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# Six-City Gamble-Robinson Drivers' Strike Won

# On the **National**

business indices reveal that the low point, reached in the "previ ous" depression in 1932, has again been "attained." Automobile and farm machinery sales, always a good indication of buying power, have dropped to microscopic levels. Steel and all related industries have dropped correspondingly. Unemployment in the basic industries has reached the point where now one out of every six ablebodied, employable persons is on

Price control by monopo-lies has forced thousands of small business firms to the wall. Farmers are forced to pay top prices for their equip-ment while they themselves have to accept ever lower prices for their commodities. Recently the Federal Trades Commission published a re-port which showed that eight of the largest farm implement companies, headed by the In-ternational Harvester, Deere and Company, and the J. P. and Company, and the J. P. Chase Company, working to-gether, succeeded so well that, during the depths of the de-pression in 1932, farm ma-chinery prices were main-tained at high levels.

The small retailers suffered beause they had to pay monopoly prices; the small manufacturers suffered because they had to await the announcement of the monopo-lists' prices before making up their own, and then meet them; the farmers suffered because they their own commodities suffered a shoved into "No. 1 drivers." The drop of over two-thirds. Then methods used by the company are ter campaign against Local 1703, when price parity had been at-indicated by the fact that one emtained the monopolists forced the ployee, M. F. Shachman, formerly in an attempt to break the union, small retailers to carry only the a 544 man and recently working thus creating a serious relief probsmall retailers to

Roosevelt has ordered an investigation into monopolies and price control. How much this means is clearly revealed when one considers the results of the last "investigation." Recently the Aluminum Com-pany of America, a perfect monopoly, was on trial for price manipulation. The Federal Judge who tried the case asked the prosecuting attorney (just before he dismissed the case) if, although the comipulation and control, there was enough evidence to go on with the trial. The "prosecuting" attorney said that even though the company had "admitted" the charge it had not "confessed" and that there was not sufficient grounds for continuing the (Continued on page 4)



Who Killed Him?

Patrick J. Corcoran was mur-dered by unknown persons on the night of November 17, 1937. The Minneapolis Teamsters Joint 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.

# Station Attendants Picket Line Organize Campaign

Newly-Chartered Local 977 of Teamsters Will Organize Filling Station Attendants, Helpers, Tire Men—Strike Called vs. Bulk Oil Company—All Union Drivers Refuse to Accept Service From Finks

Backed by the full strength of the Minneapolis Team-sters Joint Council, the newly-chartered Local 977, Filling Station Attendants and Helpers, moved into high gear in its drive to organize one of the most exploited groups of workers.

Formerly a Federal local, No. 20383, Gasoline Operators and Helpers, its membership voted to become part of the Teamsters movement. This

followed the award of jurisdiction of this group to the Teamsters International by the AFL Executive

Strike Called.

One of the first steps taken by Local 977, together with General Drivers Local 544, was to call a strike against Bulk Oil Company This company had connived with the notorious F. L. Taylor's "No. 1" finks in setting up an "indepen-dent union," as "Local 15", forc-

### Attendants, Tire Men Meet July 7

A general meeting of all sta-tion attendants, helpers and tire men has been called by Local 977, Filling Station Attendants and Helpers, for Thursday, July 7, at 9 p. m.

All members are urged to get out and bring in the meeting men not yet organized.

ing its employees in its four sta as a station attendant, was fired by the Bulk Oil Co. when he refused to join the fink union.

Called on Friday, June 17, the trike is still on. It affects the Bulk Oil stations at 22nd and He reemployed two unionists, Cedar, 38th and Hiawatha, 9 West cluding the union secretary, Dan 38th St., and 3rd and East Lake. Bell. Drivers Refuse Service

of big accounts immediately trans-ferred their business to other sta-underpaying relief workers. tions. Among the accounts already
thus lost by Bulk Oil are: Ross
Construction Co., Industrial Conlief supervisor and a special com-

and two squad cars accompanying

The Teamsters Joint Council is are aiding and abetting the fink

### Gas Workers! Meeting Changed

Members of Gas Workers Local 20490 are asked to take notice that the regular membership meeting called for Wednesday, June 22, has been postponed to Monday, June 27. The meeting will be held at Dania Hall, 427 Cedar Avenue.

