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Winona Drivers Strike Grocers By the Cynic

"In regard to Black a number of questions need to be cleared up without delay. He can no longer remain silent and evasive. What millions of Americans want to know is whether he still associates himself with the Klan and its principles."-Daily

Evidently the Communist Party reasons the same way about the Klan as it does about capitalists—that they are "good" or "bad." Perhaps the Senator is a "good" Klan member and if he will only speak right out loud on where he stands on the Bill of Rights and anti-Semitism and anti-Negroism, and take a with-drawal card from the Klan, a place may still be arranged for him in the great People's Front. Squads Right—March!

"American apologists for the Soshallow depths of a screwy mind in an effort to discover some excuse for the blood purge now taking place in the land of their heart's desire."--I. B. E. W. Union News.

No apologies are needed for the Soviet Union—and no excuses required except for the butcher Stalin and his hench-man. Stalin's betrayal of the Russian revolution, and the workers' state built by the followers of Lenin is the real rea-son for the blood purge. In or-der to replace Lenin's principles with Stalin's Stalinism, greatest witch hunt in history is in full sway and all true Marxists are being ferrited out and erica who hate all reds may well envy Stalin in his massacre of the reds. They have much in

"Again I would say that what the country needs is a new political party giving expression to the hopes and needs of the workers and business people. In other words to thos who render useful service."-Henry

Why don't all you liberals, rewhy don't all you liberals, re-formists and alleged progressives quit coddling and wet-nursing an already decayed economic system, and help build a real party of and for the workers. The country needs a new re-form party like it needs a good 10c cigar. What the country DOES need is a party that has for its objective the complete overthrow of capitalism in all its varieties, Fascist, "Democratic," or "People's Front," and the establishment of a working-class democracy.

Employees in Akron Theaters Form Union

Akron, Ohio-Employees in Akron theatres have formed a union which is affiliated with the Akron Movie Operators Union and chartered by the International Stage Employes and Moving Picture Machine Operators. Ushers, doormen, cashiers and other employed in theatres are eligible to ership in the new local, which has grown rapidly in the past few

HARK! COAL DRIVERS!
All coal drivers and yard men
must report to their respective
companies before November 1, to
inform the companies as to whether they plan to work during the
coal season. If this is not done,
coal workers will lose their seniority rights. Attend to this, without
fail, before November 1.

FWS-CLU DRAWS UP PROGRAM OF UNEMPLOYED AID

Relief Resolution of Joint Committee Adopted by NCDDC

Program Calls for State Youth Act, WPA Wage Increases

The Joint Relief Committee of Labor, set up by the Central Labor Union of Minneapolis, and consisting of representatives of the Federal Workers Section, Local 544, and of relief program, which was adopted by the North Central District Drivers Council at its recent quarterly meeting in Hibbing.

The resolution, pointing out how the public relief agencies are seeking that all employers enter into negotiato divide and weaken the workers tions and sign union contracts. At the viet Union are beating their breasts and their unions, presents a number in anguish and reaching into the of progressive demands. It reads as and their unions, presents a number present time, the situation is at a of progressive demands. It reads as deadlock, with the employers brand-

> "The enemies of labor, cracking down in their drive to rejuvenate the Open Shop, are effectively using federal, state and local public relief agencies to divide and weaken the workers and their unions.

The only real remedy for the er. The only real remedy for the workers is to counteract such cruel practices and unjust control by in-stituting their own programs for providing necessities to all workers and their families who are prevented through any cause, from obtaining such necessities by wages or other means. Thus it has now become im-perative that Labor compel the public relief agencies to serve the said needs of Labor and to cease their anti-union schemes and practices; and that Labor now establish a proper relief program and representative organs equiped and empowered to put that program into effect.

Meeting Notices "Be it resolved, therefore, that we age.
(Continued on page 3)

ciation. It is controlled by an execu-

tary, a stenographer, and a deputy sheriff.

He received \$150 a month as a

count. During January and February

of this year his expense account amounted, for each month to more

When questioned by Senator La-

Follette as to what use Unthank had

made of this amount of money, Pearl Bashman, operator of the Harlan

Wallin Coal Company, and an execu-

ive board member of the association

Ben Unthank went into retirement

of the association claim that they do

than \$2,000.

want to know.

Harlan County Coal Employers

Control Cruel Reign of Terror

tive board in whose employ is a secre- dict. Jurymen, also, like to live.

St. Paul Citizens Alliance

Laundry Drivers, Dry Cleaners and Laundry Workers on Strike; 22 Plants Bannered by Union

The St. Paul local of the Citizens Alliance laid down a challenge to the entire union movement of that city last Wednesday when the St. Paul Laundry and Dry Cleaning Plant Owners' Association posted on its bulletin boards a notice that it was locking out all laundry workers after Thursday night, Sept. 16. About 600 - 700 workers, members of Laundry Drivers Local 319, and Dry Cleaners and Laundry Workers Local 150, are involved. The union has established a strike headquarters are involved. The union has established a strike headquarters at 871 Payne Avenue, and a commissary in the General Drivers hall on University Avenue, and is bannering the 22 plants whose owners

are members of the boss association the C. L. U., has drawn up a labor Independent laundries are not affected by the struggle, and negotiations between these plants and the unio involved are now in progress. The laundry workers are issuing a small strike bulletin, and are demanding ing the strike "illegal" in the boss press and inserting advertisements "deeply regretting the inconveni-ence," blah-blah-blah.

that the laundry bosses, backed by the Citizens Alliance, are determined to smash unionism in the laundry indus try, after which they will open up the fight against the St. Paul unions all along the line. Ostensibly, the lockout grows out of a situation that oc-

curred many months ago. The Tale of Moosbrugger

Al Moosbrugger, a laundry driver, drove a truck for the Elk Laundry in St. Paul for sixteen years. In 1936 he was short in his account with the this is by no means an unusual situation, but on the contrary quite common among C. O. D. drivers. Such shortage has never been considered a badge of dishonesty or unreliability. Moosbrugger later paid up the short-

Locks Out Laundry Workers

FWS Indicts City Hospital in Death Of William Edgar

Last week the Northwest Organizer carried a short news item commisera-ting with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Edgar at the loss of their son, William Edgar, who died recently from infantile paralysis.

In all the loss of their son, William Edgar, who died recently from infantile paralysis.

Since then, Brother Lee Edgar, WPA worker, and member of the Federal Workers Section, has signed kota furnished a delegate from the

cruelty faced by local relief clients.
"The child was sick about three days before I tried to get a doctor," writes Edgar. "The child complained about taken seriously ill Sunday, September 5. On Monday we tried to get a doctor at the City Hospital and were refused. The child appeared worse Tuesday, mother walked to the Northside Police Station to get police to call the hospital and get an ambu-lance. The police did this, but were company. Every worker knows that refused. Mother asked the police to call Dr. Lessly but the police refused to call and denied her the use of the phone. Mother then called the private doctor from a pay phone. The doctor said he could not come but to call his assistant. This doctor came and pronounced the boy ill with the flu, and gave orders to call the hos pital if he was not better by the next day. Gave the mother a prescription and the mother went to a drug store and had it filled. Next day (Wednesday) the child was worse and I called the hospital for the third time and was refused.

In Harlan County, Ky., there is an employer's association known as the Harlan County Coal Operators Asso-"A man came to Al Stein at the union to get help and it was arranged to get the boy to the hospital with a the county will return a guilty verdump truck. Mother stayed with the boy for three hours while taking tests One of the largest coal mining corporations in Harlan County is the pronounced the case a year article. pronounced the case a very critical (Continued on page 3)

REPRESENTED AT NCDDC MEETING

Convention of North Central Drivers Attended by 79 Delegates

FWS Relief Program Endorsed
—Council to Aid Minot
Taxi Strike

Brief reports from Hibbing inform us that on last Saturday the quarterly meeting of the North Central District Drivers Council got under way with 79 delegates present. The delegates represented 26 unions with 17,000 members. Symbolic of the progress of the Council was the feet that several cil was the fact that several new drivers' locals were repre-sented for the first time—Wical 62. Iowa was represented with delegates from locals in Marshall-Watertown local.

