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Stand all

Till right

National

Picket Line

Following the example of steel workers at Harrison, New Jersey, who recently held a sit-down strike which forced the management to concede almost every union de mand, steel workers employed at the Crucible Steel plants in Jer-

discriminations against union men ers fired out of seniority. A pro- ond avenue north and Aldrich. gressive demand is one calling upon the company to "recognize the shop stewards, officers and grievance committeemen of the union as being exempt from the provithe above are the last to be laid

The anti-labor ordinance of the Hague administration limits pickets to four. The union maintains most of the 300 strikers across the street from the struck plant, however, ready to act in defense of

Following the failure of its frame-up attempts against militant workers in Minneapolis and San Francisco, Communist Party forces the International Furriers Union are now attempting to frame a vice-president of that orworking in Toronto, Canada. Max Federman, manager of two furriers' locals in Toronto, has been charged with embezzlement of funds by the Stalinist clique running the union. At a joint membership meeting of the two Toronto locals, the membership voted overwhelmingly, 268 to 71, to acquit Federman, who is a member of a radical Jewish work ers' organization, the Left Paole

The CIO Longshoremen's strike which began January 3 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, continues to tie up that port, no cargo having entered or left the island for five weeks. Strikers are demanding 75c hourly (former wages were 32c hourly); a settlement for clerks, checkers and watchnen, and the discharge of all cargo at ports of destination, regardless of the cargo's size. The company's offer of 40c was voted down by the strik-

As the strike of Ford workers Carl Johnson in St. Louis goes into its eleventh in St. Louis goes into its eleventh week, workers are getting a new Buried Monday the viciousness of Ford's labor policies. Gantner, personnel director of the Ford personnel director of the Ford cal 471 learned with deep sorrow plant in St. Louis, accompanies of the death of Carl Johnson, headquarters are raided, and directs the coppers in their arrest a member of Local 471 for 19 of leading union militants. At po- years. For 18 years he had served lice headquarters, Gantner directs as a member of the Executive examination and questioning | Board. The Ford of the arrested men. (Continued on page 4)



Killed Him?

dered by unknown persons on the night of November 17, 1937. The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council offers a reward of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS for infor-mation leading to the apprehen-sion and conviction of the mur-derers.

Cab Driversity of Wisconsin. Unite In Rejecting Bosses' Offer Three Day Truce Granted to Clark

Must Sign Contract Within That Time or Furniture Workers Will Renew

A strike of the workers, a request by the boss for a three-day sey City, Mayor Hague's "king-truce during which, he promised, went out on strike Janu- a new contract will be negotiated, and a return to work on that ba-Strikers are demanding an end sis were the rapid developments to the stagger system; time and one-half for overtime; an end to gain a new contract with the J. and reinstatement of union work- R. Clark Woodenware plant, Sec-

The previous agreement beunion and the company expired December 31, 1937. For over a month, the union's negotiating committee had attempted ions of the seniority clause and to gain a new contract, but to no that during their term of office avail. On Monday morning at 8 a. m., the workers at the Clark Marshalltown plant decided unanimously to strike, that being the sole road left to them to win their contract. Employees immediately convened in the union headquarters, 257 Plymouth avenue, and set up com-mittees to handle the strike.

Union Accepts Truce On Tuesday morning the strike ommittee met and heard a request that had come from nanagement that a three-day permit its members to return to work. He pledged that within the three-day period, a contract would be negotiated. The Clark workers

Harold Meddlicott of St. Paul Local 120, and Curt Zander and George Frosig of Minneapolis Local 544. then met and voted to return to the plant Tuesday noon. A meeting between the union negotiating committee and Mr. Clark was held wednesday morning the state of candidates was nominated, from which a new set of officials for 1938 will be chosen. Candidates for president are the state of the Wednesday morning.

Members of Milk Drivers Lopolice every time the union's long-time member of the union, Brother Johnson

To Meet Thursdays

Casket Workers to Meet Thursday 5 P. M.

Employers in the Minneapolis casket industry have proposed a new working agreement to Furniture Workers Local 1859, stipulating the same wages as in effect in the old contract, with a strict seniority clause. Casket workers met Tuesday evening at 257 Plymouth to hear the report of the union negotiating committee. After lengthy discussion, it was voted to hold a special meeting of the casket section on Thursday at 5 p. m., at which a plan of action against the casket bosses will be considered.

Officers

Marshalltown, Iowa-A delegation of drivers' officials from the Twin Cities came down here Sunday, February 6, to assist the Marshalltown Drivers Local 790 the to re-organize its activities and plan for an organizational cammanagement that a three-day paign. Coming from the Twin truce, Clark asked that the union permit its members to return to

Wednesday morning.

Higher Wages, Seniority
The union is demanding that the same contract as before be signed, with a wage increase and with the same contract as before be signed, with a wage increase and contract as before be signed, with a wage increase and contract as before be signed, with a wage increase and contract as before be signed, with a wage increase and contract as before be signed, with a wage increase and contract as before be signed, with a wage increase and contract as before be signed. with a seniority clause stating that the qualified employee with the highest seniority has the right to accept or reject any job opening at the plant. This seniority clause, plus the question of wage increases, have been the two major dred members. On Sunday plant of the desired for the succession of the succession o at the plant. This seniority clause, plus the question of wage increases, have been the two major bones of contention in the negotiations so far held.

Monday's strike marked the Minneapolis unions before many hundreds of drivers in this city. A real spirit of engage and Minneapolis were made for a membership drive which is expected to bring in many hundreds of drivers in this city. A real spirit of engage in the many hundred and members in this city. A real spirit of engage in the many hundred and members in the many hundred and members in the many hundred and members. The many hundred is the many hundred and members in the members in the members in the many hundred and members in the members in the

Thief River Falls Workers Hold AFL Rally

Minnesota, last Wednesday eve-ning, sponsored by the American "Such butter, while it sometimes ring, sponsored by the American Such butter, while it sometimes sells for a cent or two less than locally made butter, constitutes a direct threat to the livelihood of Retail Clerks; Floyd Coverston, business agent of the Grand Forks General Drivers Union, and Ray trade unionists, their families, and Sawyer, organizer of the Minne-friends of labor, to purchase butapolis Teamsters Joint Council.

so interested were Thief River in Minneapolis."

All butter sold from milk wag-Falls workers in the organization-al work of the AFL that the Odd ons in Minneapolis is made by

Drivers Discuss Area Negotiations Unions Donate to

A meeting was held at 257 Plymouth avenue Monday of sub-committees of drivers unions in this district, to discuss methods of procedure for the creation of a con-tributed to date to carry the Voor tract committee for this trade hees case, involving the right of area, and to reach decisions as unions to picket without being to the course of action to be followed in securing area negotia- in violation of the state anti-intions for over-the-road drivers junction law, to the U. S. Supreme versions. Following is a tentative

Monday's strike marked the third time Local 1859 has found it necessary to take strike action at the Clark plant. Of the two former strikes, one was a sit-down strike, the first struggle of this type held in the Minneapolis area, and the second sit-down held in the state. Both former strikes and pledge their aid in the state. Both former strikes and pledge their aid in the state. Both former strikes and pledge their aid in the state. A special meeting of the union.

A special meeting of drivers in unions in Des Moines, St. Paul and Minneapolis were present at the meeting. Attending were speaking tour last week, very sympathetic and interested in the meeting. Attending were plan of action outlined by the visitors, plus the prospect of a new set of officials, over 40 members came forward to pay their back dues and pledge their aid in building the union.

