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Cab Strikers Win; Cabs To Roll Today

On the **National** Picket Line

istry fast approaches a showally the end of the United Rubber Workers Union.

As related previously in this column, the Goodrich Tire and Rubber Company has demanded that the union accept a drastic wage cut for rich threatens the further decentralization of the rubber industry, with the loss of 5,000 more jobs for workers in the Akron area if the cut is not accepted. The CIO union heads had agreed to put the question to a vote but had to rescind their action when the company demanded lowed to vote and that some other agency than the union conduct the election.

The real danger in this situation lies in the campaign being con-ducted by the CIO leadership to build confidence in the minds of conciliation agencies and on their 'friend," Roosevelt. They are also carrying on a campaign of stalling time so that the government can step into the picture.

There is no substitute for militant trade union action. One has to remember what happened to the workers in the Little Steel strike last summer to realize the fallacy of a program designed to strike was scuttled hopelessly by just such a program.

Further evidence of the utter fallacy of placing trust in "Labor's Friend" instead of labor's own strength can seen when we consider that the same government to posed to look with faith is now carrying on a campaign economic pressure against the Mexican workers.

Class lines are clearly drawn in Akron as business men, large and small, rally to the defense of the rubber barons while the labor movement puts its strength squarely behind the rubber work-

Two thousand steel workers, employed by the Crucible Steel Corporation in its plants N. J., are now in their third week of a strike against an attempted lockout by the agreement which ended a sit-(Continued on page 4)



Killed

Drivers Seek Pacts

The drive for a uniform wage contract for over-theroad truck transportation workers has been extended to embrace eleven states. At a conference in Chicago on

truck transport workers in this

tation, but, lacking adequate union direction and protection, the workers have found themselves subconditions.

Two Periods

history of working conditions in Monday night, April 11. highway transportation have been noted. While in its infancy, the industry maintained working conditions far above present standards. This was necessary to secure the proper personnel guaranteeing future growth of this form of

Such conditions did not last. however. No widespread unionization existed to maintain condi-Like other fields, this inorkers in state and federal dustry soon attracted the custom-

Local 264 Strikes Groff Co.

About 25 workers, employees of jobs substitute militant union action the Groff Paper company, Raygovernment agencies and mond avenue, St. Paul, walked out so-called friendship. That on strike Friday morning at 6 a. m. after the company had refused to negotiate further with the Pulp and Sulphite Workers Union Local 264, and to grant demands of the funds—raised by taxing industry

> called a special membership meet-ing at its hall, Prior and University, to consider the Groff situation and the conditions at the Waldorf Paper plant in St. Paul. Over 300 workers attended. Local 264's contract with Waldorf expires March 31. The management has ily and friends. been spreading a host of rumors calculated to bewilder and split

the ranks of the union. the meeting Holstein phoned formed that Local 264's negotia-

report of the negotiating commitincluding proposals to be made to the company, and also approved the committee apointed by the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly to assist Local 264 in the

In Eleven States

down which, depending upon the way it is handled, can mean victory for the workers or defeat so complete that it will mean virtual of the compaign. Other states involved are Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Nebraska and Missouri.

Interest and enthusiasm in thistimportant move is mounting rapidly among the tens of thousands of Demands for broad area who stand to benefit April 11 Eve from the campaign.

Every person who has a stake in jected to increasingly intolerable of the Minneapolis trade union movement must turn out for the Two particular periods in the the Minneapolis auditorium

> All arrangements for the meetin Minneapolis carrying informa launched against the local labor movement.

to get under way immediately.

and WPA budgets from Federal and State governmental agencies. other government projects.

ization of all building construction

labor! Unite to defeat the unionters.

On to the auditorium, Monday, April 11. Doors open at 6:30. Or- bership employed in the wholesale gan music will be played until 8 bread industry. It is understood

ing have been completed. Next week hand bills will be distributed to every working class home tion of the meeting, and telling of the new attack about to be

1. New Federal Work Projects,

ing relief and WPA jobs.

workers for strict seniors, and improvements in of a real relief program.

Employed and unemployed, all the light to defeat the union-

The following demands will be

3. Union rates on all WPA and

4. No pauper's oath for WPA

5. No discrimination in provid-

Recent years have witnessed a Mass Meeting

the continued growth and strength great mass meeting scheduled for

put forward at the meeting:

2. Increased funds for relief

mining of the nions.

smashing program of the labor-ha-

p. m., when the program begins.

new proposals have been received from the employers and will be ac

government chiseling and under-

6. One hundred per cent union-

Bakery Drivers

Local 1859 Wins Park Division Cage Crown



Winning nine games and losing only one, the Furniture Workers Union Local 1859 basketball team romped away with the championship in the Commercial Blue division of the local Park Board league. From left to right, front row: Manager Stanley Buda, Albert Janasco, Joe Rusin, Eddy Pauloski, Joe Back row: Joe Andryski, Frank Wanzell, Stanley Gaweron, Orville Carlson, Edwin Bohenstingel, Joe Bednarski, and Coach Ray Buffalo. A victory basketball dance is

Napier Shoe Co. Gets Union Pact Vs. Land o' Lakes

The Retail Clerks' Union Local 1086 this week presented a control the Land o'Lakes creamery, memtract to the Napier Shoe company, bers of Milk Drivers and Dairy worker goes within a block of the Swanberg-Scheefe company, 14 University Avenue, or the North-University Avenue, or the Nor weekly guarantee, a three per 100 to 14 to place strike authorcent raise in commissions, a week's ity in the hands of the union Exvacation with pay, 10 day sick ecutive Board. leave, the 42-hour work week, and the closed shop.

The clerks at Napier's are 100 per cent organized in Local 1086. The union has already signed conwith Home Trade, Family, Packard and other local shoe stores, and is determined to make union gains for every shoe clerk in town. You can help Local 1086 ever you buy.

Discuss New Pact

The negotiations committee of Bakery Drivers Local 289 will report Thursday night, 7:30 p. m., to a special meeting of the mem

Strike Vote Taken Swanberg-Scheefe,

On Monday night employees of

The Land o'Lakes plant is the pany are determined to win both of the union movement through-out the Northwest to the labores. The Executive Board has full hating attitude taken by the agennecessary to win these demands.

Local 20316 Strikes Lasher Carpet Co.

On Tuesday afternoon five inside workers employed at the Lasher Carpet and Linoleum company, 615 North 3rd, walked out on strike under the banner of Warehouse and Inside Workers Union Local 20316. The immediate issue that precipitated the walkout the property of the employees are also demanding an increase in wages, to bring them up to the level now existing in the local industry.

Nash Motors

west Nash Motors, 1201 Harmon There is not a single union man in either the mechanical or sales only open-shop dairy plant left in the city. Workers at this com- Local 1420 is calling the attention departments of these two compa

Rehearsals Start Local 1859 Band

appear with instruments at Thurs- the settlement negotiations.

The first rehearsal of the union band being sponsored by Ware-house and Inside Workers Local 20316 will be held Thursday eve musicians in shape to play for the

which has become an institution in the local labor movement, will be held this year on Sunday, June 12, at Webb's Place on Bass Lake. Harold Beal is chairman of the picnic committee; Walt Hagstrom is chairman of the program and publicity comn

Save June 12th for the picnic!