T. E. Cunningham and L. J. Mero addressed the gathering, after which the regular business got under way. Reports from individual lodges were given. It was voted to increase the organizational fund, and the followschedule of contributions was leader, "and 100 pounds a day is a agreed upon: Locals with less than 200 members will pay \$10 monthly; locals with less than 500 members. \$20; locals having over 500 members,

Locals receiving organizational aid third of the expenses, the balance to be paid by the Council. It is under-stood that the N.C.D.D.C. is not going to play the Shylock, and that (Continued on page 2)

Fleming Guest Speaker in lowa

In describing a drivers union eeting held in Marshaltown, eeting held Iowa, on Sunday, September 12, the Northwest Organizer neglected to mention that one of the guest speakers was Bob Fleming, an of-ficial of St. Paul General Drivers Local 120. Together with Karl Skoglund of Minneapolis, Fleming addressed the Marshalltown drivers and assisted them in their current organizational campaign.

17,000 MEMBERS Wholesale Grocery Drivers' Strike Begins Second Week

Minneapolis Drivers Council Members Aid in Negotiations; Beer Drivers Strike Settled

Winona, Minn.—The strike of workers in the wholesale grocery section of the General Drivers Union here, which began last Wednesday, is going into its second week with the bosses feeling to an increasingly degree the pinch of the strike. The union has established a strike headquarters and commissary in the west end of town, and has tied up any shipments of food to or from the struck companies. Grant Dunne, representative of the North Central District Drivers Council, has been assisting the Winona Local since the beginning of the strike, and, altogether with Arnold Johnson, another Council representative will remain until a settlement is

Out by Vigilantes

increase would have raised their wa-

good average for a hop picker."

"Then Mr. Bauchane called the

ty, without even giving us time to

gather up our personal effects. They

West Coast unions are pouring pro-

in Yakima County again'."

Duluth Drivers Sign

men. The contracts provide for union

recognition, seniority, paid vacations, time-and-one-half after 40 hours; the

Liberties Committee

tive will remain until a settlement is effected.

The beer drivers strike, which started last Thursday, was settled over the week end with every concern For Unionization

Yakima, Washington—The agricultural bosses and their state police are up to their old tricks in this part of the country. Last week 50 Filipino ployers and union representatives and agricultural workers, employed at the recommended the following: "that a William Bauchane hop ranch, demanded a 25c per hundredweight increase in the hop-picking rates. This increase would have raised the increase would have raised the increase would have raised the following: "that a compromise wage be paid of 42½ and 45 cents, effective as of September 15, 1937, subject to an arbitration board as outlined in union agreement or an arbitration board selected ges fro man average of \$1.75 a day to \$2—from which 65c daily is deducted for board.

agreeable to employers and employees affected. Decision of arbitration board to be final and rendered within ten days from date of signed agree-ment. If the arbitration committee in-"We work from 5:30 a. m. to 6 p. m.," said Aniceto Manzano, union creases wage scale, employees will receive wage increase difference ive as of September 15, 1937, employees to return to work

vigilantes and the state highway pat-While the mayor's recommendation rol. They hustled us into the patrol did not grant everything demanded autos and herded us out of the coun- by the union, yet the union committee felt the proposal offered a reasonably fair basis for settlement, and acceptdumped us across the county line and bership meeting to be held Monday ed the proposal pending a union m told us 'Don't ever show your faces night.

At that time, the bosses also accepted the mayor's proposal. Later Monday, however, they renigged and West Coast unions are pouring pro-tests into Governor Martin, Sheriff Lou Evans and the LaFollette Civil brought in a counter-proposal. Tuesday, the union issued a state-

ment putting forth its position, which was published in the Winona Republican-Herald. The union statement in part follows: "Following a series of 16 Oil Companies meetings of employers together with Duluth, Minn.—The General Driv- other interested parties for settlement ers Union here signed contracts last week with 16 oil companies, covering petroleum drivers and bulk plant men and their employees a special meeting was held Monday at 10 a. m. called by Mayor A. H. Maze, which had for its purpose an attempt to make a settlement in order that the employees could return to work immediately . . . The committee representing the union, composed of Maurice Nichols and Grant Dunne, accepted for their organization the mayor's proposal pending a meeting of the held Monday night at Eureka hall, at which meeting the membership on strike voted almost unanimously to accept the mayor's proposal and to disregard the counter proposal which was made by the employers.

"The union wishes to record that the proposal of the employers was a demand upon the union outside firms, including chain stores, from supplying food and produce for consumption by the residents of Winona. This proposal of the employers was rejected by the union officials and placed in the minutes of the meeting. The union wishes to contin-(Continued on page 3)

8-hour day, 5-day week, with a mini-mum wage of 70 cents an hour. Negroes Still Cotton Slaves; La Guardia

Although the strikes prevailing throughout the country this week have been for the most part of a minor nature, the jurisdictional battle sion of inquiry investigate the difference which prevailed during the days before the Civil War, under threat of being instantly shot if they should attempt to go where they can get a Local 292 Puts Back between the C. I. O. and the A. F. of ferences between the union and the L. continues to grow to major proporB. M. T. tions. No longer is it a case of all newspaper talk and no action. The drenched ports of San Francisco and stroke of the pen could set free mer drawn up in real battle formation, into bondage by the white man fighting the fight to the finish.

On Scottember 15, 1937 in At

arena has been cleared and actual fighting for supremacy is now the order of the day. From the snow the order of the day. From the snow the order of the day is now the order of the day. From the snow the order of the day is now the order of the day. From the snow the order of the day is now the order of the day. The order of the snow the order of the day is now the order of the snow the order of the day. The order of the order of the order of the day is now the order of the day. The order of the day is now the order of the day is now the order of the day. The order of the day is now the order of the day is now the order of the day. The order of the day is now the order of the day. The order of the day is now the order of the order o

living wage.

According to the sheriff's story, the farmers from the adjoining coun weight, and (again quoting the sher-

iff) "we consider this a good wage." Meanwhile in Macon, sixty-nine ore WPA workers have been requisitioned for work in the cotton fields. A strike of 68 of the 116 formerly released from the relief rolls has been thwarted. The county threatened to refuse relief permanently, to any man who refused to be drafted into

the cotton fields. A strike involving 303 employees of the editorial and business departments of the Brooklyn Eagle, in New York City was in its second day whe on September 16, police began limit-

Gas Workers to Hold Meeting September 27

A membership meeting of the Gas Workers Union Local 20490 will be held Monday, September 27, at the down town Eagles Hall, 8th street and 4th avenue. Important matters are to be taken up and all members are urged to attend without fail.

sheriff. This deputy, Ben Unthank by name, is one of the most feared, hated, and despised men in any community. corporations in Harian County is the Harlan-Wallin Corporation. This company has five "openings" at Verda. They own the house in which the workers must live. These houses are absolutely without sanitary facilities, alary, and an unlimited expense ac- lights, heat, or any of the other com monly accepted niceties of life. Yet, should a man be dischargd he (Continued on page 4)

WMIN Employee Following the victory at station said that he did not know, didn't trical Workers Local 292 gave another demonstration of its strength this week when one of its members. Jules when the LaFollette committee sub-penas were issued. All of the officials Monday at station WMIN. Geller was placed back on the job On Saturday, September 11, Gel-

not know where he is, that they have not know where he is, that they have ler was fired by Hoffman, owner-sent word to him via the grapevine manager of WMIN. Geller has been system that he should come out of active in organizing the radio station hiding. They also state that they employees into Local 292. A commithave paid him no money since last tee from Local 292 called on Hoffman the elevator operators, and one fields armed with shot guns to prevent a threatened walk out of negro work-September but that his accrued wages will be paid to him when and if he should be put back to work, after on strike last week. In Atlanta and ers. Farmers from an adjoining coun-Under the expert tutelage of this for union activity.