A special meeting of the union of Des Moines Local 90: Art Hud-A special meeting of the union of Des Moines Local 90; Art Hud-

The Minnesota Supreme Court

Scab Butter

Call Attention to Chain Store Methods of Importing But-ter; List Union Brands Available Here

The practise of various Minneapolis chain stores in buying butter made outside Minneapolis by A most successful Labor Rally was held in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, last Wednesday eveour union members," said William Sinnott. "I appeal to all friends of labor, to purchase but-

Fellows hall was packed and members of Local 471. In addiscores of workers had to be turned tion, the following brands are away. Certain stooges of the Minneapolis CIO leaders who have earned the enmity of organized labor by their policy of splitting established unions, had the gall to accuse the AFL locally of following such a ruinous policy. They were answered in no uncertain manner by Ray Sawyer, whose straightforward account of the splitting role of the CIO unsuch as the confused by the confused by the made by the made by the Minneapolis Creamery; Ace Brand Butter, made by the Nein Creamery whose straightforward account of the splitting role of the CIO unsuch as the Cloverleaf buck-passing and evading, of promising and then finding excusses.

To make matters still worse and bring them to a point where the workers realize they must plan their out bad habits of the cloverleaf butter made by the Minneapolis Creamery; Ace Brand Butter, made by the Nein Creamery work jointly and quickly, local officials have tried to split the workers away from organizations. neapolis CIO leaders who have Butter, made at the Cloverleaf whose straightforward account of ery; Desoto Butter, made by Detect the splitting role of the CIO under its irresponsible leadership in made by Minnetonka Creamery; made by Minnesota put a damper on the slanderous lies being peddled by CIO splitters in the Thief River purchasing the above brands of butter, the buyer can be assured that he is getting a split or candidates and special for splitting the splitting of the CIO splitters in the Thief River purchasing the above brands of butter, the buyer can be assured that he is getting a split of candidates and special for splitting that he is getting a split of candidates and special for splitting the splitting that he is getting a split of candidates and special for splitting the splitting that he is getting a split of candidates and special for splitting the splitting that the splitting that he is getting the splitting that th

Back Voorhees Case

will be held Sunday afternoon, son of Local 120, St. Paul; and on January 31, took up the refebruary 20, at which officials for the new year will be chosen. Farrell Dobbs, Minneapolis.

Milk Drivers Score Sale of Repeat Demand For Adequate Minimum

Relief Officials Invited to **Discuss Rural Problems**

Union Representatives, Workers to Question County Officials Regarding Relief

membership meetings of both Cab Drivers Local 125 and Yellow Cab Responsibilities Feb. 18

Rural Hennepin relief and WPA issues will be threshed out next Friday, Feb. 18, at 8 p. m., in a mass meeting at the General Drivers Hall, 257 Plymouth Ave. N., where all the County Commissioners and relief officials will then be asked pointed questions which the workers want an-

Despite many promises and motions passed by various township boards to provide the Minneapolis standards of supplementing WPA wages for rural Hennepin works, and one gesture after another to keep the workers from taking drastic steps, the old inadequacy of relief is will age and county officials still Nolson Despite the workers have

pursue their old bad habits of

shat he is getting a commodity ises of candidates and special fa-made under union conditions. officials. Those workers who see through the schemes to the great dangers ahead, have called this mass meeting to put the facts before the mass of the workersto open their eyes as a first step ard their living standards.

Burning Questions A list of questions has been ropounded for the County Commissioners and relief officials to nswer at the mass meeting Union speakers will then give their ist of the questions: How much relief is being given

w much should be given? How much supplement? Who

What local sources of are available for relief? Who has authority-and how

nuch-over relief in rural Henepin?
Can clients get "favors" by aving a "pull?"

Does it pay to work on WPA? What must be done to get the

Minneapolis supplements in rural Hennepin?

What will make the Legislature

Nelson, Buzza. **Dayton Workers**

To Meet

Employees of the B. F. Nelson company will meet Sunday, February 13, at 2 p. m. at 257 Plymouth avenue north, to discuss provisions of a new contract being drafted for presentation to the management. The meeting is sponsored by Warehouse Workers Local 20316. Last week it wasterroneously reported the meeting would be held February 15. Buzza workers will hold a spec-

ial section meeting on Saturday afternoon, February 12, at 1 p. m. in the union hall, to di the new contract.

A meeting of all members of the Warehouse Union employed at the Dayton store will be held the following Wednesday, February 16, at 8 p. m. at 257 Plymouth. All Dayton workers have now received checks due them for back the new contract and its obserration by the company.

The employers' committee of-fered to draft a counter-proposal fered to draft a counter-proposal to present to union negotiators within two weeks. Should negotiations extend beyond February

The Chicago Tribune, bitter opponent of organized labor, carried the news that eight A. and P. tiations extend beyond February trucks turned back from Rockford tiations extend beyond reputat, trucks turned back from locality trucks turned back from locality by pickets last Thursday morning were given an escort of armed were given an escort of armed

Members of the Independent Truck Owners Section of Local 544, and of the driving crafts in Minneapolis heard with sorrow that Mrs. Herman Carlson, wife of our member, died in childbirth tions to Local 325's strike fund, held January 22.

Type Founders

\$15 Offer of Bosses Turned Down by Membership of Locals 125 and Cab Sec-tion of 544

Firmly united for joint action, Section of Local 544 on Monday reiterated their demand for an adequate guaranteed weekly wage.

As a counter-offer to the demand of the joint negotiating committee for a weekly minimum of \$24, a committee representing the

Up to now cab drivers have been paid solely on a commission basis, so that they have borne the brunt for any dislocations in the industry, excess number of cabs, etc. If successful in their attempts to secure a weekly guaranteed important step since the establish ment of unions in the industry.

Backed By Joint Council Backed by the Teamsters Joint Council in all their moves, the cab drivers are determined to win

Yellow cab drivers met Wednesplan further steps in their carn

of Illinois Strike Labor Support

The meeting is called for purpose of checking up on in the strike of 400 coal and transfer drivers of Rockford, Ill., members of Teamsters Union Lo-Other section meetings of the cal 325, who two weeks ago went Warehouse Union will be held in out on strike for higher wages, the near future. Members are asked to watch the columns of the NORTHWEST ORGANIZER for Bakery Drivers Now Negotiating Joint Pact
The joint negotiating committee of the two Twin Cities locals of the Bakery Drivers Union—Local 289 of Minneapolis and Local sponsibility for the strike. the Bakery Drivers Union—Local 289 of Minneapolis and Local 409 of St. Paul—held its first meeting last Wednesday afternoon with the committee representing the bakery employers of the Twin Cities.

Union Relief Committee is taking action to assist union members and their families in getting relief. Arrangements have been made with the township supervisor that only coal firms who signed up with the union

squads of deputy sheriffs, after a labor-hating judge, Arthur Fisher, had granted a stiff injunction against picketing.

According to the Rockford La-

bor News, the slogan of workers in that town is "Your Fight is Our Fight." The paper urges all workers to register duty, to make financial contribuand to refuse deliveries made by any firm unless its drivers are union members

Central Labor Union called upon the city council and was successful At the luncheon of the Minneapolis Board of Union Business
Agents, held Tuesday, Feb. 8, it
was voted to change the meeting will day of the board to Thursday of
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apolis Board, they were of one mind.

Workers came into head-on collision with the war program of
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Auto Union Takes Anti-War Stand, Is Attacked by Pro-War Communists

between the leadership of

The long-smoulde ing struggle likely to go on for a long time. a press interview on February 3, Communist Party. The convention the Martin, anxious to portray him- he declared that "The Communist of the United Mine Workers voted

Services were held Monday afternoon at the Zion Lutheran church, and were read by the church, and were read by the Rethand to Respond Valor of the Rethand to Respond Valor of the Rethand to Respond to the Rethand to

measures designed to curb the militancy of the auto workers.