Back Pay Won

ning, March 31, 8 p. m., in the downstairs hall at 257 Plymouth fer drivers, called Monday morn-to a set-up satisfactory to the Avenue North. Don Pennwell, ing by Local 544, was settled band manager, hopes to have the Tuesday afternoon, when the company agreed to pay about \$100 in one shift with a union employee May Day demonstration this year.

All band candidates are asked to Hagstrom represented the union in drives it. Single-shifting such cars

Meet Saturday Eve

Weekly Guarantee Sets New Principle

TJC Urges Blosky for

O'Brien to the Workhouse post, a agreement, upon recommendation vacancy has been created in the of the Joint Strike Committee. City Council to which Alderman O'Brien was a representative from the first ward. Trade unionists in had won and established the prin-Minneapolis are united in urging ciple of a guaranteed minimum that this vacancy be filled by Syl wage. During the term of the one-

Council

nilk driver, has been a member of by the companies to settle on the Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees basis of a \$15 and later on a Union Local 471 for fourteen \$16.50 minimum had been firmly years, during which time he has rejected during the last week.

Blosky is a long-time resident of the first ward, and is a charter nember of his Farmer-Labor ward thereby the principle of a guarclub. All workers feel that the anteed minimum was firmly estabpresence of Syl Blosky would add lished, the drivers decided to terstrength to the liberal side of the minate the strike without press-

present Council. The executive board of the Teamsters Joint Council has recommended Brother Blosky for the tract will be negotiated, the task job. Most of the driving craft of raising the minimum will be unions affiliated with the Council assumed.

Local 544 Picnic Sunday, June 12

eral Drivers Union Local 544, straight commission payment of

Holmes Strike Settled,

NSP Utility Worker

s of Local 292's Utility dividually signed the contract-eard with sorrow of the Supervising Steward Empowered heard with sorrow of the unusual accident that befell Brother Ed Hein, now in the Northwestern hospital following an opera-tion. Hein broke a cord in the heel

Strand Ski Workers

In an effort to preven the Woodworkers Local 1703 of New Richmond, Wis., from obtaining a decent agreement on June 1, when the present contract expires, the management of the Strand Ski company is following out a campaign of intimidation, false rumors and lay-offs.

Immation, faise rumors and lay-offs.

The Strand company has laid off 35 workers in the past week and is seeking to rush the union committee into a 1938 contract at this time. The boss is further stating he will meet only with the shop committee; no outsiders, he says, can be present. The union is refusing to go along with such phony plans, and will hold its regular meeting Saturday evening, April 2, at 8 p. m. in the union hall to discuss the present situation.

Taxicab drivers of all compa ing on the basis of a new contract

providing decisive gains over previous conditions. Cab drivers of all companies, meeting in joint membership meeting, voted Wednesday at 4 p. m. almost unanimously to accept the

Guaranteed Wage Won

Above all, the six-weeks strike year contract that guarantee will Brother Syl Blosky, a working be \$18 for a six-day week. Offers been active in affairs of the union. Final agreement on the \$18 min imum represented a decided vic tory. In view of the fact that ing further for the original demand of a \$24 minimum. At the

Other Gains

Over and above the minimum drivers will receive 40 per cent of all bookings over \$45. The drivers will also receive 40 per cent of all bookings made between January 1 and the opening of the strike. Pre-

38.38 per cent. Working shifts are stabilized by the new contract at 10 1/2 hours. Previously shifts had ranged from 10-121/2 hours.

Inside workers, employed at straight salary, receive an average raise of \$1 a week.

Individual Owners Concede Perhaps the knottiest problem of all and the one consuming most time in negotiations was to get the group of owners in Liberty is permitted only when that shift driven by a union employee

Has Strange Accident street until every owner had in-No cab was to go back on the

In order to see that all cab companies comply with all terms, the contract provided for the ap-pointment by the union of a sufor over a year, 18,000 organact in the Waldorf and Groff
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The Panay incident in China monthly from Mexico.)

The provided has full power to ized oil workers in Mexico have been seeking to force the Standard

The Panay incident in China monthly from Mexico.) patching and payrolls.

In instances where a company and the union fail to settle a difference, arbitration by a board with a mutually-agreeable third party may be resorted to. Cab Reduction

25 per cent reduction in cabs, either by outright reduction or as in the case of individually-

The agreement provides for a

owned cabs, by rotation. Seniority A single seniority list at Yelwill prevail, covering all classifications. Seniority of individual owners will be limited to their

own cabs. cludes for the first time a defi-nite provision that the unions wash their hands of all arguments over which company is entitled to concessions and stands.

Speakers Monday night were John Janasco, Happy Holstein and Schoenecker of Local 120 Day the International representative, Sullivan, in Chicago, and was in-

Janasco warned those present Oil companies and other great oil

To put the financial screws on Mexico, Washington on Monday announced a cut in the price offered for foreign silver, lowering the price from 45c to 44c an ounce. On Tuesday the price was knocked down another cent, making it almost impossible for Mexico to sell its silver on the world market.

Janasco warned those present not to listen to any boss-inspired rumor, and if in doubt, to contact immediately the union and find out the true facts.

The Groff workers approved the Transit of the Ferminan applies to grant demands similar to those which the Minneapolis truck drivers have demands the true facts.

The Groff workers approved the Transit of the Ferminan applies to the Mexican government finally expressed to talks quite a bit about the male factors of great wealth," proceed-leum Workers Union. Last week the Mexican government finally expressed to talks quite a bit about the male factors of great wealth," proceed-leum Workers Union. Last week the Mexican government finally expressed to talks quite a bit about the male factors of great wealth," proceed-leum Workers Union. Last week the Mexican government finally expressed to talks quite a bit about the male factors of great wealth," proceed-leum Workers Union. Last week the Mexican government finally expressed to the Mexican government and down the Mexican government and the male factors of great wealth, and the male fa The companies still refused to talks quite a bit about the "male-ter, Treasury Secretary Morgenimmediately took control and di- gains. ing them. Last weekend the gov-

ernment met the weekly pay-roll week: of 1,125,000 pesos. The Mexican government has announced it will compensate the

Stop Silver Purchases 1, Last Friday the New York to 4.70 to the dollar.

The national administration, which

erties. The Mexican oil workers take back from the workers their take back from the workers their gains.

2. Wall Street, acting in concern with Standard Oil, is seekrection over the oil fields on their own initiative and are now managing them. Last weekend the S. government during the past ten days has put Mexican ness on almost a completely cash basis. The peso has been driven from 3.60 to the American dollar,

Patrick J. Corcoran was murdered by unknown persons on the night of November 17, 1937. The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council offers a reward of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the murderers.

Gamble-Rob Strike In Iowa Won

As we go to press, word comes that the strike of drivers unions in Waterloo and Mason City against the Gamble-Robinson company has been settled. Details of the settlement will appear next week.

Gamble-Rob Strike In Iowa Won

As we go to press, word comes that the strike of drivers unions fair, adjudged the foreign oil barder. The Pederal Labor Board in Mexico considered the demands fair, adjudged the foreign oil barders.

Oil Bosses vs. Workers

The oil barons, who have been finally kicked out of a land where they refused to obey the laws, and workers they payling them for the expropriated properties.

Oil Bosses vs. Workers

The oil barons, who have been finally kicked out of a land where they refused to obey the laws, and whose resources and workers they have been ruthlessly exploiting, ran bellowing to Washington, just has been buying about two and a (Continued or many).