Unthank, half of the ex-convicts The employees of WMIN are or- the relief rolls unless they would wages. According to the sheriff, "our of Kentucky have been given jobs as ganized nearly 100 per cent, as take cotton picking work at starva- men put a stop to that in a hurry.

Investigates BMT; CIO - A. F. of L. Fight On

Hoffman denied Geller had been fired Macon, Ga., relief clients were threatened with permanent expulsion from pickers away with promises of higher

Emancipation Debunked During the Civil War President

covered mountains of Washington the country went mad with joy. Sub-and British Columbia to the sun-Oakland the two opposing armies are who for generations had been sold

deputy sheriffs. They have waged a campaign of terror second to none. radio stations. the transport workers in New York under conditions which parallel those

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

NEGROES STILL **COTTON SLAVES**; CIO - AFL FIGHT

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ing picketing and arresting strikers.
Mass picketing before the Johnson street entrance to the plant angered mounted police and they arrested three of the leaders. Charges against later dismissed. The Guild is striking for a contract involving the usual terms. Officials of the Typographical unions refused to call their men out, stating that they had contracts which must be lived up to Meanwhile the papers continue in

Six apartment buildings and one office structure are involved in an elevator operators strike. Negotiations between the employers repre sentatives and officials from Building Service Employees Union failed to reach a satisfactory agreement on September 15. James Brambick, president of the union, said that further strike action against fifteen more apartment and six office buildings was delayed because of the Jewish holiday. Workers are striking for pay raises, better hours and working

Another strike was scheduled to hit New York City on the 17th of September when 1,000 floor scrapers mbers of the Floor scrapers Unio Local 1663 were to quit. This union is a member of the United Brother hood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, an A. F. of L. affiliate. De mands are fee a raise from \$1.20 pe hour to \$1.50, a seven hour double time for overtime, and \$1.7 per hour for all new construction an

LaGuardia's Commission A vast network of transportation facilities in New York City is con trolled, owned and operated by the Brooklyn, Manhattan, Transport Cor poration, known as the B. M. T. This corporation employs 14,000 men. of m 1,200 are engineers and con ductors who are members of the na tional railway brotherhoods. The re maining 12,000 voted last spring to be represented by the C. I. O. Trans port Workers Union. Since that tir negotiations have been carried on b union and company officials order to come to terms on the union demand for an 18% pay increase Last week the company flatly stated that such an increase was impossibl due to increased taxes, and a de creasing income due to the fixed five cent rate. A mass meeting of unio members gave the executive board a free hand in calling a strike when it was thought best. Mayor LaGuardia stepped into the picture, warning the company and the union that the stopin service would not be tolerated. After further conferences the leave the matter in the hands of a determining whom shall be the voting inquiry commission ap- unit in a plant from the NLRB. pointed by LaGuardia. This commis sion is to investigate the union's demand and also the company's finances. The B. M. T. serves 660,000,000

put together. A survey of labor conditions in the houses" speech

MR. WORKINGMAN:

Lincoln at Colfax

A. F. of L. to Hold 57th Annual Meet

Washington, D. C .- Official notification has gone out of the convening of the 57th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor at Denver, Colo., at 10 a. m. Monday, October 4, 1937. Delegates will gather at the city auditorium.

The convention will continue in ession "from day to day until the business has been completed."

The call sets forth the new ditions established by the 1936 Tam pa convention for the introduction of resolutions. Resolutions are required to be in the hands of the A. F. of L secretary-treasurer 30 days before the opening of the convention

country last year reveals that during the month of March, 1937 there were 590 strikes, many of them major ones. September is far behind that mark, there being many small but no major strikes in progress at the pres ent time. According to an article in the New York Times, "labor is no onger resorting to violence but is ap sealing more and more to the VLRB.

The scene is different on the West oast, where the two contingents for upremacy, the C. I. O. and the A. F. of L. have locked horns in a "fight to he finish." High up in the mountain astnesses are the logging camps. Reently the workers in these camps re ounced their affiliation to the Carenters Brotherhood, and joined the Wooden Ware Workers, a C. I. O. affiliate. Immediately the A. F. of Carpenters threw a picket line around he camps-very effectively for they are doing their picketing by long disance. Picket boats, manned by A. F. of L. sailors, are stationed at the mouths of log-jammed rivers, thus hutting the logs off from the mills, Feamsters refuse to handle what C. I. O. lumber gets through.

In San Francisco the battle is be-I. O. longshoremen. Each want jursdiction over the inland warehouse to handle freight from a warehouse where C. I. O. warehousemen work. Likewise, C. I. O. longshoremen refuse to handle freight consigned to an A. F. of L. controlled warehou So the situation sits, at stalemate.

The A. F. of L. through William has raised a protest, calling the NLRB biased in favor of C. I. O. nions, in cases where a jurisdictional dispute is the cause of trouble. Green claims that the NLRB has no right to interfere in jurisdictional disputes, that balloting in such cases almost invariably leaves the craft union exponents in the minority, and that the mass production workers, when taken as the voting unit, or included there wants the National Labor Relations and the company agreed to Act amended to exclude this power of

Lewis, Roosevelt Make Up John L. Lewis called on President Roosevelt last week. He was in conference with the chief executive for people annually. Its vast network of three hours. Strained relations be-subways under the city is larger by tween the two men have existed since

Minneapolis, Minnesota

far than either of its two competitors last summer when the president made his famous "a plague on both your

Mothers-Attention! Children Eat a Lot of

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RED OWL FOOD STORES

Independent Truck Chatter

The Winnah!!

The big money drivers in the first weeks racing on the Swanson dirt track were little Joe Quinlan in his Creepin' Jenny (53 loads) and Kenn Shiebe driving a G. M. C. special (50 loads). That certain Puddle Jumper Four with the big baloneys also ran-

Why Can't We All?

Foley is working for the city now. Nothing like a chat with the Mayor to fix things.

Turnover

Another phase in the WPA's war on the depression is about to materalize. It seems some of the veterans are playing out so replacements are in order. October 11th marks the day for the new advance.

Summer's Over Hope everybody puts in their two days on the W. P. M. S.

Page the Parts Department Will the boys ever dare publish the casualties in General Phillippi's 544 division up on the Kimball sector?

What! No Night Shift? It would be too bad if those double

duty (Belt Line graveling) dreams of the state boys didn't materialize. Week Ends

Soon we'll be hearing those little tattletales on the Hibbing affair.

He Who Hesitates Is Lost!

Reports on the scarcity of Union to mind an unfortunate situation which may soon arise for those who refuse to see the light. When organizing I. T. O's as a steward on the WPA my final statement for those last ditch standoffs was that a day would come when their own welfare would cause them to seek the advantages of 544 membership. Look to ween the A. F. of teamsters and the it! You laggards! Perhaps many of you already know that day is soon here. Take it from one who knows, looking for a job minus that little book, is a mighty discouraging proposition in this man's town. A long cold winter awaits those who get caught in a last minute rush.

> Lots of wrangling and quite a few ong faces among coal haulers.

Sucker or Slicker? 'See Bee' is still looking for so hands to start that poker game.

Home from the range! John "Mac." Carl Bath is back in circulation again. Travelers checks round-tripped him to the coast and back. Tsk! Tsk! Such prosperity.

Privileged Class? What four country gentlemen are omping around with the State's mucker on 101?

Steady There

Quite a few have voiced the thought that Curt's new fall hat will sizes larger. Far from it, boys! For my own part, I offer an apology for a recent occasion of publicly voicing suspicion too quickly to one who has never given any cause for such action. Beware forming asty and ill-considered opinion. Renember for a newcomer it's a tough ob, and has been squarely tackled. First hand results are not always pos sible, no one is perfect, and we can always scare up plenty heat in a hurry when there is just cause. Think it

All praise to friend Ralph, for a well article in last week's Organizer.

Notes on the Crowd: Seems to me the voice of the mighty Hafey has been rather silent of late . . Red Toohey's on a picnic. Swanson's crew took on nine new tires last week. Hornig took on one boot! Nothing but Plato and Norwood on the Housing

No news from the county crews. Anybody cashed any Bolander

checks this summer?