In doing so the United Auto America," Martin declared. "If by Workers came into head-on col- anyone mentions Stalinism be is inism and Stalinist propaganda in agreement with the position taken In doing so the United Auto America," Martin declared. "If by the ILGWU.

church, and were read by the Reverend Nelson of the Bethany church. The Franklin Male Chorsus, of which Brother Johnson had been a member, sang at his funeral. He is survived by his wife, Emma, two daughters, Bernice, 17, and Geanne, 10, a father, Charles Johnson of Minneapolis, three brothers and three sisters.

Representatives

Communist Party has broken out anew, this time primarily around the question of support or opposition to Roosevelt's war policies were of the overwhelming anti-war sentiment among the organ-judge the support-growing of 'collective security.' I would hate to risk my security with the firing squads of Stalin. The Stalinists want us to fight Rus-yolitical beliefs and affiliations, but stating that they opposed from membership in a union for the United Auto Workers voted unanimously in favor of the Lud-low amendment.

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Relief Officials Invited to Discuss Rural Problems

and Congress provide more funds?

What makes public officials

What's better than ballots? Are the workers satisfied with present relief standards?

Have they enough to eat, wear and enjoy? How much do they need?

Who determines that, and how? be held Friday night, February What about the children, their 18, at 257 Plymouth avenue, first

What is a good parent, a good been invited to attend. For whom and for what should

Will families of 3 or less be kicked off of WPA? When? Why? m., 257 Plymouth. How should we organize for a better living?

Workers Section?

workers, relief clients, members of other unions and just plain unemployed workers are asked to statement for the men involved. attend this meeting and to bring along the older children and wives by all means. Those who drive neighbors. LEARN WHAT THE

Laundry Lingo

FIGHTS FOR.

Norman Carle from the Mill City is in the Deaconess hospital having an operation on February 2. He'll no doubt be laid up for at least three weeks. We're pulling for you, Brother.

We've uncovered some bad necessary to suspend some members from our union. Be sure you do not work for less than the

You voted to have your Executive Board take care of grievances. Abide by the rules of the organization, so you will not be summoned before the Board violation of those rules.

The Majestic Cleaners are going into the laundry business too. The Golden Rule moved in there last week.

on the union.

It's six o'clock weekdays and four o'clock Saturdays.

With Shovel and Tongs

Lyn Erenfight is confined to the Northwestern hospital this week with a bad case of blood poisoning. Here's to a speedy recovery. a tournament?

Local 221's bowling team is going to town lately. Monday night Ford? Looks like a couple of ex they rolled a new high score for tra bumpers. Sometimes upside son-2790 for three games. down, maybe? Those big-chested brothers are the

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and 2nd St. North

ember to Stop at **NICK'S CAFE** 1501 South Sixth Street OICE LIQUORS

Where Good Friends Meet

floor. County commissioners have The regular monthly meeting of the WPA veterans will be held

On

WPA

Projects

The officialdom of WPA should what's back of the Federal for the men at Fort Snelling. About 40 minutes of every noon What plan of action should hour is consumed in traveling to and from lunch. The men All rural FWS members, WPA and from nunch. The men declaration of the project, and were immediately 403-ed. The union is taking up the question of rein

Our roving steward scampered little too near the edge of the Mississippi bank the other day and took a slide for life. It's all STANDS FOR AND in the game, Squirrel.

> The village Boake Carter of Coters economical and political. To the four billion dividend handout use a borrowed analogy, we remind this budding champion of ord, etc., etc.' reaction that the cart will never be pulled from the mud by starving and bleeding the horse.

We learn the Workers Alliance cases of chiseling, and found it reiterated their People's Front program at their St. Paul conven-

> Don't forget the card party at hall Saturday night, February 12.

> Harold Plumadore, who has been laid up for two years, is back on the coal truck again. Good luck from now on.

The mild weather gives the ice nen a break.

Don't forget the big dance on There are a couple of little 257 Plymouth. The Union Bowlinternational circumstances scuiffes on right now. I'll bet ing League is going to a lot of —New York T trouble to see that everybody will have an enjoyable evening.

Friday night is Teamsters Joint Council meeting. It's important that our delegates attend.

Have you got a grievance? Bring it in to the Grievance Board on Thursday night at 7

The Sibley Coal yard has some good cribbage players. How about

Say, what's on top of the Frog's

The members of Local 221 exend their deep sympathies to Brother H. Karrow, whose young on recently died of pneumonia.

Over the Counter With Local 804

Ed Solberg did a job of work ast week when he secured a signed contract from Ruff Bros The 22 members have all paid initiation fees.

Sam Brown Says: Rather than carry over our \$18.50

Sheep-Lined COATS

until next year, we're giving them notice to STEP OUT LIVELY AT

\$9.69

By far the lowest price ever seen by men of the Twin Cit-ies for coats of this high grade. Heavy sheepskin lin-ing, fine Laskin Lamb col-lar. A buy you shouldn't miss. And HURRY—at this price they're going fast!



and ... ON THE Other Hand By the Cynic

rural Hennepin WPA workers will Michigan knows whether he is go payroll later this winter. He hopes to increase it. Idle men make no out the sale of products his own business is headed toward ruin. -Grand Rapids (Michigan)

> Yeah, verily, 'tis difficult to exploit idle labor. But then that is the trouble, labor has been exploited to such an extent that it is unable to buy back that which it has produced. The boss has the goods in his warehouses and his money in the bank and the workers are holding the bag. It's a great system.

"Roosevelt does not have to wait for a problematic increase in business to give him a problematic increase in revenue. Why is no mbia Heights, has been taking action taken on the fifty billion raps at organizations of relief dollars of tax exempt securities workers in his column. While he now in the hands of the Wall has a nice style, he reveals a de-cided lack of knowledge on mat-

-The Daily Worker

Because we are living in a capitalist country and Roosevelt is its chief representative and must obey the mandate of capitalist class. Are the Stalinists really so naive that they think Roosevelt will put the burden on the rich to sup port the 11 million unemployed and at the same time furnish the billion dollar naval expansion money? Ever read the Communist Mani-

"President Roosevelt's naval uilding plans are explained by the Japanese newspaper Kokumir as due to the need to provide do aturday night, February 26, at mestic employment rather than to -New York Times

> Japan thinks it is unfortunate to be made the hypothetical enemy of the United States but no doubt the need for new enterprises is very pressing. Imagine - greater arms expansion to help the unemployed! That's a new one. Perhaps a war to make the world safe—or unsafe for the unemployed will soon be the order of the day. Any subterfuge that will help to deliver the workers over to the war mongers, that's the task now before the bosses in every capitalist country.

that new applicant you were go ing to bring to the next meeting Union membership entitles one to \$27.50 for a 54-hour week, which should sound pretty good to some of these 80-hour, \$20 men.

A certain South Minneapolis grocer hasn't been sleeping so Chapman. well of late because of-oh well

Don't fail to attend the next meeting Monday night, February 14, 8 p. m. at the Central Labor Union.

What's become of Jay Levy and lead out. George Anderson? Let's see you guys Monday night.

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Bill Brown Says-

Speaking of concentration camps, you should have been to the Electricians' Dance last Saturday. It was so crowded, I had to walk two blocks away before I had room to bed aregu.

The Business Agent's Widow

The other night I listened To a lot of funny talk About the business agent's work, How he the chalk line walks.