Shell-refused and appealed to ran bellowing to Washington, just has been buying about two and a

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Dues Payment Rules

The Executive Board of Ware-

use Workers Local 20316 early

signed and sealed credentials,

this week called upon all members to pay dues or other monies owed

the union ONLY to stewards show

pay no monies unless they receive a receipt bearing the union's name, filled out correctly and

signed by the steward collecting

The above decisions are very

important in view of the fact that

several members have come to the

union office asking that their rec-

ords be checked, only to learn that

several months' dues have not

been recorded because no dupli-

cate of the receipt has ever been

Such members must be able to

produce receipts showing payment

steward in the union authorized to

collect dues. If any member is in

doubt as to whether the duplicate

In order to seem something suc-

cessfully and for a long time, you

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F-L State Convention Marked By Conservatism

Platform Gives Scant Space to Main Issues stand. They were uncereme Facing Workers—FLP Shifts to Right on sals defeated were: a State House War Question-AFL Demands Brushed ing Authority Act providing for Aside - Administration-Sponsored Can- state participation in the use of didates Endorsed - Convention Spent Little Time on Pressing Problems

The most conservative platform ever adopted by the Farmer-Labor Association, and a state of candidates limited to those sponsored by the Administration—such were the net results of the Farmer-Labor state convention,

March 26-27.

The convention was marked by the almost complete silence of the voice of organized labor in its deliberations, and the overruling of labor's determined in the few instances they WPA construction jobs, a demand

for placing the burden of relief

Amendments Voted Down

platform committee presented as

ers rushed to the platform to con-

sult with Administration whips

few minutes later! But organized

from the amendment adopted:

was a perfunctory concession to

labor, and the whole spirit in which this-the most pressing

problem of the organized and un

organized, employed and unem

ous struggle in the future for ployed—boded little for any seri-

ous struggle in the future for

That the second vote for the

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Main Issues Facing Workers
As the convention assembled, through the Federal taxation powtwo major problems confronted ers, no discrimination against citievery worker and working farmer: zen or non-citizen, organized or (1) the raging economic crisis and unorganized, black or white, single the refusal of the Roosevelt ador married, in distribution of reministration to supply needed lief, etc. funds for extension of WPA and relief, and (2) the ever-bolder Speaking on behalf of the Minneapolis Building Trades Council, tration toward war. Other vital Walter Frank, an ardent Benson problems included the attempt of Roosevelt to wrest still more powvention not to adopt such a disthrough the Reorganization Bill empowering him to reorganize the WPA operate under union wages executive branches of government at his discretion, and the moves against the Mexican oil workers threatened by the government and

In a word, the main problem its spokesman "one who is also a before the convention was its spokesman of labor," Erich Wachstand on the growing reactionary ter, a member of the Minne policy of the National Adminis- bricklayers, who defended the tration, to which the Farmer-Labor Party had linked itself in the 1936 election.

Farmer-Original plank as sufficient.

The spokesman for the Minne apolis Building Trades Council in

Convention Endorses Roosevelt formed the convention that Wachfully organized convention was al- of organized labor but only as an ready clear the first day, when a individual. telegram was dispatched to Roose-velt praising him for a recent firm grip of the rostrum, Wachter speech "in which he lays bare the had the last word. The trade union heart of our present economic proposals were voted down. stalemate and the social and political difficulties growing out of it and places himself squarely on apolis Building Trades Council the side of the democratic phil-osophy as opposed to the feudal organized labor could not accept philosophy of special privilege."

Neither in Benson's speech, nor apparently alarmed the Hennepir the plank if adopted. His warning

in the platform, nor in any of the County Hilliard Smith-Seestrom speeches from the rostrum, was clique which parades in the Assothere a single word said in criti-cism of Roosevelt's war and re-labor. Boerbach and James Flow-

Ultra-Conservative Platform main issues facing the and in a few minutes, without workers received scant attention retraction or explanation, and with in the platform. The "Public Wel-fare" plank, dealing with relief procedure, Frank was asked to put of labor consciousness in the pre- carefully organized body that had committee. It read as follows:

We advocate greater federal responsibility for both direct and work relief; no relief or WPA cuts so long as need exists; continuation of curity program to include other groups where practica-

trast to the proposals submitted these demands by the Farmer to the platform committee by A. Labor leaders. F. of L. trade unionists which Vote Down Other Amendments provided, above all, that WPA be extended on the basis of union Building Trades' proposal wa wages and conditions and the elimination of the pauper's oath for attempts were made to secure oth WPA jobs, 100% unionization of er amendments concretizing that

Entertainment

funds under the Federal Housing Act and a special session of the state legislature to deal with the housing-relief question; state legislation to enable the cities to esprotect workers' wages against specifically endorse a system of old age pensions was also voted down.

Thus on the main issue facing the workers, organized and unorspace in its platform, opposed conand nail against extension of re- Party.

of war. Neither Benson's keynote nor the platform had a word of criticism on the National Administration's deliberate moves pard-May Bill!

ion's outlook on the war question.

sion Bill on March 16. In con- elsewhere in this issue). nt of the Northwest, Bernard and the other Farmer-Labor (Roosevelt) contemplates foreign aggression is a vicious slander." In to veto legislation. A simple, demothat "the suggestion that is state legislatures to repudiate the drive the Communists out of the Business Agents? What happened to their demand for adequate reputation of organized labor in the communists out of the Business Agents? What happened to their demand for adequate reputation of organized labor in the communists out of the Business Agents? What happened to their demand for adequate reputation of organized labor in the communists out of the Business Agents? What happened to their demand for adequate reputation of organized labor in the communists out of the Business Agents? What happened to their demand for adequate reputation of organized labor in the communists out of the Business Agents? What happened to their demand for adequate reputation of organized labor in the communists out of the Business Agents? What happened to their demand for adequate reputation of organized labor in the communists out of the Business Agents? What happened to their demand for adequate reputation of organized labor in the communists out of the Business Agents? What happened to the communists out of the Business Agents? What happened to the communists out of the the same spirit, the convention cratic demand, a very popular one, platform recorded itself against and voiced often enough in Amer-

"Most Careful" Plank Significantly enough, Senator Lawson, chairman of the platforn ommittee, stated that the "Peace" plank had taken longest to pre-pare of the whole platform. Its missions and admissions herefore, an accurate index of the war line of the party leadership.

The plank follows in full: 'We advocate cooperation with all forces genuinely seeking peace in their efforts to promote peace; we are opposed to entangling alliances and to increased armaments, including the Navy Bill; we war munitions plans and the drafting of wealth in time of war; we would prohibit the sale of war materials to aggressor warring nations; forbid American citizens to loan money to warring aggressor nations engaged in war or for the purpose of making war; we advocate the defeat of the Sheppard-May

dictatorship bill."

