be presented.

Newsboys Work to F - L Central Is Form a New Union

Minneapolis newsboys, who have recently concerned themselves with organizing themselves into a union, eport that success is rewarding their

already been applied for.
Several meetings of the group are being made now for a public mass neeting for all news venders in the ciity. The date will be announced later in the columns of the North west Organizer.

Power Company Hits Out at Local Union

Last week the Northern States lower Company instituted a move which can be construed in no other manner than as a direct and open attack on the union. By an official proclamation of the company the In-terior Wiring department was abolished and duties ordinarily performed by workers in this department will e taken over by city employes.

This particularly refers to crew that maintain street lights Affected by the move are three officers of the union who are also members of the advisory board of the Public Utilities Section of Local 292.

Friday night Retail Clerks Union, Local 1086, held an organizational meeting at Drivers Hall, 257 Plymouth Avenue. At this meeting a committee was set up between the two mps that are contending for mem bership among retail selespeople. The committee is to bring in a report at the next meeting.

Retail Clerks Hold Organizational Meet

ganization, which has been growing by leaps and bounds, is determined to unionize all retail clerks in Minneapolis and is aiming particular attention at retail salespeople employed they are coming in at the rate of about 100 a month.

the rate of in loop department stores. Labor conditions are particularly bad in most places of employment and workers there are eager to become members of the union. Further details of the April 20 mass meeting will

Block Workers Still Are Out on Strike

Employes in Minneapolis cement block plants, who are all members of General Drivers Union, Local 544, and who have been on strike against cement block factory owners for the ast two weeks, report that it appears hat a settlement of the existing difficulties is near. With the building season at hand, the demand for blocks has increased to the extent that owners will probably be forced to settle

Employment Service To Begin in Drivers

Machinery has been getting into motion for an employment service in Local 544. This service is being established for the benefit of all those who are out of work or on withdrawal cards, and will function for the purpose of getting employment for all union and former union men who are considered in good standing. It is expected that this department of Local 544 will be really ready to go by the end of April.

Workers Union, Local 1859, struck the plant of the Warren Shade Company last Friday. Controversy at the shade company was due to the fact that low wages and bad working conditions have not been rectified by the owners. Local 1859 is demanding a written union agreement with the company. About 40 workers are involved.

Janney Semple Hill Workers Organized

Officials of Warehouse and Inside Workers Union report that union ganization at the Janney Semple Hill company is completed and now no non-union workers are employed there An agreement has been presented to the company by the union

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IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Jack Stockman who was called to his reward March 29, 1936. Quick and quiet came the call. His sudden death grieved us all. A sudden change in a moment fell; not even a chance to say farewell. In silence he suffered, in patience he bore, until God called him home to suffer no more. Sadly missed by Mrs. Stockman and Billie Lou.

Condemned by 4th Ward Club

The controversy raging over the council appointment to fill the vaefforts and that a charter from the cancy in the county commissioners' American Federation of Labor has already been applied for.

Fourth Ward Farmer-Labor club last Several meetings of the group have been held where a number of applications have been received. Plans tral Committee for its attempt to interfere with local autonomy of ward clubs. The Central Committee had formerly attempted to endorse a candidate for the post.

LABOR... Looks at the Press

Fun Among the Rotarians, from Beloit, Kansas: For a joint meeting of the Rotary Club and Business and Professional Women's Club, Rotarians with beefy ankles dressed in skirts as demure valentines and for such there was an appropriate sentiment that bid fair to panic the audience.-The Rotarian.

Berlin news item: National student leaders today banned traditional old student songs, praising German wines and women. They are to be replaced with "songs of heroism."

I don't know what country to-day has less right to talk of herofascism is not a brave people.

From an editorial in the Los Angeles Times: The inevitable result of oo much spare time in the case of at least the majority of workers would be to steer them into the only diversions they know-pool, poker, drink-ing and petty agitation over fancied Retail Clerks who are organizing steadily in Minneapolis will hold a mass meeting and rally Tuesday, April 20, at Norway Hall. This organization, which has been considered to make the whole economic program for a few more "leisure hours"—that nobody would know the construction of the c

The uppah clahses, while firm-ly convinced that THEIR leisure time is well spent, have no difficulty in convincing themselves that workers are, well—quite frankly—too stupid and coarse to benefit from shorter hours. It's all for our own good, of

New York news item: Seven de fendants in the Manhattan restaurant racket case face the possibility of prison sentences aggregating 2,398 years and six months.

That's right, sock it to 'em. After a couple of hundred years in the jug, they oughta be re-

What's the six months for,

Lloyd George tells how to keep out of war: "Failure of Great Britin to resist Italian imperialism in Spain and Ethiopia is endangering world peace."

Anyone who even pretends that capitalism can exist without war is bound to make a fool out of himself.