What they forgot to tell you folks, what I'll tell to you About the business agent's widow

She has set the supper table And kept the vittles hot, Perhaps he'll come and eat them, Again-most likely not.

She waits and waits for hours, To eat she does not care, So she drinks a cup of coffee, Opposite a vacant chair.

All evening long she sits at home Imagination working overtime, Wondering, hoping, fearing for him, Without reason, without rhyme. Widows, when at last he's come,

When you see he's all in one piece Couldn't you just wring his neck? We widows are often angry,

Like as not we often pout, As for me I don't know what I'd do, Without him to worry about.

There are real widows, grass widows, Golf widows and such. But I'd rather be the sort I am, Now don't that beat the dutch?

-NELL OGG

Majority of Nation

won a high reputation for the ac

ey has agitated the conscience of the world. Today new develop-

ments in the affair seem immin

Before the justices of the U. S

Supreme Court lies an appeal of Tom Mooney for his freedom. The

action of that court is being close

ly watched by workers every-where, for their decision will de-

termine labor's action to free la

St. Cloud Organizes

Representatives of the Minne

apolis Bakery Drivers Local 289

spoke in St. Cloud Sunday after

into the St. Cloud Local, and a

check-up revealed that only eight

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Bakery Drivers

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Thinks Mooney

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BAKERY BLAB

By A. M. Ogren

Next meetings: Inside Workers, Saturday, February 12. Retail
Drivers, Sunday, February 13. Wide survey of public opinion just Specialty Men, Monday, February completed by the American Insti-14, 7:30 p. m. completed by the American Insti-tute of Public Opinion, which has 14, 7:30 p. m.

Who's doing the elbow bending down at Bridge Square For 21 years the case of the State of California vs. Tom Moon-French Bistodeau of Lakeview got hurt?

Gene Anderson of Grennan's is kinda marking time these days waiting for May 15 when fishing eason opens.

Sincere sympathies to Art Lynch, whose dad died January When you read this it will be

deadline for paying dues. After the 10th, there's a 50c fine. Gene Langseth, Gladness, has dog that has him buffaloed. The

purp is so tough even Gene cared of him. Wonder if Red Johnson at Pur-

ity North plant lost his shirt, as city. The meeting was sponsored he didn't show up at the last meet-by the bakery drivers section of General Drivers Local 329 of St. Cloud. Joe O'Hare, A. M. Ogren,

If you want to be taken, play and Loren Johnson represented highball, lowball, with Jerry the Minneapolis drivers.

Sam Ash complained of a peculiar smell at the last steward's bakery drivers have not yet joined meeting.

C. A. Mathews, Raferts, is laid within the next few weeks. up with a lame back.

terson of Purity better pull the Slim?

Monahans are expecting this top honors for two weeks in a row. Nice copping, Kopp.

Russ at Monahan's seems to apolis.

Watt-Hour Reflections

In the good old Book it clearly says—
If my memory is better than my guess:
Thou shalt not bear testimony false
Against your brother, friend, or all
Who are enroute for riches small or great
In the promised Land of Glory, Hope, and Union Faith.

A noble thought—to further one's Salvation, But quite forgot by some in certain Stations Who think that Union progress and promotions Are won by raising hell and great commotion With those who, honest, true, and trusted Do try to help the rest of us from going busted.

If my memory still is better than my guess, Not many years ago—I must confess—This golden rule was very little heeded by those prevaricators low and never needed Except perhaps for now to show a similarity Of rats who feigning friendship gain familiarity.

But this one soon converted though became:
For lo a Union fist was timely sunk—what shame?—
Through rows of teeth of simple uncouth grade,
And caused a wagging tongue and utter snake
To reconsider other people's rights and make—
A moral some apprentice—NRA men too should take.

What Other Workers Do:

I. A member of the Independent Truck Owners Section Tells His Story — And What the Union Did for Him

said Oscar Smith.

I outlined a series of questions

such group within the teaming for the city, eight weeks on road crafts in the United States."

work, and five weeks in private industry or miscellaneous jobs.

"Well, in 544 an independent truck owner is a driver who operates his own truck. Any member bership from about 50 to over 600 for the year. I had to make an in-

(Following is the first of a series of interviews with members of various Minneapolis unions, describing the work done by these unionists. Everyone is interested in the peculiarities of the other fellow's job, and we hope to tell our readers just what a lineman, a warehouse worker, a sanitary driver, a mail order clerk, an inside dairy worker, etc., does for a living. These interviews will appear from time to time in the NORTHWEST ORGAN. IZER. The interviewers will be members of the staff, or persons delegated by the unions for this work.

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Our first interview is between R. F. Hornig, writer of the popular weekly column, "Independent Truck Chatter," and Brother Oscar F. Smith, member of the Independent Truck Owners Section of General Drivers Local 544.)

to join our section. We have our trucks for hire, and regulate our actions on a basis of drivers' sen-

"What about driving jobs? Can you also work as a 544 driver?" I asked.

"Sure! We retain all our drivers' rights, but are required to 'put up' our trucks when driving company equipment."

"How long has the ITO been working conditions."

"What kind of a year did you is made by the ITO'ers since they banded together in the union. Contrasted are the wages paid in 1933, before, they price in 1933, before the wages paid

"How long has the ITO been History of ITO.

started in the autumn of operated a truck for hire chose to ast their lot with the drivers in industry, that is, with the union, in the May and July strikes. In the reorganization period following the strike victory, these inde-Fifty-three per cent of the Fifty-three per cent of the American people are convinced Independent Truck Owners' Sec-Tom Mooney is an innocent man

Independent Truck Chatter

Standing committees cted by your Ways and Mean Committee and were approved by the membership at the last meetng February 3.

Attention

Please note the following comittee set-up: License cards and eligibility for embership-Bill Rossbach.

Meeting and Rewards-Gene Good and Welfare-Curt Zan-

Column editor-R. F. Hornig. Entertainment - Carl Bove, Bill Camp, R. Morstad, R. Mengelkoch.

Coal-Morris Olson, George noon to bakery drivers in that Doke. City contractors, general hauling and excavating—Curt Zander, Bob Bove.

Black Camp and Hornig. County-Milt Hodson.

WPA-Art Karlen, Tom Mc

City and State, highway construction, sand and gravel, sen the union. It is expected that ority and unemployment file will be taken care of by Curt, who will draft any assistants as The consensus of opinion at the stewards' meeting was that Pat- ehn, St. Cloud. Howse about it, to members, and to take charge of the ITO business according to these classifications. Any help volunteered will be greatly appreciated.

Only a small percentage of the stores are observing the 6 o'clock Star Yeast since the big battle.

Everything is rosy over at Red Star Yeast since the big battle.

The nice thing about St. Cloud, fair was admirably handled by says Slim, is that he gets away from all those swedes in Minne-It seems to me the Corbett affair was admirably handled by understandings prevents possible

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"Sure, I've been a member of tion. I have heard we are the first weeks for the WPA, two weeks

that wanted answering, and in the ITO. How has the section I averaged \$33 a week over and

Members, Wages

of the Union who owns one truck truck owners. Wages, to begin vestment of \$1,050 cash for my which he drives himself is eligible with, have increased corresponding truck, a 1937 model which ing to the wage increases in all bought last spring. industries with which 544 has contracts. Our organizers are care-ful to keep in effect the propor-the data on each job he works. tionate balance existing between "There was certainly an ex-'company drivers' and hired treme variation of hours and trucks in all contract dealings with employers. That goes for imum allowable of 88 ho hours also.'