What This Means nard's defense. The demagogic proposal for nationalization of mu- reduce their terms from life to . . nitions plants is falsely based on the theory that not all capitalists but only the munitions makers seek war, and its futility is dem-

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Bill Brown Says-

Don't laugh. But next Wednesday is the 21st anniversary of our entrance into the war to make the world safe for democracy.

the workers, organized and unorganized and unorganized, the convention gave scant tions and still frenziedly prepares convention, their business and all in a plank, "Protect Minnesota Minneapolis City Council space in its platform, opposed con-crete planks and gave a clean bill enables the government to choose Committee by the tired delegates Industry," designed to curry faof health to the National Admin-istration which is fighting tooth benediction of the Farmer-Labor a. m. Sunday morning. But your of the American Legion in its organizing days, "draft wealth in time of war," is at this late date taken up by the Farmer-Labor cuss the most important issues durconvention! But precisely this bit of demagogy is being employed to palatable the Shep-

toward war. Nobody so much as mentioned Roosevelt's lynch came wealth" is a transition to open par-ward the end of the second and Ogg. "I speak for 42,000 organization to open par-ward the end of the second and Ogg. "I speak for 42,000 organization to open par-ward the end of the second and Ogg. "I speak for 42,000 organization to open par-ward the end of the second and Ogg. "I speak for 42,000 organization to open par-ward the end of the second and Ogg." paign against the proponents of ticipation in conducting the war. the Ludlow Amendment for a ref. A further step in this direction erendum on war, nor was the referendum demand embodied in the sota Leader, in featuring the proplatform. It was clear that, in the posal of Howard Y. Williams few weeks since the Farmer-Labor (vice-chairman of the convention) were spent on interminable nomdelegation in Congress had voted for "democratising" the Sheppardfor the Ludlow Amendment, the party leaders had moved decidedly tives of the workers taken into ministration-sponsored candidates. When a die-hard Stalinist argued that a two-thirds vote was required loser to the National Administra- partnership in the conduct of the

The convention's stand on war Clearly indicative of this was is the polar opposite of the mili-the defense of Roosevelt by Congressman Bernard during the lis Central Labor Union (a copy House debate on the Naval Ex- of the CLU resolution appears

Cramer Voted Down

One of the most significant indices of the conservative tempera- primarily by the St. Paul AFL their ture of the convention was the deican history. Certainly one ent on Roosevelt's motivation for the convention leaders should have endorsed if, as they claim, they are thoroughgoing believers in on getting Atwood the Commi Not Even for Democracy

proved to be stalwart defenders of the Supreme Court! "Let's not tear down everything" words were not those of a Republican stalwart but of the spokes- tory procedure. At 3:30 p. m man of the platform committee. As if two generations of liberal historians had never dissected and proposed amendments to give or exposed the theory of checks and ganized labor a voice in the party balances as merely the intellectual cover for the Federalists' fear and others to kick out the Commuhatred of majority rule, the plat- nists, the main debate of the conform committeeman delivered a vention was expected to center primary-school lecture on the virthe lowest point in the convention out that proposed amendments was reached when one defender of were supposed to be in the hands the platform declared that "we" of all delegates in written form must continue a system whereby for at least one hour prior to dejudges are influenced "neither by | bate. noney nor votes"-as if independence from the will of the people made the judge more impartial!

ted to delete a previously-adopted ments" were not available to proamendment providing for election vide duplicate copies for all the "Cooperation with all forces," of federal judges by popular vote. The final position of the platform ment of one hour to see what was for appointive judges, the "radical" item being a proposal to ten years!

Constitution Not Discussed The adoption of the platfor as the only opportunity provided onstrated by the experience of for any discussion of the many issues facing the masses. Neither the Resolutions nor the Constitu

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The threadbare old slogan reporter must record his convicing the two days of the convention.

Little Business Transacted

The fact is that the real busi- writing. ness of the convention was not be- to strike out, and that scarcely last day of the convention. Only ized truck drivers in this state. then was the platform brought on Ogg walked away from the micro the night and the next morning hastily sprang up to move the inating speeches although it was a would be nominated.

resolved when Harold Atwood and his supporters made a behind-thehis supporters made a behind-thescenes deal with the Benson forces, whereby Atwood received the nomination for Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner in return for a piedge to support the of militant Minnesota labor. endorsed slate. Atwood was backed tion of concentrating everything sioner's job, the St. Paul AFL forces never took the floor, ex-But the convention leadership cept for Ray Wentz's seconding speech for Atwood.

Constitution "Postponed"

Almost all of the two days wer taken up by speeches and perfund Saturday the Constitution Con mittee began its report. Around commensurate with its forces, and tues of government based on begun, however, when a member checks and balances! Undoubtedly of the Rules Committee pointed

"Technical Arrangements" Charlie Munn, chairman of the convention, thereupon deplored To cap it all, the convention vo- the fact that "technical arrange



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journed, and nothing else came up 7 p. m. But at that hour instead. The report of the Conheard of again, until the early State Committee, together with the report of the Resolutions Com-

The Rude Voice of Labor There was only one moment in

labor broke through the make-be-lieve. That was when Ole Ogg, of The letter follows in full: France, which nationalized muni- tion Committee reported to the Milk Drivers Local 471, arose to

> Ogg that the rules meant he would have to submit his amendment in man declared the motion passed for that purpose, the chairn secondary question. On the main questions, the "broad" outlook of non-workingclass elements pre-vailed, in spite of the known stand

Labor Ignored that they would bring labor's numberous grievances on the floor.
Either as part of the deal, or by being maneuvered into the posiistence except on paper, not be lina," Mr. Green declared in a let given affiliation to the Associator ter to the non-partisan committee tion? These paper groups were as conspicuously present and vociferabsent. Every voice was heard,

Unreal Representation

osition of the convention is not yet available, but one revealing fact characterizes how unreal a body it was. Of the 1200 delegates, 400 were from St. Louis County, casting one-eighth of a vote apiece! But all votes were yes and no votes! When, at the Hennepin County convention, rural Hennepin proposed to send two delegates to divide between them the vote of a delegate-at-large, they were overruled by the cynical Seestrom clique on the pre-text that Duluth would be overcrowded by sending delegates with half-votes. But 400 delegates with

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Herman Miller, Chairman Minneapolis City Council City Hall, Minneapolis Dear sir:

On behalf of the Teamsters Joint Council, I wish to inform you and the other members of your committee of our apprecia-tion of your interest and co-operation in the struggle of the cab of the dues in question to drivers to secure a living wage. Now that the strike has terminated successfully and the men are back to work on the basis of of his receipt has been turned in, a guaranteed minimum wage, I he is asked to call the office or have his steward check on the duabled us, through the hearings plicate of his steward form to decalled by your committee, to es- termine the information. tablish the actual facts of the conditions under which cab drivers have been working.

Cordially your HAROLD H. SEAVEY, Teamsters Joint Council.