Nary sight nor sound of Ray Coo per for weeks. Also where's Dan Mc-Mahon? Bruno, Maurice Klugman, Frank Peterson, and others of that big chummy group of ball players and bonfire builders from "18" "74" and the Airport. It's about time you helped run the outfit for a while. Be-sides Maurice, nobody's been buying



Bill Brown Says-

O-n-c-e u-p-o-n a t-i-m-e there was a Stalinist trade unionist who had the best in-terests of the workers at heart, and really won something for the union. Good night, kiddies.



St. Paul Citizens Alliance **Locks Out Laundry Workers**

Early this summer Moosbrugger bined the Laundry Drivers Union Local 319. The management suddenly decided that he should be discharged for his former shortage, and so proceeded. At the same time, the Elk ompany began an anti-union campaign. To protect Moosbrugger, and after futile efforts to settle the matter pecefully, the union struck on July 8. The bosses association set up a Compliance Committee among themselves, vithout the union sanction, and decided that if Moosbrugger should have been fired at all, it was months ago. The Committee decided Moos-brugger should be reinstated under certain conditions. Union representatives demanded the ruling be clarified, after which the strike was declared off and the man put back to work. It soon developed that the Elk Laundry was not acting in good faith. Moosbrugger, instead of being reinstated as a driver, was put to sorting bundles. The cam bundles. campaign against unionism in the plant redoubled. At the same time, the company demanded of Moosbrugger that he get bond, though the company well knew that he would not have sufficient time to get one. Stone, head of the Citizens Alliance. An unscrupulous attempt to smear Moosbrugger's character, and, through him, throw mud at the union, was made. A few days later Moosbrugger was again discharged.

The workers rightly saw in this act challenge to their union, and immediately called a strike, demanding the nditional return of Moosbrugger to his job. That strike has been maintained to the present day. There isn't a single worker in St. Paul who does believe that Moosbrugger has been unjustly treated and that the fight against him is really a fight against unionism in the laundry industry.

It became obvious that the laundry bosses were backing Stone up in his union-smashing campaign. The bosses indicated they had no intention of living up to the union agreement. They began to stall in their negotiations with the union. In negotiations, they would suggest to union representatives that the meat of the union contract be removed. At the same time, they "negotiated" in the col umns of the boss press, attacking the anion. A few weeks ago, they sudden ly refused to negotiate further. One of the worst offenders was the large Minnehaha Cleaners, which has cor sistently stalled with the union in an attempt to break up the organization Last week, the laundry workers struck this labor-hating concern.

The bosses then cooked up their ock-out scheme and carried it through last Thursday. The union, meantime, had held a membership meeting the night previously, and voted unanimously to carry the fight to companies in case of a lock-out, and this is being done. The morale of the workers is excellent. Besides the workers enrolled in the two laundry unions, the engineers have also come to be chairman of their joint negotia ting committee. Through leaflets, the union has announced that further action depends upon what each em ployer does

Tuesday evening the bosses issued statement "To our employees" in which they sternly ask: "Do you real ize you could be working now with a wage scale if the unions hadn't bro ken their agreements with the Elk Laundry and the compliance committee of this association?" The bosses further promise seniority rights, and in short, almost anything, if only the poor misled laundry workers will show that after all they don't take their unionism seriously and will come back to work, whereupon, the bosses vow, "negotiations can be resumed immediately." Naturally, no worker takes such pap seriously.

The opinion of most people in St. Paul is that the bosses, by breaking off negotiations and arbitrarily call-

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when this is warranted. Clarence Schwab, of Milk Wagon Drivers Local 471 of Minneapolis, was elected full-time organizer, a position he will occupy until the next quarterly meet-

Chosen to the legislative committee were Art Hudson of Local 120, Bill Sinnott of Local 471, and Karl Skoglund of Local 544. All locals are requested to send their wage-andhour contract schedules to the Council secretary for study and recom-

A report on the stubbornly fought taxicab strike was give locals were requested to send financial aid in support of the struggle. The relief program of the Federal wholeheartedly endorsed. A resolu- the Plastering Trades, the Worker the Elk Laundry, is also chairman of tion censuring Mayor Leach of Min-the Citizens Alliance. An unscrupuwards the Ice Drivers Local 221 was adopted.

St. Paul was chosen as the scene of the next quarterly meeting, to be held January 8 and 9.

A full report of the State Federa-tion of Labor convention, also in Hib-bing, is not available at press time, but will be covered next week. convention adopted a resolution placing the Great American Tea com pany, against whom the Minneapolis Tea and Coffee Drivers are striking, Hibbing as a delegate from Local 544. on the unfair list.

Porters' Union Wins New Wages and Hours

Chicago, Ill .- The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters has just nego-tiated a new contract with the Pullman company, covering 9,000 porters The working agreement provides for a basic wage scale of \$100 a month (former scale was \$88), a 240 hour month and an increase

544 Grocery Section To Meet October 3

The meeting of the Grocery Section of Local 544, scheduled originally for Sunday, October 10, has been advanced to Sunday, October 3. The neeting date has been changed so as not to conflict with the opening of the duck-hunting season, an event which many of the grocery workers wish to participate in.

ing a lock-out, have forfeited any possible claim to sympathy. The independent laundries are getting a big share of the business once claimed by Association members. The union movement is solidly behind the launout in sympathy. Both unions have requested Art Hudson of Local 120 support them until every single laundry plant signs a union contract.

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On WPA **Projects**

The Minneapolis labor movement s thoroughly aroused over the actions of the reactionaries on the Welfare Board to cut relief in the city. A series of open meetings is scheduled in which all labor organizations will participate to discuss the situation. It is expected that a mammoth mass meeting will take place in the near

It would seem that working class organizations should present the ap pearance of solidarity when appear-ing before the Welfare Board. How about it, Workers Alliance?

Many children of relief clients are ot in school because of failure of the relief department to furnish clothes.

Relief clients who have been residing in truck bodies and tents are insisting on getting houses to live in before winter sets in. The luxuries these reliefers enjoy is the limit.

A certain councilman had an idea ne could intimidate some body. Poor idea for a slow thinker.

Mayor Leach speaks on "Build Minneapolis for Labor." What labor What irony?

Ed Palmquist was elected chairman y acclamation for the coordinatin committees on relief—the Federa Workers Section of Local 544 in conjunction with the Central Labor Union has prepared an 8-point pro gram of demands. These are presented to the city council and Wel fare Board. Other organizations in cluding the Farmer Labor Woman' ection, Local 544, was Federation, the Woman's Auxiliary of Alliance and other groups have en dorsed and are combining their effort to fight the reactionary forces who is a short time will be portraying the pitiful status of the poor in the interests of the Community Fund.

> As a device to make the poor care for the poor, the Community Fund is the ticket. The workers pay and the bosses get the credit.

George Viens attended the State

Governor Benson threatens to with iraw state funds from the city if the Welfare Board persists in carrying out its illegal policies of denving re

The following patents were issued September 14, 1937, to Minnesota and Dabata inventors, as reported by WILLIAMSON & WILLIAMSON, Patent Attoneys, p.o. do-ropolitan Life Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota: Baltinger, Ira S., St. Prul, Minnesota: Baltinger, Ira S., St. Prul, Minnesota: Butter of the Control Rambenck, Joseph B. and D. C., Winona, Minn, traction ingreasing device: Bissage, a. un. ph B. and D. C., Winona, Minn, trac-increasing device: Breast, and trac-increasing device: Breast, and trac-polities. D., trailer brake; Geibreith, Minneapolis, Minn., carving machine; caith, John, Minneapolis, Mine; Griest, William K., Watertown, automobile screen; Homquis., re b., Minneapolis, Minn., cleaning greasy ces; Leavitt, Albert L., Minneapolis, aureying apparatus; MacDonald, and E., Duluth, Minn., window screen-art E., Duluth, Minn., window screen-street, and the screen of the screen St. Paul, mid., Edward M. and L. St. Paul, mid., Edward M. and J. St. Paul, mid., Thomas, Thor, Phy-Twp., Hennepin Co., grit remove.