> "Have you other contracts?" Many Jobs, Contracts
> "Lots of 'em. If we hadn't, our

job would be plenty simple-if we one 10-hour shift on a long haul, had a job. We have work from the WPA and the state, county but resulted in a 66c loss on a the WPA and the state, county and city engineering departments. Besides this, there are a flock of in the state."

"In your opinion, what's your izational activity?"

> Wanted: Steady Work "We've taken a big jump up

the ladder since we started. The big job facing the independent

have in 1937?"

"Well, I figure I put in 33 arose, and the 1937 wages, together, with seniority provisions weeks of work last year. Accord-

Type of Work Coal hauling City hauling State hauling County hauling Federal hauling

County seniority Contract term Contractors

Excavating cos.
(closed shop)

Road construction
(closed shop) harsh, abusive arguments and

Seniority

all around. One gets tired hearing of rival drivers unions being organized, especially from people far re-

noved from contact with the driv ng crafts. Surely, seven thousand General Drivers can't be wrong Or does some one want us to

WPA rolls must be cut soon evidently to leave money for a couple of big \$80,000,000 battleships to be built.

M. Ossfor found a tailgate on Fifth street and Third avenue Loser may call for it at 105 North E. Fourth street.

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above truck expenses and over-head, which brought me in a little Brother Smith took out a daily wages in my work-from a maxand working conditions month at \$1.60 an hour on WPA, to a 60-hour shift (driver 60 hours, truck 120 hours) on a road

short haul, 10-hour shift. I thanked him for the interview road contractors all over the state. and went down to the union hall My jobs in 1937, for instance, to write up the story. That's the experience of one member of the ook in a good deal of territory ITO-working for as many as eight bosses in one year-having main problem and how much of to work on road construction jobs it has been solved through organ- in far corners of the state-no sooner finishing one job than the search begins for another one.

Hauling was on a 7c yard-mile basis. It produced a \$30 net on

construction job at

From Curt Zander, I received a table of figures that portray simply and clearly the progress

gether with seniority provisions 1934. Many of the drivers who ing to my records I worked 18 for seven different types of trucking work. Company seniority City seniority Union seniority

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The 292 Utility Workers Face A Wage Review

Just What Is Meant by Establishing a Given Classification?— Exhaustive Description of Work Is Required — A Model Set of Classifications

By Executive Board, Local 292, I. B. E. W.

lishing a given classification? The title of the classification does not define it. Indeed, the title itself is quite unimportant. What matters is the content. That means that to really establish a classification it is necessary to secure agreement with the company on an exhaustive description of the exact training and functions required of a worker. That means CLASSIFICATION: Night Material Men.
The night material man's duties and responsibilities will be the making out of the proper reports, credits and charges for materials requisitioned or returned by the line crews. Take and give material orders by telephone, Load and unload the requisitioned or returned materials on the proper trucks, the content of the demander the general supervision of the company's transmission and distribution lines which he may be rejudiced to device the general supplies. Report the mechanical condition of the requisitions for material and supplies. Report the mechanical condition of the requisitions for material and supplies. Report the mechanical condition of the requisitions for material and supplies. Report the mechanical condition of the requisitions for material and supplies. Report the mechanical condition of the requisitions for material and supplies. Report the mechanical condition of the requisitions for material and supplies. Report the mechanical condition of the requisitions for material and supplies. Report the mechanical condition of the requisitions for material and supplies. Report the mechanical condition of the requisitions for material and supplies. Report the mechanical condition of the requisitions for material and supplies. Report the mechanical condition of the requisition for material and supplies and the requisition of the the most careful analysis of every job in the company. Only by this method can classifications really be accurate. Thereby we lay bare existing inequalities in pay, prevent higher-paid work being done by men on lower pay, and lay the rungs on which a man can rise from one job to another.

The best way to make the problem of classifications concretely clear to all members is by publishing here a typical set of classioperation in the Overhead Departent. Every member should read this carefully:

OVERHEAD DEPARTMENT CLASSIFICATION: Regular Line Crew

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ASSIFICATION: Truck Material supplymen will have general responsibilities and duties.

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Watt Notes

The dance was, as advertised, Headquarters Bigger and better" than ever.

ecorated and well lighted.

having a good time.

The Committee, through this The work has been completed column, wishes to thank each and this week, and today Local 471

move the decorations. Again, thanks from the committee.

again did not see the balloons come down.

Dick Whitney of Parsons Electric met old friends.

John Noren, 5th Street operaor, won the telechron clock donated by N. S. P. Co.

Clarence Olson, formerly in the

leter department, was there re-

ewing old acquaintances. Walter Hackett not only at- FROM GRAND FORKS ended the dance, but he was there in the morning helping with the

Shepreaux had his derby er with the beer drivers—you leaned for the occasion. know, one gallon of gas for a

Mrs. Qualle was looking for friend Mike after the dance.

out of the work. Linemen will work under the supervision of the crew fore men. Lineman must strictly adhere to all applicable safety rules.

CLASSIFICATION: Line Crew Foreman Line Crew Foreman's duties and results of the safety of the safet

Pole truck helper vacancies will be illed from the ranks of regular ground-

Truck material supplymen vacancies will be filled by advancement from the anks of regular groundmen or pole

By FWS Saturday

A Valentine card party will be

hall, on the corner of Plymouth

and Washington avenues, begin

ning at 8 p. m. Admission is 25

per couple.

ed and attended.

The Auxiliary lost seven decks Thanks, Tommy. of cards.—Charge it to "Happy and Hilarious."

Seguin and Byrne were the last have to give a concert for get their clothes from the might, Maestro.

o help put the dance across.

Brother Earl Buchett of River-chair. ide plant embarked on the sea of matrimony Saturday, January 28. Best wishes and congratula-

Brother "Hoot" Morrison of Riverside reports three new hairs on deck.—he hasn't yet decided which way to part them.

Funny thing your boss thinks ou're a good worker and a fine

tion with other equipment maintenance men.

CLASSIFICATION: Tree Trimmer Crew Foreman:

Tree trimmer crew foreman's duties are trimmer crew foreman's duties. Tree trimmer crew foreman's duties are trimmer crew foreman's duties. The tree trimmer was and direct the tree trimming was and the spencial public to discussion. Moreover, the control of the series of the s perhaps they do, but it serves their purpose not to recognize the the place to obtain your informa-

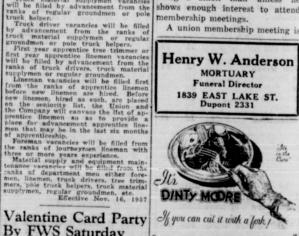
are in hot competition to see who propaganda floating around. can submit the worst '37 wage adjustment proposal. No doubt they are quite proud of their ef-

directions department head directions department head will intelligently discuss the practical application of directions for lines of the practical application of One employee, after listening to a lecture by the boss, comes to some employees are too young and other departments as well. inexperienced (this one had only ten years) to draw the top scale of wages, while others are too fair and reasonable, we mean to perience.

> We appeal to every brother to attend at least one union meeting per month. One cannot boast of agents merely represent us, and being a union man unless he our unity makes it possible for shows enough interest to attend them to present a more forceful membership meetings.

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In the interests of increased Both halls were beautifully efficiency and greater convenience for the membership of Milk Drivers Local 471, the Teamsters Joint Both orchestras outdid them- Council has granted Local 471's elves and everybody reported request that the office of the Milk aving a good time. avenue be enlarged.

every member who came over and has a suite of three rooms on helped decorate the halls. will serve as the general office. There were quite a few tired Two new rooms have been added, and sleepy looking members one for the members to pay dues turned up Sunday a. m. to reand carry out regular business with the office, the second room being a conference room for mem-Carl Velin and Ray Newstrom did the "Big Apple." Carl once Members are asked to use the second door to the left for entrance into Local 471's offices.