Green, Dubinsky Back Beal Case

William Green, President of the American Federation, and David Friedrich. Dubinsky, President of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and prominent in the CIO What happened, for example, are among the labor leaders who representatives recorded their ture of the convention was the devotes against the bill, but Bernard devoted himself to defense of Roosevelt's main policy, declaring that "the suggestion that he (Roosevelt) contemplates foreign right of the U.S. Robley Cramer to include in the platform a call upon Congress and state legislatures to repudiate the column front-page editorial, "Let Committee by a committee by a committee of outstain the release of Fred E. Beal, claring their determination to the Minneapolis Board of Union tile support of the nationwide movement to obtain the release of Fred E. Beal, claring their determination to the Minneapolis Board of Union tile support of the nationwide movement to obtain the release of Fred E. Beal, claring their determination to the Minneapolis Board of Union tile support of the nationwide movement to obtain the release of Fred E. Beal, claring their determination to the Minneapolis Board of Union tile support of the nationwide movement to obtain the release of Fred E. Beal, claring their determination to the Minneapolis Board of Union tile support of the nationwide movement to obtain the release of Fred E. Beal, claring their determination to the Minneapolis Board of Union tile support of the nationwide movement to obtain the release of Fred E. Beal, claring their determination to the Minneapolis Board of Union tile support of the nationwide movement to obtain the release of Fred E. Beal, claring their determination to the Minneapolis Board of Union the nationwide movement to obtain the release of Fred E. Beal, claring their determination to the Minneapolis Board of Union the nationwide movement to obtain the release of the nationwide movement to obtain the nationwide movement to claring their determination to the Minneapolis Board of Union tile strike, now serving a 17 to drive the Communists out of the Business Agents? What happened 20 years' prison term in North

working for Beal's liberation. Mr. Dubinsky's statement said

in part:
"Fred Beal was railroaded to

least that American labor can do is to unite behind the effort to obtain his speedy release. Naturally I join heartily in that effort.' Others who have joined in the defense of Beal in recent weeks

one-eighth votes were O.K. What the clique sought and secured was the "right kind" of overcrowding

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Drivers Unions in 11 States Present Over-the-Road Pacts

vidualists" who sought to carve pending the conclusion of wage for themselves a place in the industry out of the flesh of the

This ruthless competition soon the better-equipped fleet opera tors, again at the expense of the workers. Depression years only served to hasten the natural process of decomposition in the in-

Growth of Industry

Today the highway transport the commodities necessary to industry and life-timber for the mills, machinery for the farms, food for the tables, clothing, tires, textiles, tobaccos, shoes, etc. The driver works long hours and gets low wages. If the run is too long for one driver to make vithout falling asleep at the wheel a bunk is installed in the cab and that the company cares what happens to the driver, but after all the truck and cargo, you know).

pay only while actually driving. When they attempt to sleep on the motor-freight version of "the ' they are on their own time, though why anyone would sleep in such a peculiarly uncomfortable position on his own time has yet to be explained.

To crown this imposition on human nature, the wage rate is ordinarily reduced when two men are tractive" conditions.

Improvements Can Come

All manner and method of wage ayment is used in the industry. mount to be received. The highthe nature of the work. Only a livery man, etc.—since it lays the back from the sunny South. I little planning which would con- necessary groundwork for the ex- think we got a better tan than you could bring about very great im- improvement of working condi-

Only Answer: Unions

Time and experience have shown conclusively that the only real hope of the truck transport workbe coordinated on a trade area the entire organized labor move-basis. While it is true that indi-ment. It is self-evident, because of vidual local unions have, in the this, that the campaign to unionize past, made impressive gains, these the highway transportation indusisolated attempts have not pro-vided a solution to the problem. try deserves the fullest support and cooperation from every union Existing labor contracts are dif- and every organized ferent in almost every locality, which only adds to the general confusion. Some of these individ-

and similar types of "rugged indi- ing signatures to new contracts

For Common Action The union locals of the Interna

tional Brotherhood of Teamsters extended itself into the ranks of AFL, in the eleven states of the North Central trade come to realize the need for com mon action along the entire front and have launched a well-planned and determined campaign of ac tion. A committee of one repre sentative from each state has been elected, with the full support and backing of the unions involved. Numerous sectional and regional conferences have brought co agreement on union proposals for uniform area contract

Pacts Presented

These proposals have been presented to the employers' organi cation with a request for immediate negotiations. ers have indicated sympathy with the plan, while others are in violent opposition. In Western Iowa. for example, a campaign of intimidation against union men has been launched by several compan-Local unions in this district are taking prompt action to combat this attack, and are receiving full backing from the drivers unions in the entire area. To em phasize that the unions are in dead earnest, and to make this pointedly clear to any employer who might inclined to take the matter lightly, the union negotiating com mittee has decided to present its riding together under these "at- proposal to the individual employers in the eleven states.

The organization of the highway transport workers is of vital im-No matter how computed, it takes little education to determine the little education to determine the importance to those in the indusway driver works under conditions try whose employment is of a which keep him away from home a purely local character—the milkvery large part of the time-far man, the bread-driver, the launthe welfare of the driver tension of organization work and fellows did down South. tions throughout the entire transport industry.

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Local 544 Calls All Ball-Players

With the appointment of Tony man as manager, the baseball team to represent the General Drivers Union Local 544 in the city league this summer appeared 3. Late last week, Cardenas, certain to wind up among the lead-president of Mexico, publicly rs. In the opinion of those ac-uainted with the baseball played the park board league, Local against the Mexican government 44's nine will have better than inside and outside of Mexico."

Cab champs last season, and is bringing his champ pitcher, Russ ernment official in Washington' Wennell, over to the Local 544 lest some "foreign powers finance

dayers who wish to be considered ment."

With the Limousines

I can report that we now have the Emergency Ambulance, Inc. signed up. This firm is 100 per of drivers, and I am sure they will be a credit to the union.

Hear Bill Hines blossomed ith a new second-hand car. It's dle-jumper. (How about you

How does Carl Gustafson get hose nice looking girls up to his house on executive meeting nights Are you trying to sign them up

Here are some of the member that have not as yet turned in dance tickets: Roy Thompson, Roy Spande. Please mail in tickets

I want to see all those ne members up at our next meeting April 5th.

What four chauffeurs were eat ng ice cream sodas at Lenz and Kelly's Monday night? It must have been on the house.

We're going to discuss contract at the April 5th meeting. If you have any suggestions, please comin person only. This means union mbers only. It's your union and you all know what you want so come up and vote on \$200 a month confusion. Some of these individual Local 407, Cleveland; Michigan, and five days a week, two weeks vacation with pay. Would you like this, or not?

See you April 5th.

J. M. O'Laughlin, Local 299, Deroit; Indiana, E. J. Williams, Local 135, Indianapolis: Wisconsin Joe Scisłowski, Local 200, Milwaukee (committee chairman); Min nesota, Farrell Dobbs, Local 544. tary); Iowa, Carl Keul, Local 90 Des Moines; Missouri, T. T. Neal, Local 41, Kansas City; North Dakota, Jack Wirth, Local 116, Fargo; South Dakota, E. G. Holstein, Local 749, Sioux Falls; Nebraska, Tom Smith, Local 554, Omaha.

Oil Barons Force Showdown In Mexico; Hands Off Mexico

(Continued from page 1)
ed by the U. S. government's discontinuance of silver purchases.

both Mexico and the United States are able to judge what this "good in the continuance of silver purchases."

Bosses Aid Fascists

charged that "the eil companie have been developing a campaign The form that this campaign

Herman managed the Yellow takes is graphically shown by the ab champs last season, and is "fears" expressed by a "high govfascist movement in Mexico to A call has been issued to all overthrow the Cardenas govern-A revolver is thus placed andidates for the 1938 team, to at Cardenas' head, and he is told eet next Monday afternoon, Ap- by the Standard and Royal Dutch ril 4, at 5:30 p.m. in the drivers companies: "Permit us to come headquarters, 257 Plymouth aveback and continue our exploitaion, or we will blot you out.'

Refuse Oil Tankers

4. The companies have acted ogether to embargo all Mexican il shipments abroad; that is, they have refused Mexico the use their tankers, storage tanks, handng facilities, etc. As Mexico owns no oil tankers of its own this means serious difficulty in selling Mexican oil.