United Cigar Clerks Win 79-Day Strike

San Francisco, Calif .- United Cigar Store clerks are back to work with a victory under their belts, as a result of the recent 79-day strike. Clerks will receive a minimum of \$27 weekly, managers, \$32, and there is union preferential hiring. Warehousemen received an 8c hourly raise, to

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Wholesale Grocery Drivers' Strike Begins Second Week

and will reiterate our previous statement which appeared in the public press that we will see that food and supplies are available so that the public does not suffer food shortages or account of our controversy with selfish empoyers. Picketing of unfair firms will continue until a satisfactory agreement is reached."

During the strike, the labor-hating food concerns have been losing their trade to the chain stores, which are under contract to the union. Thus Winona residents have not been inconve nienced by the strike. So far as is known, this is the first case where a group of employers have demanded of a union that it shut off all food supply to a community.

By refusing to accept the reason-able proposal of the Mayor for a setdement, the bosses have lost whatever little sympathy they may have had at the beginning of the struggle. The union is holding its lines firm, and is determined to stay out until its demands are met.

FWS-CLU DRAWS UP PROGRAM OF UNEMPLOYED AID

adopt the following RELIEF PRO-GRAM OF LABOR:

"1. Counties and localities. "Require that all special and adjourned meetings of public bodies for acting on relief matters, and state-ment of such purpose, be given at least 48 hours advance public notice. See that adequate and decent relief and health and hospital services begiven all needy residents by proper public agencies as now required by law, and that all public officials who violate or declare their intention to violate such laws be immediately replaced by others who are satisfactory to organized labor. Stop relief and WPA evictions by any means required. Stop enforced removals of takes no holiday. The Federal Work workers, other than convicted crimiers. Section is preparing a vigorous against organized labor. Enforce the stopped immediately and that ade-right of unemployed and relief work-quate medical and hospital care be ers to collective bargaining and repre-sentation of their own choice in all relief matters. Avoid relief financing which would place the load on the workers. Establish local HOUSING COMMISSIONS OF LABOR to obtain public funds and subsidies and to begin construction that will genuinely

spects to attain the state and federal relief objectives hereinafter set forth. A State Youth Act

relieve the housing situation for the

"Require immediate and continued appropriation of adequate funds to enable the counties and localities to carry out the aforesaid program. Obtain adoption of a state YOUTH ACT equivalent to the "American Youth orial building.

Act." Require state agencies for relief and care of the needy to give all lief organs of labor, and to facilitate

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by all lawful means the efforts of or program, and in all further respects sistent with law to permit organized labor the maximum of control and influence over relief and welfare matters. Reduce and remove, by any means necessary, all legal restrictions which now limit the role which organ ized labor is lawfully permitted to carry out in respect to public relief.

Increase WPA Wages

"3. Federal

"Require immediate and continued states the financial ability to carry out the relief program for states as naximum WPA wages for unskilled are now enjoyed by workers in private industry. Obtain disability compensation to all relief and WPA workers equal to that of workers in private industry, and not less than their pensation to all relief and WPA workvate industry, and not less than their cloud of suspicion once he is reveal-normal relief budgets. WPA pay ed. He is hated because he is a rat. checks to be given on the jobs weekly.
WPA relief workers to be permitted o make up wages lost through any appe of work or projects beyond the ndividual worker's control. Require ederal relief agencies to furnish to delegations or representatives of ag-grieved federal relief workers and clients, immediate and full informaion concerning the grievance, and all costs of decent transportation and maintenance in appealing such griev-ances until properly settled."

FWS Indicts City Hospital in Death Of William Edgar

one, of infantile paralysis. The boy died that evening (Wednesday) between 6 and 7. Signed: Lee Edgar, 306 15th Avenue North."

While the General Hospital admin istration behaves thus callously to-wards the children of the poor, death nals, from their home localities. Es-tablish adequate standardized relief the lack of care given the son of Lee for the purpose of preventing pres-sure which might cause scabbing that such inhumane treatment be given to the needy ill.

BAKERY BLAB

By A. M. Ogren needy. Assure cooperation in all re- Hibbing, September 19.

the Organizer wherein I told you vania coal fields to break up the the drapes in the 3rd floor hall cost Molly McGuires. McParlan did his \$165. It should have been \$265.

The regular quarterly meeting of the North Central District Drivers Council was opened yesterday at 1 o'clock in the beautiful Hibbing Mem-

By the way, maybe I should tell you what the N. C. D. D. C. is. This is a voluntary organization composed of the executive board of each local That makes seven members from each Drivers' Local. This Council takes in all drivers' locals from Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota and Iowa.

The purpose is to help the various locals in securing their proper contracts and prevent any but genuine vice Corporation, the W. J. Burns vice Corporation, the W. J. Burns vice Corporation, the W. J. Burns and vice Corporation and vice Corpora running the locals. Also to provide a Corporations Auxiliary Companies, relating to the various locals.

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The Labor Spy By Marvel Dobbs

According to the latest Funk and Wagnalis dictionary the term "rat" has many and varied definitions, all bad. In Trade Union parlance a rat is a strikebreaker, a renegade, and an information. The active strikebreaker, whether it are arrest and information. of the pariance a rat is a strikebreaker, a renegade, and an informer. The active strikebreaker, whether just an out-and-out fink, a "company man," or a hired thug from a detective agency, is hated and despised. The renegade who either joins a union only because he has to, or for the financial benefits it will net him, and then deserts at the 4 first concentrative is locked upon with a contract.

first opportunity, is looked upon with 13 Unions Sign Up The informer, the stool pigeon, the

abor spy is also hated and despised. In fact, he is another form of strike-"Require immediate and continued breaker, working in more subtle fash-federal appropriations to assure to ion to accomplish the same ends. He often plays the role of the agent provocateur, fomenting trouble, caus-Youth Act." Obtain an immediate strikes which meet with defeat. Inc., whose membership consists all large retail stores in the city. PRESIDENTIAL ORDER increasing Perhaps, of them all, the stool pigeon maximum WPA wages for unskined labor to \$22.50 per week. Secure for all WPA workers the same rights to organize and bargain collectively as the most hated form of strike

> Some authorities claim that the present widespread system of labor espionage is not known in foreign countries. They say that this "industry" is peculiar to United States alone. While it is true that there are no large detective agencies who deal Auxiliary Company. no large detective agencies who deal exclusively with this type of espionage in Europe, it is hard to believe that there is no spying on the workers in other lands. Human nature is much the same the world over. There has always been and perhaps always much the same the world over. There has always been, and perhaps always will be, that certain type of individual who is known as the "company man." School children know this creature as the "teacher's pet." The kind.)
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> Some idea of the magnitude of the magnitud erm "company man" as we know it,

reacted to long hours and short pay, and so forth. After 1825 when the the employing class realized they would have to deal, individual emwould have to deal, individual em-ployers began to pay the informers for their extra services. Soon a loose-ly connected system of espionage was seen to be growing side by side

with the new union movement.

Allan Pinkerton was the first detective to see in labor espionage a field for rich returns. He had long been serving the industrialists by supplying strikebreakers and armed guards. In 1873 he first branched out into this new field when he sent First I guess I better correct a out into this new field when he sent statement I made in the last issue of James McParlan into the Pennsyljob so well that twenty members of this group were arrested, tried, and convicted by his testimony. Seven of

them were hanged. New clients, bent on keeping their industries free from unionism, came to Pinkerton, or were sought out by him. Today this business of supply-ing industry with information has ing industry with information has grown to such proportions that it can

well be classed with big business, Pinkerton pioneered in this field, but he was not long alone. Many others went into the same work inder many and varied titles.

The largest agencies which have ome under the surveillance of the ing charters and International Detective Agency, the

> To date they have accomplished won ders and are striving to get every driving local in the Council Incidentally, I believe it is the only

body of this type in the whole coun-

It costs at present \$10 for the first 100 members and \$5 for each additional 100 members thereafter per month. The money is spent for organ-

izational work.