Local 471 extends its thanks to the Teamsters Joint Council for coal strike of '34, and has been paying the expense of enlarging the Milk Drivers' quarters. There rental for this added space.

Trucking Along With 581

The meeting January 20, with Believe it or not, Shorty Taylor was sober at 12 midnight.

Mrs. Taylor says Shorty was mobbed after the decorating was done.

the retail grocery drivers revealed their weekly wages run from \$10 to \$17 weekly. Their new contract calls for a \$5 blanket increase, with a weekly minimum of \$10 to \$1 It was reported at the gas sta-tion attendants meeting January And Harold Smith? Oh-Har- 21, that one boss here is paying

bottle of beer. Our secretary received two but-Ivan Wright got the ford start-tons from General Drivers Local 654, Springfield, Ohio. These were brought in by Tommy Birkedal.

> Maestro Levi wasn't at the EB meeting the other night. You'll give a concert for us some

The utility section did its share meeting that the brothers should get up off their fannies and doff their hats when addressing the

> It was reported at the last Trades and Labor Assembly meeting that 10 new organizations, with about 1,200 members, have been started in the last year. What other town wants to match this?

Mr. Couch of the Bakery Workspoon and apron, to preside in the kitchen.

What's wrong with the bakery drivers? Do they depend on one man to represent them at meet-

tion on any question pertaining to the union. Observe this rule and we won't see so much anti-union

Let's hear from more member on the floor at membership meetngs. It makes a more interesting neeting and prevents them from becoming just drab affairs. Not only that, but we become ac quainted with the problems of

old to take advantage of their ex- make Local 292 a power to reckon

Don't forget, Brothers, that we are the Union. The business front.

We hope there may be a few ore satisfied departments when the next pay check arrives.

The Kelvinator Department and he 5th Street Trouble Departnent are still hoping for departmental head co-operation in their 1937 wage adjustments. Adjustments for the yardmen at River-side Steam Plant and a few men in the Underground Department are still hanging fire also.

All stewards should attend

embership meetings as well as eir steward meetings. It's rathr hard to be there two nights in a row sometimes, but our officers we spent night after night here with absolutely no financial re nuneration.

The ranks of the finks and the delinquents grow smaller and smaller. The few left must feel rather lonesome.

Well, here's saying "So long" until we see you at the dance Saturday evening, February 5th.

The Union Gallery



R. Rainbolt

don't tell this Sioux to "go back where he came from." Ray has lived in Minneapolis for 35 years. He came in the General Drivers Union in the February one of the staunchest fighters ever since. At present is secretarytreasurer of the Coal and Ic Drivers Local 221 and trustee of the... Teamsters... Joint... Council. Married, and has three daughters and two young pickets. Famous for having had a memorable passage of words with the late Governor Olson in the 1934 strike.

Pulp Workers to Meet Monday, Feb. 14

The regular membership meetng of the Pulp and Sulphite for him. Workers Union Local 259 will be held Monday evening, February 14, in Hall 4, 257 Plymouth avenue. A talk will be given by his men with gas coupon books. James Bartlett on union organiza

On the Route With the Milk Man

The B. A.'s are up bright and that brand. early these mornings. A few of the early starters are going to be a wee bit light in the pay check. Remember, the 6 a. m. start-time Remember, the 6 a.m. start-time time is in effect until March 15.

Brother Elmer Hanson, North Franklin plant, returned to work this week. Elmer had been on the sick list for several weeks. Good luck, Elmer.

Tom Ammerman went to Mason City, Iowa, last Thursday, to or ganize the unorganized. Give hin time and he will, he will! The committee on the Old Age

Retirement Fund met last Monday ers came forth gallantly with and will have a report to make at the next membership meetin

Boys, if you don't want to de nate money to the relief fund in the shape of fines, don't start your deliveries before 6 a. m. It's much nicer to make regular voluntary donations, of your ow

Be sure at the next meeting that your button number is recorded. Your union office doesn't relish collecting fines.

Ralph Anderson came home from the Swedish hospital last

Andrew Jenson, former em-ployee of the Franklin South the McDevvitt funeral home.

The B. A.'s of Local 471 had an audience with the govern

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Notice to all union men and nion boosters in this city-the Yellow Cab has only one man be longing to the union. You all know

The 401 Taxi has one union nember and the only scab driver n town. Beware who you ride

The driver that had the accident on No. 83 decided he didn't need the union. So no cigarettes

Get that new button, fellows.

Our building trades council has something," the way it is starting to do business for all locals in Minot. Local business firms just didn't understand the work would be done so much better than when finks do it. Let's get in and pitch now.

Did you hear about the cream ery that sells the smelly butter and milk-well, I never did like

Yes, we even have two allunion cafes in town—the Covered Wagon and the Co-operative. Let's get a lunch, drivers

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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 War Question and "The Minnesota Leader'

The now famous October 5 Chicago speech of President Roosevelt marked an open turn of the Government to preparation for war. This was demonstrated to the hilt by the systematic moves made by Roosevelt to create a war psychology during the Panay incident. This was demonstrated to the hilt by Roosevelt's budget message to Congress on January 5th, in which he called for appropriations for the Army, Navy and the Marine Corp for the part fiscal year totaling wall. next fiscal year totaling well over a billion dollars, the largest peacetime appropriation in American history. This was followed by further demands for supplementary sums for the Navy. And that Roosevelt was preparing for war was demonstrated to the hilt by the vicious lynch-spirit which the administration developed against proponents of the Ludlow amendment. Roosevelt is pushing us toward war as fast as he can go.

Anti-War Sentiment Widespread

The widespread alarm at these moves toward war crystalized in support of the Ludlow amendment to provide for a national referendum before Congress can de-clare war unless the territory of the United States is actually invaded. A sample poll made by the Institute of Public Opinion showed that seventy-two per cent of the American people favored the Ludlow amendment. The International Executive Board of the United Automobile Workers Union, Executive Board of the United Automobile Workers Union, the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, the National Farmers Union and, indeed, countless other organizations voted to support the Ludlow resolution. In the vote in the House of Representatives on January 10, practically all of the progressive congressmen voted for it. All five Farmer-Labor congressmen from Minnesota—Bernard, Buckler, Johnson, Kvale and Teigan, voted to support the Ludlow amondment Ludlow amendment

Capitalism vs. the Ludlow Bill

On the other hand, every reactionary force in the country backed Roosevelt in smothering the Ludlow proposal. The entire big capitalist press: the New York Times, the New York Herald Tribune, the Hearst press, etc. Herbert Hoover spoke to the Women's National Republican Club on a nation-wide hook-up; Alfred Landon wired his solidarity to Roosevelt; the veterans block was wired his solidarity to Roosevelt; the veterans bloc was mobilized by Daniel J. Doherty, national commander of the American Legion.

Roosevelt Leads the Pack

Roosevelt himself led the fight against the Ludlow bill with a special message to the House, read by Speaker Bankhead, who added a charge that "alien influences" were backing Ludlow. The world of privilege united solidly to smash the movement which would hamper Roose velt's war policy.

And the Daily Worker Joins

Loud among the voices denouncing the Ludlow amendment was that of the "Daily Worker," organ of the Communist Party. Doing Roosevelt and Hoover's work for them on a level to which even they dared not stoop the "Daily Worker" linked the Ludlow Bill supporters to the Nazis and Fascists of Europe. For the "Daily Worker" subordinates everything to one objective: it wants the United States to fight Japan, and seeks to palm off such

a war as a progressive one.