5. Rumors became more and nore persistent that the imperialists-meaning Big Business in the U. S., Great Britain and the Netherlands-were planning to finance a series of sensational holdups on the Pan-American highway leading into Mexico City, in order to scare off" the heavy American tourist trade to Mexico, and thus put further pressure on the Mex-

ican government and the unions. The dispossessed oil barons may attempt to provoke "incidents" or the Mexican border, to justify the sending of American troops to "keep order."

What's a Good Neighbor?

On Monday morning the Min-eapolis TRIBUNE said that 'well-informed persons" expressed belief silver purchases were discontinued "because the expropriation of oil properties was considered officially to be unresponsive to the Roosevelt administration's policy of being a 'good neighbor' to other nations.

Thus the union movements in

On the Route With the Milk Man

Chris Hanson and his wife va ationed last week. Christ want to go to Omaha, his wife wanted to go to Chicago. They comproised on Chicago.

Al Odean and Otto Wolfgran layed for the big cribbage championship. White failed to show up is referee. Ask Otto what he did to the black jack so he could win the crown.

When Louis Marcus quits the nilk rig, he plans to start a pawr

Walt "Dopey" Sandberg is randpa now, and does he think e's someone. He maybe is-

Seeing as the annual banque coming, most of the boys are not eating so much lately.

Walter Anderson put away hree man-size steaks the other night. Where does a little guy ike that put all those groceries?

John Bronner, Northside cowoy, is out shagging balls. He needs the practice. out shagging those fly

Notice to the beautiful girls of Land o' Lakes section: One of the plumper editors of this pa-per saw you coming out of the last meeting and was smitten specially by the girl in yellow.

Gust Anderson has ambitions to

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are able to judge what this "good neighbor" stuff really means.

It reminds one of the days before the repeal of prohibition when Capone used to tell a rival

we'll get along O. K. But ion't stand up on your hind legs and look tough, or it'll be just too bad for you. I won't consider you 'good neighbor' anymore-in fact, I'll run you out of your own

Just as Washington has gone to at for dear old Standard Oil, so ne British and Netherland gov nents are fronting for the Roy Dutch Shell. These governments lys the N. Y. TIMES, "are workng closely with our state depart ment in the matter."

Hands Off Mexico!

The militant action of the Mexi in petroleum workers union has pushed the Cardenas governmen the most progressive position taken by the Mexican governmen ince the 1910 revolution. In thi gressive move against the sam mpanies which follow out labor ating policies in the United workers in the United States must support the expropria-tion of the oil companies, and back up the action of the Mexican work

Many unions in the United ates have already wired their upport to the Mexican oil work-Minneapolis workers, too, declare their solidarity with the progressive struggle against the great and the diplomats. Hands off Mexico!

BAKERY

By A. M. Ogren

NEXT MEETINGS: Stewards-Tuesday, April 5, 7:30 sharp. Retail Drivers-Thursday, April 7, 8:00 sharp.

This is what the employers use Omaha, Nebraska, one of the orse scab towns in the country ctly what they tell their men.

Don't go to union meetings. Never ask questions or us

ervice your union has to offer. 3. Always come late to meetings

Never answer letters.
 Kick if you aren't appointed

6. Don't attend committee meetings when you are appointed. 7. Don't have anything to say when you are called upon.

8. If you do break the silence. find fault with the proceedings. 9. Hold back your dues or don't

10. Never think of asking any one to go along to your meetings. 11. Don't do a thing for the union and when a few take off ville 9379. their coats and dig in and work their fool heads off, howl for change in management.

12. If someone urges some ac ion call him a nut. Amen. The above, of course, is what

NOT to do. Our new bakery contract was pened because in re-submitting he agreement to us, the employers

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narried, and 8 children. Partial to Ten-High, and dancing with his

Warehouse Union Preparing Pacts

The Warehouse Workers Local 20316 has held he employees of practically all he past two weeks.

rith the B. F. Nelson company aily during the past week, and it eemed possible a settlement would sult soon.

A large and enthusiastic mas of Sears, Roebuck workers turned out Wednesday night at the Sears meeting.

It is through thoughtful, work ving and critical minds that the truth in the long run makes its way to broader circles.

and wages over what had already been agreed upon. So, naturally we had to take a different stand.

Last Sunday we had quite a meeting of cash wagon salesmer and they made their big start in organization and settled a few m or questions. This branch of our nion is going places, incidentall ringing our membership up to about 725 active members.

Loren Johnson, who made a trip Omaha, Nebraska, on busine had his first taste of living in tha big iron hotel they have there.

Fascism: The theory that it i tter to be enslaved by a man in uniform than to let cor sweaty people have a voice in the

Sam Ash at Purity plant is a ittle delinquent with the executive board-a little matter of dinner for the board

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movement, an excellent mass meeting was held in that Speakers included Clifford Skully, at the Socialist Sunday Forum, on pice-president of the State Federa, Sunday, April 3, at 3 p. m. These ice-president of the State Federa tion of Labor; chairman; Earl Ho- forums are held each Sunday at gan of the Minneapolis Machinists Union; I. H. Igou of the Austin sored by the Socialist Workers Electricians Union; Floyd Cover ston, business agent of Genera Drivers Local 581 of Grand Forks; and Ray Sawyer, organizer of the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint

Over a dozen unions were repesented at the meeting. Nineteen new members were recruited int General Drivers Local 581, which naintains a section in Crooksto The union movement in this town s definitely on the upgrade, it w reported by Organizer Sawyer.

Warehouse Union Dance on Friday, April 22

With many attractive vaudeville ects, dancing to Joe Jung's orches ra, and a host of door and dance prizes, the entertainment com ee of Warehouse Workers Loca accessful section meetings with 20316 calls one and all to put i an appearance at the Spring ompanies in the industry during of the union, to be held Friday eve, April 22. The dance will be held at the Plamor Ballroom, 724 4th Ave. S. Tickets are 35c.

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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 Bolahevik I'm Labor.



Minneapolis Central Labor Union Fights War and the War-Makers

WHEREAS organized labor is aware of the cruel deception practiced upon it in the last "War to Make the World Safe for Democracy," which destroyed millions of lives and brought about reaction instead of democracy; and WHEREAS the world is threatened with another such war, in which the workers and farmers will once more be called to lay down their lives to protect and expand the imperialist interests of the big

and expand the imperialist interests of the big

bosses; and
WHEREAS the employers' press is engaged in a systematic campaign to create a jingoistic war spirit, and the radio and motion pictures are being utilized to whip us up to accept war; and WHEREAS war preparations are being rushed in this country at a frenzied pace, as is so clearly revealed by the actions of the National Administration in launching a gigantic program of

istration in launching a gigantic program of naval and military expansion, including over a billion dollars for arms in the regular budget, twelve hundred millions additional for new warships in the Vinson Bill just passed by the House of Representatives, and other military bills now being drafted at the direction of the Adminis-

tration; and
WHEREAS the government's preparations for war are a mortal danger to organized labor, as is revealed by the plans for a military dictatorship in war-time prepared by the War Department and embodied in the Sheppard-May Bill, with its provisions for compulsory conscription, arbitrary fixing of wages, prohibition of strikes, punitive discipline of unions and labor leaders, and governmental control of pres and radio; and WHEREAS the National Administration has already engaged on a course of throttling opponents of war, as was revealed by the lynch spirit organized against the Farmer-Labor congressmen and others who supported the Ludlow Amendment requiring a popular referendum before Congress can declare war; and

requiring a popular referendum before Congress can declare war; and WHEREAS the purely pacifist, non-workingclass opposition to war has already collapsed in Congress, as witness the speed and the three-to-one vote by which the Administration pushed through the House the Naval Expansion Bill;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Central Labor Union of Minneapolis, voicing the determination of fifty thousand trade unionists, declares its unalterable op-

trade unionists, declares its unalterable op-position to all war preparations and military budgets, and any and all bills in which they are embodied, and stigmatizes the war being are emodded, and stigmatizes the war being prepared as a war of imperialist conquest, and declares its firm opposition to any war launched by the Government;