The following towns were repre sented at yesterday's meeting: La-Crosse, Superior, Winona, Duluth, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Austin, Albert Lea, St. Cloud, Mankato, International Falls, Little Fork, Waseca, Grand Forks, Minot, Fargo, and Marshal-

Mr. Ed Cunningham, president of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor, made the opening address fol-lowed by T. J. Merro, Secretary-treasurer of the North Dakota State meant dismissal. The blacklist was

This being a two-day session we are to meet for the balance of the meeting today, Sunday, at 1 o'clock.

On Sauratay Sauratay at 1 o'clock.

The blacklist, the manner in which

On Saturday, September 25, Howard Erickson, supervisor at the Excelsior Baking, will be married in St. Paul, The couple will travel in the east on their honeymoon.

The blacklist, the manner in which spies work, the way they are procured, the effect of their presence, and other related problems will be discussed in ensuing chapters of this series.

Toledo Retailers

Toledo, Ohio-After several weeks of negotiation, thirteen A. F. of L. unions signed a one-year contract with the Toledo Retail Associaties, Inc., whose membership consists of

The contract covers wages, hours and working conditions for employees. The participating unions include the electricians; retail clerks; carpenters; painters; plumbers; porters and elevator operators; cabinet-makers; warehousemen; sign painters; office workers; waiters. All negotiations were carried on through central agencies representing both groups.

the National Metal Trades Associa tion, the National Manufacturers Association (who also hire the aforementioned), and the International

Some idea of the magnitude of the s that person who carries favor in business of supplying information to the industrialist can be gained by order to enhance his own position with the employer, by carrying tales about his fellow workers.

During the early days of the Industrial Revolution, before the organized labor movement began to make itself felt as a factor, employers used these stooges in order to keep track of their employees; how they felt about the boss, how they reacted to long hours and short pay, and undercover work. and undercover work

During the long strike against the newly born union movement in Amer-ica began to be something with which the winter of 1986-37, the Burns they agency collected \$28,327.18, of which

\$12,328 was profit.

The Elevator Operators Union of New York City conducted a strike against their employers in March of 1936. The employers paid the Burns agency \$93,861.42, of which \$45,-861.47 was profit to the agency. The strike lasted a little over a month.

The Corporations Auxiliary Com panies served approximately 499 cli-ents in 18 industries, in 19 states. Their earnings from January 1, 1933, to October 31, 1936, was \$1,750, 019.53

In view of the fact that there are many more agencies supplying industry with this same service, it is easy to imagine what the grand total of the earnings of all of these com-

These figures give rise to another thought-does spying pay the spy? Contrary to general belief the av erage stool pigeon who is in the direct employ of an agency, does not get rich at his task. The usual fee for a report is four dollars. How-ever, should it be necessary for the agent to send in more than one daily report he soon finds himself put on eekly basis, at a much lower scale For example, an agent who specialized in joining various lodges of the Machinists' International found himself in a very tense situation, in Atwas engaged in an organization drive. He submitted several reports daily, and after a few weeks he found that his wages had been cut as the volume of his correspondence had in creased. He had no recourse. There

are no unions for labor spies.

The agent who is planted in factory is given an expense account. It is here, if at any place, that he is able to make his job pay him. Testimony brought out in the LaFollette hearings indicates that about sixty per cent of the spies employed by the various agencies have criminal records. It was also revealed that the agencies keep a good system of books, curtailing expenses to the very minimum. Stool pigeons do not trust one another.

During the early days of union or ganization the facts garnered by spica was put to very effective use. Most union members had to keep their membership a deep secret until the compiled from facts given the client

The Union Gallery



That skeptical puss above belongs George Viens, one of the shots in the Federal Workers Section, Local 544. This is how Georgie-Pordgy looks when discussing some relief case with an investigator who is con vinced the family should get along

beautifully on nothing per month.

G. Viens is proud of being French, but proudest of the General Drivers Union and its unemployed section. His hobbies are arguing with Palmquist and giving one an autobiographical sketch of his early railroading days.
Viens thinks it wouldn't be a bad

idea to have the unemployed workers take over the vacant factories and start producing. If we have to usher with G. Viens.

Watt Notes

Brother Jack Williams is back on the job. We are all glad to have him with us again.

After the long rest, "Honest John's" dogs were dragging Friday night.

Brother Coates, another meter eader who is an active union mem ber, has just been given a thirty-day lay-off. Reason???

Brother George Jacobsen of the Radio Section believes "13" is his lucky number-He went back to work September the 13th with full pay for lay-off and a \$15 a week raise

A little trouble at WMIN is being

oned out. It is reported Brother

Jules Geller is to go back to work Monday, September 20th. The Radio Section boys say it feels great to have a strong organization

representing them! All members of No. 292 are behind ou and interested in you boys. Keep

up the good work. The last Utility Section Stewards' Meeting was much better attended. There is still room for improvement.

Let's see more of you boys. Brothers Hackett, Montgomery, Stanchfield, Schultz and Phillips attended the State Federation of Labor convention.

KSTP and WCCO employees are slow to sign up with the union. In unity there is strength, boys.

It behooves all members to be or the job at all times and live up to all

No good Union man will lay down on the job while working and hide behind the Union's skirts. If he does he will harm and not help his Union in getting the things

Newspaper Guild Strikes N. Y. Paper

that rightfully belong to him.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—The biggest strike in the history of the American Newspaper Guild was called Septem-ber 13 when over 300 Guildsmen from the editorial, advertising and circulation departments s against the Brooklyn Eagle. struggle is looked upon by both sides as a showdown between the anti-labor Newspaper Publishers Associa-tion and the Guild.

A number of firings, motivated by the management's desire to intimidat employees, precipitated the battle

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The Guild is demanding the 5-day, 40-hour week for all employees; job security; a Guild shop; an end to company union activities.

Mass picketing demonstrations are neld twice daily, at 6:30 a. m. and 6:30 p. m., before the struck news plant. Brooklyn police arrested fifteen rikers soon after picketing began Strikers are carrying on a vigorous

campaign to cut circulation and ad-vertising of the Eagle, and are printng and distributing an "Eagle Strikepaper." A Citizens' Committee in suppo of the strike has enrolled such peopl as Joe DeMaggio and the entire Giants team, Jack Dempsey, Benny Leonard, Arthur Garfield Hayes and

Dobbs to Speak in St. Paul Tuesday

nany other well-known persons.

Farrell Dobbs, secretary of Gen eral Drivers Union Local 544, wil be the guest speaker of the St. Paul Socialist Party on Tuesday night Sept. 28, at a meeting to be held in the party's headquarters, 147 W. 5th Street. Dobbs will speak on "The Struggle Behind the Spanish Civil War." Admission is ten cents

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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.



The Labor Spy

For over fifty years now, American employers have occupied the hypocritical position of maintaining that "their" workers didn't want unions—and then spending millions of dollars yearly on spies to see that the workers COULDN'T have unions. The tale of the labor spy is the story that is told in a new educational series of articles beginning in this issue of the Northwest Organizer.

Northwest Organizer.

That employers should resort to the use of the labor spy though it causes a lot of righteous indignation among certain liberal ranks, should be no surprise to the ordinary worker who participates daily in the industrial struggle. The unending battle between the workers and the bosses is a war, and like any war, it has its military manifestations—general staffs on both sides, armies and spies. That only one side uses spies is due mainly to the fact that the wealth and the power reside

with the army of the exploiters.

There is little use in pretending that the employers haven't made good use of their spies in weakening and retarding the growth of unionism. Through industrial espionage, many a worker seeking to better his economic conditions and those of his fellow workers has been discriminated against, his organization broken up, and himself finally driven from the industry. Pinkertons, the Railway Audit, and the scores of other purveyors of stool pigeons and undercover operators to the nation's bosses don't collect their millions yearly without giving tion's bosses don't collect their millions yearly without giving something in return. The labor spy renders good service to his boss, in innumerable ways—by reporting and weeding out agitators, by talking against unionism and for the company,

agitators, by talking against unionism and for the company, by seeking to discourage strikes, often by joining the union, and working up to a high post where he can better betray workers to the enemy.