The objections of Roosevelt, the reactionaries and the "Daily Worker" to the Ludlow Bill have no merit what-soever. They all flow from the desire to give the American imperialists a free hand in their sinister intrigues. No trade unionist worthy of the name cannot for one moment associate himself with this reactionary bloc.

Ludlow Bill Can't Prevent War

A very different order of objections to the Ludlow Bill can be made. These objections sum up to the fact that the bill could not really prevent the American imperialists from pursuing a course toward war. This fact was somewhat inadvertently revealed by one advocate of the amendment, Mr. A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, writing in the organ of the United Automobile Western.

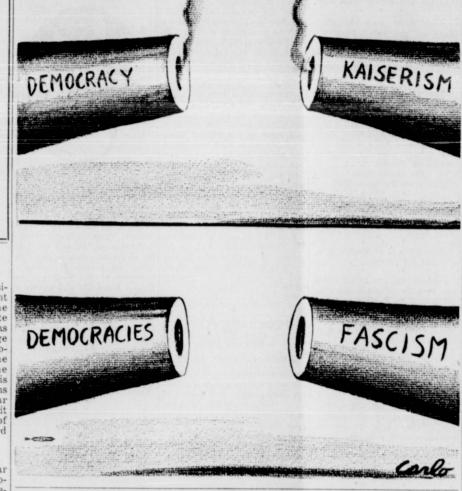
of the United Automobile Workers:
"There is nothing in the Ludlow Amendment that would prevent our ships from turning their guns on attacking planes, just as was recently done in the Panay incident on the Yangtze River. There is nothing in the Ludlow Amendment that prevents the vig-orous defense of the Monroe Doctrine. There is noth-ing in the Ludlow Amendment which would prevent Congress from spending 100 per cent of our national income for defense purposes. Under the Ludlow Amendment, Congress could even conscript American citizens in contemplation of a conflict. Our warships may continue to be manipulated in peace time just the same under the Ludlow Amendment as at pres-

What's wrong with the Ludlow Amendment, therefore, is that it does not go far enough; in reality no legis-lative enactment, no matter how stringently drawn, can be a substitute for the mass opposition to war led by the organized working class on a militant program of action.

For the present, however, we limit ourselves to re-cording the progressive significance of the genuine mass support which crystalized behind the Ludlow Amend-

Commend Farmer-Labor Congressmen

The least one would expect from any trade union Farmer-Labor organization, therefore, would be that it firmly and publicly fight against the enemies of the Ludlow Amendment. The stand taken by the five Farmer-Labor congressmen from Minnesota was particularly commendable, since they had a great deal of pressure put upon them by the Communist Party, which has praised and courted them and provided them with many a platform. It can be recorded as a sign of health that Bernard, Buckler, Johnson, Kvale and Teigan resisted this foul attempt to shove them into the camp of reaction. tempt to shove them into the camp of reaction.



1914 - 19 - ?

Where Was "The Minnesota Leader"?

In making up their minds to withstand the govern-ment and Stalinists' lynch-spirit, our Farmer-Labor con-gressmen certainly got no help from the "Minnesota Leader." There have been recent references in the "Leader" to Roosevelt as "our great humanitarian president." The "Leader" also congratulated Roosevelt on his Chicago speech. But we are unable to find a single item in the serving life-terms for the alleged "Leader" on Roosevelt's Panay policy, his armament budget, his stand on the Ludlow Bill. One would think that with the whole country aroused and taking sides on the Louisville Times, one of Kentana Country miners now speech. But we are unable to find a single item in the serving life-terms for the alleged murder of three coal-company get, his stand on the Ludlow Bill. One would think that the whole country aroused and taking sides on the Ludlow Amendment, and with a delegation of Farmer-tucky's foremost dailies, urged Labor congressmen scheduled to vote on this crucial questine reopening of the cases. The Labor congressmen scheduled to vote on this crycial question, the "Leader" would have taken a stand on it. Yet the only reference to be found in the "Leader" is a short and perfunctory news item (January 15th issue) on the smothering of the Ludlow Bill!

Not a Word!

Did not the "Leader," which is presumably the organ of the Farmer-Labor movement, which is presumably the forum in which the voices of Farmer-Labor spokesmen

Said the Louisville Times, in part: "No disinterested Kentuckian who takes the trouble to inforum in which the voices of Farmer-Labor spokesmen" vestigate the case will be altoward to the property of the proper should be heard on such crucial questions, did not the "Leader" have a clear and solemn duty to acquaint the Farmer-Labor congressmen with the prevailing opinion in Minnesota? Did it not have a clear and solem duty to acquaint Minnesota with the opinions of the Farmer-Labor congressmen? Yes, incredible as it may seem, the "Leader" did not even publish the news that our five congressmen had supported the Ludlow Bill!

Why This Silence?
Why this studied silence? Why this deliberate avoidance of the issues raised by Roosevelt's war policy? Is it that A. I. Harris knows that the Minnesota farmers and lease by 46 of the living jurors workers stand overwhelmingly with the opponents of Roosevelt's war policy, while he agrees with Roosevelt's and from thousands of labor unions of the Farmer-Labor masses shall or shall not be expressed? By what right does the "Leader" arrogate to itself censorship of the overwhelming sentiment of Min-

The "Minnesota Labor Review" and the "Northwest Organizer" expressed the anti-war sentiment of Minne-sota labor on the occasion of the Panay incident. If Harris and his cohorts needed any prodding, the editorials of the hall at 257 Plymouth. Two bits Just leave it to the Irish. it. But Harris resists and continues to resist expressing the opinions of Minnesota's workers and farmers.

Who, we should like to know, sings the tune to which Harris dances? To what voices does he listen? Certainly not the voices of the farmers and workers of Minne-

Keeping Step With 544 By Micky Dunne

Bill Brown spent a pleasant Council clubrooms last week. How

A Northwest over-the-road conference was held here Monday and Jean Larson (471 boss) is going Local 125

Everyone in the driver's buildng mourns the passing of Carl

G. Dunne is still in the hospi-

The annual strike took place at the J. R. Clark company this

544 members will hear of new neeting plan next Monday.

New faces on C. L. U. commit-

Jack Smith is down with a lung complaint.

There was an all day round-up that he is NOT going back to of all 544 staff members Satur- Sweden.

There has been a house-cleaning in the steno's union. George (Friend - of - Labor) Leach closed the Teamsters' Joint

week in Rockford, Ill. Ask him about the Big Boys' clubs, now,

Louisville Paper Urges Reopening Kentucky Miners Case

deputies came recently when the ticket. strike-breakers were killed in the storic battle of Evarts on May

Said the Louisville Times, in gether unimpressed . . . Thousands of union workers, in and out of Kentucky, believe the men are innocent . . . It would be difficult but can't keep them. for any one to deny that the basic origin of the trouble was in

Local 221 Bowlers Set New High

Remember the Bowlers dance,

Local 125 rolled a new high 534 for the losers. The Ice Driv- urday, February 26. ers dumped the Meats out of third

Back Wages Won From Aberdeen Co.

George Frosig and Harold Med-dlicott have collected \$137.75 in back wages due Harold Voss, a driver for the Hyman Transfer company of Aberdeen, South Dakota. Before the union intervened Voss was working from 70 to 80 hours weekly for \$20. There is still more work to be done before

Special Anniversary Issue Next Week

Four years ago next week a coal strike was led in Minneapolis by the General Drivers union which laid the basis for the present pow erful drivers movement in this section of the country. Two months after the successful coal strike of 1934, three thousand drivers were already in the union

This first strike in 1934 was the first general drivers' strike in the city since 1916, at which time the Citizen's Alliance pulled out a victory at a cost of twentyfive thousand dollars. The February strike not only sent a wave of new morale into Minneapolis workers but ushered in such new strike tactics as the cruising picket squad, later copied in labor struggles throughout America.
In commemoration of the Feb-

ruary, 1934, coal strike, the Northwest Organizer will publish an anniversary issue next week. Watch for it.