J. S. Bache & Co., a Wall Street house: "... It is going to be just as difficult to talk prosperity down

LOCAL UNION NO. 292
ELECTRICAL WORKERS'
MEETING SCHEDULE
April 2, Friday—Wiremen's Advisory board, Office, 8 p. m.
April 5, Monday-Shopmen Organization meeting, Hall No. 4, 8 p. m. April 6, Tuesday — Inside Wire-men's branch, Hall No. 2, 8

April 7, Wednesday—Automotive
Winders organization meeting,
Hall No. 3.
Executive Board meeting, 8 p. m.,

Executive Board meeting, 8 p. m.,
Office.
The above meetings at 18 N.
8th St.
April 9, Friday—Utilities (NSP
Co) branch, 3rd floor, 257 Plymouth Ave. N., 8 p. m.
April 19, Monday—General Membership meeting, 8 p. m. bership meeting, 8 p. m., 31 floor, 257 Plymouth Ave. N. EXECUTIVE BOARD

MEETING SCHEDULE
Local 544
Thursday, April 1—Independent
Truck Owners
Friday, April 2—Job Stewards
Sunday, April 4 — Newspaper
Drivers Drivers
Monday, April 4 — Newspaper
Drivers
Monday, April 5 — Package Delivery; Coal
Wednesday, April 7 — General Sausage Men
Monday, April 12 — General Membership
Wednesday, April 14 — Market
Thursday, April 15 — Tent and
Awning
Friday, April 16 — Job Stewards
Monday, April 19 — Wholesale Grocery

cery
Thursday, April 22—Transfer
Monday, April 26 — Wholesal
Drug Drug
Tuesday, April 27—Taxi Drivers;
Night Drivers, 1 p. m.; Day
Drivers, 7 p. m.
SENIORITY COMMITTEE meets
each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in hell
No. 1.

each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in hall No. 1.
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE mee's each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in hall No. 2.
EXECUTIVE BOARD meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m. in Staff Room.

as it was to talk depression up."

bert Hoover any day now, telling us that Depression is Just Around the Corner.
Newspaper editors could advise us to Frown Prosperity

Away. But to tell the truth, we don't have to worry too much about the stability of the present "prosperity." Capitalism guar-

ntees it a short but merry life. Pravda, organ of the Communist Party of Russia, publishes the following after Stalin calls a halt to fulsome praise; "Florid sentences, sugary reports and immoderate applause dull the edge of Bolshevist vigilance and lead people to substi-tute drum-beating for daily work. Servility follows the trail blazed by

conceit and carelessness." Have you ever read Pravda on Stalin?

Or the Apostles on Jesus? Washington news item: The U. S. State Department bowed today to the insistence of several unidentified leading powers that some of their secret diplomatic correspondence of recent

years be kept secret.

I bet Washington not only bowed-it fell all over itself. An understanding between na-tions that has to be kept secret is bound to be rotten-for the masses of the two countries.

N. Y. Times item: Easter has proved a blessed season in which the force of pacification and good-will have been able to make themselves

Sure, the Spaniards aren't Sure, the Spaniards aren't fighting, they're just playing Run, Sheep, Run. Those Japs in China are merely tourists. The nations of the world aren't participating in the most monstrous armament race of all time, with war in mind-they're only preparing for the duck-hunting

J. Frank Norris, Detroit evangelist, gives the low-down on the sit-down strike: "Mahatma Ghandi with his pillow slip and Nanny goat is the father of the sit-down strike. Do the laboring people of America need to go to India for a solution of their problems?"

Okey, Norris, you've shamed us out of it. We won't sit down any more. We don't want to take anything from the Indians, do we, boys?

Official release of the Social Se urity Board: "All told, approximately 18,188,000 industrial and commercial workers are now protected by their state laws against want during

future unemployment."

Don't YOU feel protected

MEETING SCHEDULE LOCAL 1859 Casket Company—April 13 Wagon Industry—April 20 J. R. Clark Co.—April 21 Puffer Hubbard—April 23 General Membership—May 5

FEDERAL WORKERS SECTION Friday, April 9; 8 p. m. 257 Plymouth Ave. All WPA Workers and Relief clients invited

Meeting Change
Bakery, Cracker, Pie and Yeaat
Drivers Union, Local 289, which has been meeting weekly during the past few months, will hereafter hold meetings only two nights a month. The regular meeting schedule will be membership meetings on the second and fourth

Local 131 LOCAL 131

LAUNDRY AND CLEANING
DRIVERS
MEETING SCHEDULE
Wednesday, April 7—Membership
Meeting
Thursday, April 8-Stewards Meeting
Wednesday, April 21-Membership
Meeting

MEETING SCHEDULE Warehouse and Inside Worke Union, Local 20316 WHOLESALE UNION Juesday, April 6 — Members Meeting Tuesday, April 13-Stewards Meet ing
Tuesday, April 20—Membership
Meeting
Tuesday, April 27—Stewards

Ice, Coal Drivers Meeting Schedule

Board meets every

Local 221, Ice and Coal Drivers Union, will hereafter hold all of its regular meetings at the new headquarters of the Teamster Joint Council, 257 Plymouth Ave. N. Regular Union meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Executive Board meetings are subject to call. The Union office is now located at the above address.