Yet the widespread use of stool pigeons by the bosses throws no insurmountable obstacle in the path of unionism. It only retards union organization but does not stop it. No really great army, in the history of the world, has ever been defeated by enemy espionage. The best proof of this is the great upsurge of labor organization during the past few years—made in the very teeth of battalions of spies, regiments of thugs and strikebreakers, companies of hostile judges, hostile cops, hostile militiamen.

In dealing with the labor spy, labor can best protect itself by gaining knowledge of how the spy operates, what his tricks are, etc. In this way, we can recognize him. Unionists can take a leaf from the notebook of military men who, when they suspect a man of being a spy, give him especially dangerous assignments to perform, make him do us much for their side that its value overshadows the value of any information he may give the enemy. Labor spies should be taught that, when may give the enemy. Labor spies should be taught that, when caught red-handed, they may expect the same treatment that

armies have given to enemy spies from time immemorial.

For a better understanding of industrial espionage, we recommend to our readers this new series.

Harlan County Coal Employers Control Cruel Reign of Terror

obliged to give up even this humble abode within five days. If he has been discharged for belonging to a union he is immediately ousted, and any fellow-worker brave enough to give his family shelter from the weather, meets a like fate.

About thirty employees of this company attended a mass meeting called by the United Mine Workers on Sunday, during late April, 1937. They were all informed the next night that "they had been caught in the cut-off." (a term used to mean that a lay-off was on).

Miners for this company work twelve hours a day—are paid for eight. Or they work ten hours a day and are paid for seven. When they t they are immediately suspect ed of unionism and discharged.

The following table shows in parthe earnings of one James Fugate, coal miner for the Harlan-Wallins Coal Corporation, for the period from March 1, to March 15, 1937.

Earnings 60 tons at 60. .\$36.00 Deductions (in part) 1.25 Rent 1.00 Transfers (chances) 1.00 Total deductions amounted to

\$32.47. It is the two items "doctor" and 'transfers (chances)" that present an interesting study. Lindsay Baker, a coal loader, got

pain became too great he went to the company doctor, who likewise said they do not even report such deaths his jaw wasn't broke, gave him some to the authorities. pills to wash his mouth out with and sent him home. He then went to the hospital at Harlan, (the hospital is that it was, bandaged it up and again ces on automobiles the company rafsent the man home. He stood the pain fles off.

left him. He began to hemmorhage They then went into action. This time they kept him in the hospital for they kept nim in the hospital for fourteen days. Bones began to work out of the man's jaw, into his mouth. The doctors refused to remove them. He finally went into Pineville at his own expense and had the bones re-

This man had paid doctor and hos-

pital benefits for eight years. Shortly after this Mr. Baker, who seventy years old, was set upon by the young son of one of the mine officials and severely beaten. Deputy theriffs stood around and watched. brother union member pulled the young bully off Mr. Baker. The next day the young man who assisted the

Mr. Baker made his way to the ome of Jasper Clouse. Mr. Clouse and his wife took care of him. After giving him first aid and leaving him in the care of his wife, Jasper and his brother Lloyd, who was a union organizer, walked up town. They stopped in a liquor store and purchased two pints of liquor and two packages of cigarettes. As they left the saloon four deputy sheriffs fol-lowed them out. When the two brothers stepped out of the door one of the deputies called to them, and as they turned the thugs began to shoot. Lloyd went down, a bullet through his head. Jasper was slugged but not

injured. Cases like this happen every day his head bashed over a starting box in this county which is ruled by the on a locomotive and broke his jaw. coal barons, under the expert direct His foreman told him he wasn't hurt, tion of Tom Middleton, high sheriff tion of Tom Middleton, high sheriff. but after a few moments when the Workers are so well educated into the ways and means of "justice" that

> The other item, "transfers (chances)" is even more interesting

Twice each month for the period of that they are not worth winning. Yet, also company property). Two doctors there disagreed on whether or not the jaw was broken, finally agreed salary, without his consent, for chanployees. The man who puts up the

this time for a few days when he had to return. They put him to bed, and automobiles owned by friends, or of-

Much Too Small

- Committee of the comm

Keeping Step With 544

The place at 257 has been deader han a country hotel the past few days-everyone in Hibbing.

P. Corcoran and the North-west Organizer have switched

DAD-GUM-IT

The Dental Workers are Baring heir Fangs again.

The 292 Radio Workers must have that thing. Another station just backed down.

That statement put out by the St. Paul machinists sure pegged the Mau-

The truck like our paper. The truck drivers in Louisville

seth gang right.

The St. Paul laundry bosses are

A fellow confessing in the Austin paper that he's Labor has finally identified himself.

The staff artist decorating the Union Gallery is Deana Harris.

TOO MUCH BRIDGES The Maritime Federation of the Pacific has lost its sea legs.

HE SHOULD KNOW BETTER Bill McGaughren is threatening

The CIO meeting last Thursday was a disappointment.

Looks at the Press

Rev. David Burrell: "The Christian

workingman has a certain self-re-spect, with no class feeling of bitter-

ness. When we all put the Golden

Rule to work we will have no strikes

I'd like to have some preacher

and Christian principles can be

practiced in a class society based

upon the exploitation of the

many by the fave. If there be a

Christian workman with "no

class feeling," you can be sure there are few Christian bosses

without class feeling. Christian ity merely permits them to put a hypocritical face upon their

actice of robbing the workers.

All history shows that when churches are faced with a choice

between the people and the wealthy, the representatives of

God invariably choose the side

Dr. George B. Cutten, president of

Colgate university: "I'm very much afraid of social security . . . It seems

to me one of the most dangerous

things which we have come in contact

It always amuses me how peo

ple who have never known what it is to be impoverished get up

workers are interested in social

ficials of the company, or even gov-

ernment officials of the county. They

are usually so decrepit and run down

month from the envelopes of its em-

of the oppressors.

with in recent years,"

or lockouts or class disturbances.'

LABOR ...

The NCDDC is harvesting in Iowa. Omaha truckers read the N. W. Organizer, too.

-Don. Cede .-

SUGAR

The newspapers gave a dinner to the newsies at the Curtis on Sunday.

HEH-HEH Johnny Williams had to go to work

HUNTING SEASON The Grocery Section will meet a week early.

JUST A START The A. F. of L. has organized 80,000 workers in Minnesota.

Packing house workers in South St. Paul are putting out a union paper. That makes about seven labor papers in the state. And then there's the Minnesota Leader.

The Warehouse Union has carved itself out more room at 257.

F. Dobbs is our Spanish ex-

BUT THEY DO Some of the bosses don't like to pay a full-time check to a worker

on vacation. Famous Last Words: " . . . and you don't have to pay dues in our independent outfit."

ion-headed poor for social security is the thing that is sooner or later going to blow up capitalism and usher in socialism, the only form of economic organization that can offer security to all.

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From the N. Y. Times: "China car-

ried the struggle with Japan to the League of Nations as the assembly

Don't tell me the League of Nations is still in existence? I thought that after it had settled the Ethiopian case and the Spanish civil war, it would have been satisfied to retire on its laurels.

Lady Snowden, wife of the late English labor leader (yes, that's the kind of labor leaders they have in England): "I was so impressed with Hitler's personality that I would not hesitate to accept his word when he promised, nor to meet him halfway when he made a just demand . . . H has a genuine respect for woman hood, and is on the side of youth."

Even Lady Snowden should Hitler promised the workers before he came to power. I don't know what Hitler thinks of women, but I could say a thing or two about his position on the youth—but after all, this ISN'T the Whiz Bang.

From New York City: "The new Knights of Progress, dedicated to Americanism and to war on radicalism, will send representatives to call on all candidates of the Republican, Democratic and City Fusion parties to see just where they stand in re gard to Americanism. The organization will not bother interviewing can didates of the Socialist or Communist parties, Lewis B. Smith, chairman said, "because they are already firmly behind the un-American principles of Marx and Lenin."