That we demand that all the funds now pro-

posed for the military budget and naval expansion be transferred immediately to the relief of the unemployed;
That we demand the immediate withdrawal of any and all armed forces of the United States from the Far East, since it is only Big Business and not Labor that has any interests there to protect.

there to protect; That we assert militant Labor's determination

to support the workers and peasants of Spain against the fascist hordes who seek to crush them, and to support the brave Chinese people in their fight for independence against the Japanese invaders and all other foreign exploiters:

That we shall join with all other forces in the labor movement who share our views for the purpose of consolidating the strongest to the war-mongers.

Adopted March 23, 1938.

For Everyone: The Right to Work

The action of the unemployed section of the Ramsey County Farmer-Labor Veterans' club, taken at its March 21 meeting, in "gunning" after the jobs of married women employed by the welfare board, is completely reactionary.

The progressive movement fights for the right to work for everyone, for the right of every man and woman to a job at socially productive labor. With this guiding principle there can be no compromise. It is not the business of the progressives to place restrictions around the employment of women, married or single. The reactionaries take care of that very well.

Indeed, the St. Paul Daily News, the most conscious representative of the employers, heartily appliauded the action of the Ramsey unemployed group. Not satisfied to restrict the rights of married women employed by the restrict the rights of married women employed by the welfare board, the Daily News (editorially on March 24) is all for banning married women from jobs in other public institutions. And that has always been the policy of Big Business: to make scapegoats of married women. Driven by the failure of the present system to provide jobs for all, the reactionaries constantly seek for some Driven by the failure of the present system to provide jobs for all, the reactionaries constantly seek for some scapegoat, some class of persons whom they can ban from jobs. Let them succeed in preventing married women from working for the welfare board, and what would happen? It would be but a step to throw all married women out of private employment. And this would solve exactly nothing for the masses of Americans.

Just last week in St. Louis, the bankers and the industrialists gave wide publicity to their "Cooperative Employment Council" whose sole platform was the dis-



CAB STRIKE ITEMS

By the time this goes to press river must have a very favorable yard golf is to be the next diver as the final payoff.

mittee of that has met with this man and that, been cussed and disussed and have developed their trading instinct to the point where the Consular service as Ministers any country in the world.

General Frank Chesvick and Sergeant Frank Mazda are very downeast over the fact that they don't rate a "Sir" and a "salute" on their job.

Was glad to see that "POP" Bingham has recovered from his recent illness and is once more in irculation.

Speaking of kibitzers, card arks and the likes, the initial H. before Kuennen's name must tand for Hoyle, the greatest kibitzer of all time.

At the joint meeting of commitee and operators in the mayor's reception room, one of the boys asked for a pair of dice or a deck of cards to pass the time away, but after finding out that any dice No. 544 "Spotty," the puppy masthey would get from Hizzoner cot of the 1934 truck strike. The would probably be loaded against pup is quite grown up now, but them, they decided to just sit around and wait.

Our hats off also to the baggage support during this struggle

The Taxi-Drivers in that smoky

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charge of all women whose husbands were working, their

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the cab strike probably will be exchange on American money, sion up here. We would team "Ten only a memory and it's a certainty when they can sign up for a week- o'clock" Taylor and "Sheriff" Eas-

Take note of some of the car-Our committee of this and com- Organizer, that boy, Oren Seguin be seated in or near the kitchen.

would recommend them for mileage, hauled lots of people and ily, what will I get from doing many miscellaneous items and also three hundred dishes. plenipotentiary or ambassadors to a fair share of no loads and kept his car looking shiny and new so with a fair idea of the trials and Rainboldt ordered the small stove

welcome visitor Monday, he has a fire: pale-face big fire, stand been laid up for the past month far away, Indian small fire, got

Christopher and Saunders play the end. You can't beat an accurate time book.

Seven weeks of practice and own, but maybe cutting down on ice the weed had good effects at that.

Orchids to "squirrel" Palmquist for the loan of his famous mascet so is the Union, so he served very faithfully in this capacity.

Our most sincere thanks are men, starters, operators, and mechanics washers and other salaried employees who gave us their entire this strike. We also appreciate claims Cyril Phelan formerly the co-operation we have received played Lake and Nicollet so lon from our creditors.

foreign town of St. Paul, down The old reliable game of "barn- Our "cof

that this will be the final column by wage of twelve (\$12.00) dol-tey against all comers. These boys of cab strike events. If we owe lars. can really horse-shoe.

The "water-cure" has developed toons in the future issues of the to the point where no one dares to

H. McKean of the transporta-tion detail has piled up plenty of dishpan hands from a small fam

We can't find facts to substan iate the supposition that "Chief" in the union kitchen, but you all know the American Indian's way Brother Dave Franzeen was a of telling at a distance who built

Soike to "Slim" Freisen in proc their x.o. game on a very close margin (as the delinquents have you aren't right, but if you were found out) but always win out in two feet shorter you'd be awfully wrong.

Being off the job is plenty tough but we notice that our old ome of the boys can not roll their friend "Sammy" can still unload ice-cream and candy at a nickel throw, so evidently there are still traces of Uncle Sam's specie amongst us.

They must be running out of altitude in the kitchen, they now have "shorties" respectively in the detail, Rollins, Wiggins and Slenz

Sprig hath cub.

Our "coffee and" fiends are con-Rainbolt on War Path, as Cab Picket Car system. Thermos refills and rolls by the dozen would save nickels.

Monday our orchestra played to full house. Mandery and Mc-

organized Drivers movement in 116 has prepared a schedule of this section of the country was shown a few days ago in Austin. shown a few days ago in Austin, Minnesota. William Stroback, em-

FWS Wins Fight On "U" Campus

Edwin Davis, WPA white collar worker at the University of Min-nesota, discharged last week for stepping outside for a smoke, was back at work Monday morning or a better job as a result of efforts by the Federal Workers Section of

He had been fired by Davis, an inept WPA "efficiency expert," on the grounds that he had violated an old rule forbidding students to

A second victory for the FWS on the campus was marked by the appearance of WPA bulletin boards in the auditorium, library, Millard Hall, Jones Hall, and one of the engineering buildings.

Independent Truck Chatter

ing of the ITO will be held next week, Thursday, April 7. All independent haulers who

ork in coal yards or gravel pits or who haul on piece work should heck their earnings with the unmployment insurance con when they are laid off. Zander has secured a ruling that these men are piece work employes and entitled to unemployment compensa

Thank You!

Hopkins, Minn., March 25 Local 1152, County Employes Union, voted to donate \$10 toward the benefit dance the ITO is sponsoring on April 23.