Injunction Hearing Set for Thursday

On Monday morning a hearing was held on the injunction ob-tained by Edward Miller of the Union Club, 257 Plymouth Are-nue, restraining Mayor Leach and formally three from labor, three whose

With the Limousines

Tickets are going like hot cakes for our dance Saturday, February 26. That's the spirit. Hats off our entertaining con

There still is a fink chauffeur ulling out of 510 Groveland. He sure can make a lot of promi

Notice all chauffeurs. When the ugly system of company-paid sending in dues, please address deputy sheriffs—a system which it to Private Chauffeurs Local the operators no longer defend." No. 912, 257 Plymouth avenu north.

> Jos. Fredericks please take notice: The doorman at Dayton's wishes to see you. I know you will get rid of another dance ticket there. Keep up the good

All the boys that attended the tag party last week, don't tell Carl what happened after he left. We know he missed the best part Remember the Bowlers dance, February 26, in the third floor feurs were well represented there.

Next regular meeting is Tues from the second place Phillips Liquor. Al Klein had a 566 for the winners. Perlman rang up Also, don't forget the dance Sat-

the winners. Perlman rang up and workers of Minnebecky Dunne

The Council clubrooms last week. How about the Big Boys' clubs, now, General?

Local 125 Mart 16 Sara, The Lee Men set a new high for the three games, 2790. The Warehousemen blanked the Soft Drinks, and the Teamsters, Join Council fought hard bout the Big Boys' clubs, now, General?

Local 125 Mart 16 Mart 16 Mart 17 Mart 18 Ma

On the NATIONAL PICKET LINE

(Continued from page 1) my, working through the local relief officials, sees that every Ford worker is forced immediately onto WPA, thus diminishing the mber of strikers available for picket duty.

Agent provacateurs have introduced into the strike by Ford's agents. A number of acid-throwing cases, in which Ford cars and scabs have been the targets, have occurred recently, causing the public to react sharp against the cause of the strikers. Investigation by the union has shown that no evidence has been found to link any unionist with acid-throwing tactics. The seven-months' strike of the

eattle Newspaper Guild against the Star paper was settled February 4th. The settlement provides for reinstatement with full back pay (over \$29,000) of all strikers listed in the complaint with the National Labor Relations Board; recognition of the Guild as sole bargaining agent for editorial, business and advertising department employes. Should the cour uphold the Labor Board order, the Guild will also be recognized as agent for the circulation department. It was this issue that brought about the strike. Other provisions guarantee the five-day 40-hour week, with paid vacation in all departments.

Police Chief Forestal from closing from the employers of the indus the bar. Judge Baldwin, who try, and three from the "general heard the case, continued the public" have made a unanimou hearing to Thursday morning, decision, setting the minimum Feb. 10. Gilbert Carlson acted as attorney for the Union Club, York State at \$14 per week. This bar was closed last week ach in a move to curry favor four Harlan County miners now by Leach in a move to curry favor trial Commissioner who may give a mandatory order instituting the murder of three coal-company for governor on the Republican minimum wage as a law. He may also put it to a three month trial period, and then hand down his final decision on the basis of his findings during this period.

But some time ago a member

of the Department of Labor of New York State, made an intensive study of wage conditions in this industry, and recommended that the minimum wage for laun-dry workers should be not less than \$1,280 per year, on the basis

of prevailing cost of adequate liv ing.

> The laundry industry is the fourth largest employer of mass labor in New York State. The investigation carried on to estab lish a minimum wage revealed that as many as 34 per cent of the workers engaged in this industry received less than ten dollars a week, and this on a seasonable basis. The establishment of a \$14 weekly minimum is an advance, but even this minimum does not solve the problem for many thousands of workers. Intensive or ganization and concerted efforts to get for these workers a decent standard of living is the job of trade unions.

Faith in Roosevelt was the keyote of the United Mine Workers convention, which ended in Washngton last week. Although over 200 resolutions were introduced asking for the right to district autonomy, the Lewis administra-tion forestalled such moves by pushing through a resolution which kept in Lewis's hands the right of appointing key posts of president and secretary-treasurer. The salary of Lewis was raised from \$12,500 to \$25,000 yearly, and other officials received like

Today Makes 7,968 Days ...



UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

LODGE 382 Lodge 382, I. A. of M., meets the second and fourth Fri-days at 8 p. m., at 501 East Hennepin.

LODGE 1313 Lodge 1313, I. A. of M., meets the second and fourth Thurs-days, at 501 East Hennepin.

LODGE 1037
Lodge 1037, I. A. of M., meets
the first and third Thursdays
at Olson's Hall, Hopkins.

LOCAL 664
The City and Sanitary Drivers
Local 664 will meet the first
and third Fridays of each

LOCAL 1086
The Retail Clerks Local 1086
will meet on the first and
third Tuesdays of each
month. PETROLEUM DRIVERS

Regular Membership Meeting— First Wednesday each month. FEDERAL WORKERS
Regular Membership Meeting—
Second Friday each month.
Stewards' Meeting — Every
Wednesday, 8 p. m.

LOCAL 289
Retail Drivers—First Thursday.
Wholesale Drivers — Second
Thursday.
Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday.
Cake and Pie—Third Thursday.
General Membership — Fourth
Thursday.

Casket Section—Feb. 8
J. R. Clark Section—Feb. 16
Executive Board, Local 1859—
Every Friday night, 8 o'clock
Executive Board, Local 20481
—Feb. 7, Feb. 21
General Membership, Local
1859—March 2
General Membership, Local
20481—Feb. 18
Twin City Stewards—Feb. 14,
Feb. 18

LOCAL 20316 Stewards—First and third Tues-

LOCAL 471
The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.

I.OCAL 292
Inside Section—First Tuesday
Radio Section—Second Tuesday
Shopmen's Section — Second
Wednesday
Utility Section—First Thursday
General Membership—Third
Thursday
Seniority Board—Every Monday

Seniority Board—Every Mon-day
Utility Advisory Board—Every
Tuesday
General Executive Board—
Mondays preceding first and
third Thursdays
Inside Advisory Board—Alternate Mondays from G. E. B.
Examining Board—Second
Wednesday
Utility Stewards—Wednesdays
preceding first and third
Thursdays

LOCAL 131
The Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131 meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

LOCAL 125
The Taxi Drivers Local 125
mets on the first Tuesday at 4
a. m., and on the third Tuesday
at 7:30 p. m.

SIOUX CITY DRIVERS Grievance Committee—Each Tuesday, Friday night Stewards Meeting—Each Friday night

PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS
The Private Chauffeurs and
Helpers Local 912 meets the
first and third Tuesdays of first and the each month.

MEETING SCHEDULE
JANUARY, 1938
LOCAL 544
Friday, Feb. 18—Job Stewards
Sunday, Feb. 20—Over-theRoad, 11 a. m.
Monday, Feb. 21—Puilding
Monday, Feb. 21—Fuilding
Monday, Feb. 21—Fuilding Stewards—First and third Tuesday
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.

Sunday, Feb. 20—Over-the-Road, 11 a. m.
Monday, Feb. 21—Building
Material; Furniture Stores
Carcial; Furniture Stores
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