More's the pity that Smith is

Letters from Worker - Readers

News from Kentucky

To the Northwest Organizer: We have been a little slow about building truck drivers' unions down here in Kentucky. Only within the ast few months has there been much of a movement to bring unorganized drivers and helpers into our union down here.

As a result of this long delay, the wages among Southern drivers range, on an average, from 20c to 45c hourly. The average wage runs about 30c, with the work week, in most cases, at least 60 hours in length.

I am citing these figures to show our northern brothers the condition we are in throughout most of the South, Our wages here amount to only one-half to one-fourth what union men in the North are getting.

This is in no way an apology for the lack of unionism in these parts. There are a number of reasons why we are behind time, but these causes nust and will be overcome shortly. We are determined not to stop our struggle for a decent living. We see what unions have done for our broth-er workers in other parts of this country, and we are starting to "catch the idea." too.

The membership of Local 779 of Lexington, Kentucky, wishes to extend whole-hearted sympathy and friendship to the workers of the Northwest who have set the pace in the struggle for working-class rights We have subscribed to the Northwest Organizer and think it is the best la-bor paper printed. It's just what we need down here to help awaken the still slumbering, unorganized, exploited millions.

I am taking this privilege of order-

ing 400 copies of the Northwest Organizer for Local 799 of Lexington, Kentucky. Send these papers in bundles of 100 each for a period of four weeks. At the end of that time, I feel sure that we will renew our subscription.

Fraternally yours, FRANK KWALLEK

In Appreciation

To Local 544: Your kind expressions of sympathy are gratefully acknowledged and deeply apreciated.

> Sincerely, GEORGE JOHNSON FRANK JOHNSON DAISY LECKE

To General Drivers Local 544: To thank you for your thoughtful kindness at a time when it was greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Mrs. Carl J. Gustafson Bernice and Gertrude Gustafson

A NOTE TO GOVERNOR BENSON To the N. W. Organizer:

In his address before the Minnes State Federation Convention on Monday evening, September 20, Governor Benson made the statement that 'never again shall agents of the Pinkertons act as strike breakers and abor spies in Minnesota."

Governor Benson recently refused

renew the Pinkertons' license in Minnesota. There has long been a law n Wisconsin prohibiting the Pinkerons or any of their ilk from doing abor espionage work or any other undercover work, unless their operaives are registered with the chiefs of police in the city where they are operating. The Pinkertons had one nan stationed in Milwaukee, duly egistered. There were apparently no

Yet the LaFollette investigation prought out the fact that during the period from 1933 to 1936 there were actually twenty-one such agents operating in Wisconsin, mostly in the Chevrolet plant at Janesville. Most of those men were registered in the Chicago office of the agency as "watchmen," a classification which the Wisconsin law forgot to cover.

Fraternally, MARVEL DOBBS

Goes to the Senate To the Northwest Organizer:

We wish to ask your cooperation in the matter of keeping this Committee informed as to conditions and appenings in your field.

Will you put the address below on your mailing list? Such action will be very much appreciated by the Committee members and staff.

ROBERT WOHLFORTH Secretary U. S. Senate Civil Liberties

Committee Senate Office Building Washington, D. C.

From Popolo delli Api: "Whatever people may say, it is extraordinarily difficult to drive out of the worker's head the conviction that he is ex-ploited by the capitalist."

Now, I just can't understand that, can you? Especially when it is so evident that our capitalist friends obviously have our best interests at heart.

NOT by Edgar Guest To the Workers

Your kings and your countries need you-You, the sons of honest toil; But your countries have been stolen, You're needed to guard the spoil.

Flower of the nation's manhood, They need you but a day; Mayhap, the morning's sun will rise

I see the bloody plains of war Swept clear with shot and shell; Death's scythe is sweeping quickly past; Gape wide the jaws of hell.

I hear the cannon's roar, The cry of souls in anguish: And maimed and mangled, friend and foe, Are left to die in anguish. O men, where does the honor lie,

In deeds of foulest murder; To rob a mother of her son, Or children of their father? You build the ships, the ships of war,

To dominate the foam;
To guard the land you don't possess
And your hovel, called a home. You build the lofty palace hall,

You build the prison cell; You forge the tatters of the chain To bind yourselves in hell. You toil and sweat, you spin and weave, You plow the fertile lands. Yet in the fruitful summer-time

You stand with empty hands Remember this: the great are great Whilst you on knee are bended; But stand and act and think like men, The tyrant's day is ended.

-Frank A. Fearnley

Yellow Notes

In appreciation of the great efforts displayed by the members of the Yel-low Cab Team in winning the Federal Division chmpionship, Mr. Masters presented each player who took part in the championship game with the Aces a championship emblem. In return, Jack Herman, the team manager, will present Mr. Masters with the loving cup given by the Park the winter months. Board Commissioners to the team as a token of championship in the Federal Division. It is very evident that the management of the Yellow Cab after almost a two year absence due Co. is very well pleased with the excellent results the players obtained in competing with others for the championship. When several major factors are considered such as the average age of the players and the amount of practice they were able to indulge in, it must be conceded that it was noth-It must be conceded that it was noth-ing but determination and perserver-ance that assisted them in winning. We sincerely hope they make as good a name for themselves next year and although our efficient manager has already announced a declination of the job for next season, we are hopeful that he may exercise a woman's perogative and consent to pilot the team again next season.

"Shorty" Salge has qualified for the transfer of the title of "Pinch-Penny No. 2" from Art to himself. Be careful, "Shorty," or you might qualify too well and succeed in wresting the title of "Pinch-Penny No. 1" away from Cy Passolt.

The seasonal rush for night shift cars is now on. Exercising of seniority rights in selection of cars and shifts now provides real benefits to drivers who have sufficient "whiskers" to enable them to select the car and shift they desire to work during

Information has been received that Bill Saunders is back on the job again to the serious injury he received when struck by a car near the Great Northern depot. We all extend you a very welcome return, Bill, and we sincere ly hope lady luck smiles your way this time and rewards you for the patience and courage you displayed in fighting to recover from your dis-

The readers of the ORGANIZER will soon learn of a very definite move being made by taxi drivers in the Twin Cities to revolutionize the taxi industry and place it on a basis comparable with others in the driving industry. This move will also lay the foundation for a great improvement throughout the Northwest in the taxi Since Art Olstad has left us, ru-mors are being circulated that IZER for a full account of this move.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

Petroleum Drivers

The Petroleum Drivers will meet ach month.

Federal Workers

Second Friday in each month.
Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.

Local 1859

General Membership—Sept. 1 Casket Industry—Sept. 14 Clark Company—Sept. 15 Puffer-Hubbard—Sept. 17 Box Industry—Sept. 21 St. Paul Section—Sept. 27. Executive Board—Every Friday

Local 20316

Stewards-First and third Tues day.

Regular Membership Meeting—
fourth Tuesday
Executive Board—Regularly every
Monday.

Ice, Coal Drivers Meeting Schedule

Local 221, Ice and Coal Drivers Union, will hereafter hold all of its regular meetings at the new headquarters of the Teamsters 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.

Local 289

Retail Drivers First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers - Second Thursday.
Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday.
Cake and Pie—Third Thursday.
General Membership — Fourth
Thursday.

Private Chauffeurs The Private Chauffeurs will meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

Local 292

Inside Section—First Tuesday
Utility Section—First Thursday
Full Membership — Third Thursday
General Executive Board — Mondays preceding first and third
Thursdays
Advisory Board—Every Tuesday

Local 131 LAUNDRY DRIVERS
The Laundry and Dry Cleaning
Drivers Local 131 meets the first
and third Wednesdays of each

Local 544

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Thursday, Sept. 16—Tent and Awning; Print Drivers
Friday, Sept. 17—Job Stewards
Thursday, Sept. 23—Transfer;
Wholesale Drug
Tuesday, Sept. 28—Taxi Drivers;
Night Drivers, 1 p. m.; Day Drivers, 7 p. m.
Seniority Committee meets each Friday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 1.
Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m.
Hall No. 2.
Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m. in staff room.