New Business

Doak, Carl Andorr and Red Toohey are reported as dealing for new trucks. Frank Guile has already blossomed out with a new

Carl Bath has a 1934 Ford Oregon, Curt says.

What is the reasoning of those who constantly advocate an in dependent owner is better off without any equipment and working as a driver, yet refuse to practise what they preach?

Bob Bove, dance committee ist of firms who have bought tick ets for our dance ready for pub ication in this column next week

Come Down an See Us Some Night

We may have split shifts and 88 hours on the WPA but you can't hamper the park board. The vest river road job is now running hree shifts all around the clock.

The contractors may howl about he WPA construction program out on that river road project you will see plenty of equipment, and no 88 hours either.

This most unusual March weath r in memory has caused a preature stirring of garden fever. Plenty of black dirt is being hauled and some sod has already been laid in St. Louis Park.

Ask Muncy about the stranger from St. Louis Park whom Curt saw him talking with Tuesday.

Does the WPA assume any liability for damages to a dump truck tipped over on a project?

Could a fellow be misunder stood if he shouted "three cheers for the red, white and blue" down around 257?

again . . . and the little green Ford is out in front these days.

of full house. Mandery and McCullough interpreted everything from tin pan alley to "under the double eagle" while Taylor did a "command performance" which was well received.

Our baseball boys are fast getting into shape and deserve and will get our unstinted support. Just repeat last season's performance, men.

Sincerely yours, Curly and Lunde.

Austin Driver Gets
\$104.50 Back Pay

Another demonstration of the strength and effectiveness of the organized Drivers movement in this section of the country was strength and effectiveness of the organized Drivers movement in this section of the country was strength and effectiveness of the organized Drivers movement in this section of the country was strength and effectiveness of the organized Drivers movement in this section of the country was strength and effectiveness of the organized Drivers movement in the Northwest Organizer Mail Bag—A letter from the Restaurant, Beverage and Food Workers Local 701 of Lynn, Mass., congratulating our paper on its policies and spirit, and inquiring as to the cost of 250 copies weekly for their union . . . A request from E. F. Grundemeier, financial secretary of the Minnesota Highway Employees Local 936 in Mankato, saking for information on union Sick Benefit Funds . . A letter from the Restaurant, Beverage and Food Workers Local 701 of Lynn, Mass., congratulating our paper on its policies and spirit, and inquiring as to the cost of 250 copies weekly for their union . . A request from E. F. Grundemeier, financial secretary of the Minnesota Highway Employees Local 936 in Mankato, saking for information on union Sick Benefit Funds . . . A letter from the Roal Austrant, Beverage and Food Workers Local 701 of Lynn, Mass., congratulating our paper on its policies and spirit, and inquiring as to the cost of 250 copies weekly for their union . . . A request from E. F. Grundemeier, financial secretary of the Minnesota Highway Employees Local 936 in Mankato, saking for information on union Sick Benefit Funds . . . A letter from the Choral f

On the NATIONAL PICKET LINE

Deseccoccoccoccoccoccoccoccoccoccoccoccocc down strike on January 18. The strike was called after the workers in three departments in the Harrison plant were locked out and a wholesale program of lay-offs was conducted by the company at the New Jersey plant, in violation of seniority.

Strikers are demanding close op, sole collective bargaining rights, 62 1/2 cents per hour minimore flexible rights, and the right of the SWOC o negotiate supplementary agree nts within the plants. strike is led by a young man, H. Kaempf, a militant organizer who does not preach the class collab-orationist program of the CIO heads. The strike itself is bol-stered by real action, cooperation between the two cities and a campaign of organization among the other big steel mills in that area Recruits are coming into the locals daily. There is also close contact maintained with the strikers at the Waterman Fountain Pen Manufac turing Plant at Newark.

there was a conference be-tween the Association of American Railroads heads and the Railway Labor Executives Association. The con-ference was called to discuss a possible wage reduction for railroad workers. The labor officials came to the meeting with the statement that they would not discuss a reduction The bosses' association heads, faced with this fact, decided to await the publication of a report made by three mem-bers of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and pre-

This week, in Washington,

Before the meeting began it as rumored that the railroad bosses were going to demand a 15 per cent reduction. It was also rumored that they would be sat-isfied with a cut of from six to seven per cent, these latter figures representing the increase granted ailway workers last fall.

According to these employ ers of hundreds of thousands of workers, the railroad industry is sick. As an antidote they propose to put their em-

ployees also on the sick list. Labor leaders contend that something far more fundaiental is wrong with the industry and that the cutting of wages is not the cure, tem porary or permanent.

When the conference broke up, pokesmen for both sides said they told us how poor they are."

On April 1, 15,000 Postal Telegraph company employ-ees will receive wage boosts of from \$1.25 to \$4 per month. This raise is the result of a contract signed by the company and the American Radio and Telegraphists Association, a CIO affiliate. last December 18. The increase represents an annual amount of \$600,000. higher wage increases will go to those now receiving \$160 per month or less, the smaller to the higher paid workers, (a very small group).

Before this contract was signed there were fifteen strikes in various cities on the eastern seaboard. At that time there was talk of rerganization of the company.

Also included in this contract is a preferential dismissal list which provides that non-union members shall be the first laid off in times of slack, members who are not paid up in their dues second, and union members in order of seniority last.

Today Makes 8,017 Days . . .



UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

LOCAL 664

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

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.
Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday.
Cake and Pie—Third Thursday.
General Membership—Fourth
Thursday.

LOCALS 1859, 20481
General Membership, Le
1859—April 6.
Casket Section—April 2.
General Membership, Le
1859—April 15.
Clark Section—April 20.
Puffer-Hubbard Section—A
21.

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Executive Board, Local 1859—
Every Friday, 8 p. m.
Executive Board, Local 20481
—First and Third Mondays.
Twin City Stewards—Second and Fourth Mondays.
General Membership, Local 1859—May 4.

LOCAL 20316 Stewards—First and third Tuesday
Regular Membership Meeting—
Fourth Tuesday
Executive Board — Regularly
every Monday

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.

days.

Executive Board meetings are subject to call. The Union office is now located at the above address.

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

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

LOCAL 544
MEETING SCHEDULE
APRIL, 1938
Friday, April 1—Job Stewards
Monday, April 4—Package Delivery; Department Store;
Coal

Wednesday, April 6—Sausage; Petroleum

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Wednesday, April 6—Sausage;
Petroleum
Thursday, April 7—Greenhouse, Independent Truck
Owners
Sunday, April 10—Wholesale
Grocery, 10 A. M.
Monday, April 11—General
Membership
Wednesday, April 13—Market;
Wholesale Liquor
Friday, April 15—Job Stewards
Sunday, April 17—Over-the
Road, 10 A. M.
Monday, April 17—Building
Material; Furniture Stores
Thursday, April 21—Tent and
Awning; Printing; Newspaper 10 A. M.
Monday, April 25—Spring Water
Tuesday, April 25—Spring Water
Sunday, April 26—Taxi Drivers, Night drivers, 1 P. M.,
Day Drivers, 7 P. M.
Thursday, April 28—Transfer
and Warehouse; Wholesale
Drug; Excavating and Sand
and Gravel
Seniority Committee meets each
Tuesday at 7 P. M. in Hall
No. 1
Grievance Committee meets
each Tuesday and Friday at
7 P. M. in Hall No. 2
Executive Board meets each
Wednesday at 9 A. M. in
Staff Room