Election of officers and other important matters will be taken up.

### Local 20316 To Initiate **New Members**

All members of Local 20316, Warehouse Workers Union, are instructed to attend the next membership meeting Tuesday, June 28, at 8 p. m. at the union headquarters.

There will be a roll call and a check made on all members. Do not fail to attend. There will be an initiation of new members.

### Unemployed In New Richmond Organizing

The unemployed of New Richmond, Wisconsin, organized by Wood Workers Union Local 1703, has started a real campaign for higher relief standards and more tions and bulk plant to join "No. WPA jobs. The largest industry 15," while its two drivers were in the community, the Strand Ski in the community, the Strand Ski company, has been waging a bit-

A few days ago Strand began to retreat when he saw the union was preparing to push vigorously a program for more WPA jobs.

The whole community stands be-When all union drivers in the city were notified not to accept service at these stations, a number higher wages. Up to now, authori-

The manager of Bulk Oil, Shepard and the council set allowances and their friends are instance, has made several attempts to for rent, ice and incidentals.

# Keep Driver

Another misguided independent nuckowner who strayed away from Local 544 has returned to

Employed by the Union Scrap Iron Co., he was induced to join the "No. 1" fink union. Discovered wearing the shameful button by Tommy Williams and Emil Hansen, he telephoned for an "organizer" from No. 1 to protect

But that personage could only twiddle his thumbs in the fact of real union strength. For not only was Local 544 ready to banner the company, but the inside workers, belonging to a CIO local, were ready to walk off the job as soon as the banners went up. The CIO business agent, as soon as he was called in, agreed to maintain a solid front with 544.

"If that's the situation," said the being indicated by a driver, "I might as well go back to 544."

Business Manager—William Heigel

After he had paid up his dues, the driver told Tommy Williams:
"You fellows treated me like a
brother, after what I done."

### Gargle Boys Flock Into Local 20316

About 95 per cent of the inside workers employed at the Lavoris company have joined the Warehouse Union Local 20316. These employes are seeking wage increases, stabilized hours, and se-

Negotiations are being carried on with the company at present.

## Labor School Plans Picnic

struction Co., Hedberg and Friedheim, Minnesota Sand & Gravel ists presented their demands for a Sullivan's Grove on Sunday, June sold on the grounds, and picnick-WPA budget, and further demand- 26. Admission will be free and all ers will bring their own luncheons.



Omaha Bosses Didn't Like Them

Some of the North Central drivers' leaders, in Omaha, in emergency session. Left to right: Jack Wirth, Fargo; Farrell Dobbs, Minneapolis; Art Hudson, St. Paul; Lee Jeffreys, Lincoln, Nebraska; John Ray, St. Louis, Mo. Other pictures and story on page 3.

## Bill Heigel Wins In 292 Election

Bill Heigel was elected Business Manager of the Utility section of Electrical Workers Local 292 at last Saturday's election, it was announced last night at the general mem-

bership meeting.
Full tabulation of the ballots follows, those elected Justice Is

### William Heigel George Phillips Chairman-(Vote for one) Gerald Baldus Vice-Chairman-(Vote for one) K. G. Gerdin L. M. Stauffer Recording Sec.—(Vote for one) John B. Williams 36 Advisory Board-(Vote for four) E. U. Muller Therrien F. C. Stetler W. W. Teasdale C. R. Middleton H. Thomas George Solberg E. A. Burkhart Robert E. McGowan C. B. White Jud Caldwell 112 Charles Martin ... M. D. Lee L. M. Stauffer .....

lots were cast, 18 of them from St.
Croix and 55 from St. Cloud.

### 255. Emil Hansen Back at Work

back to work after a trip down in the "riot cases" clicked off its third "guilty" verdict last week South on leave of absence.

Coming home through Laredo, Coming home through Laredo, when it sentenced John Winkels, Texas, Emil ran into a couple of unionist and member of the edioil promoters who were still wondering what had happened to a wonderful prospect they had nearly hooked, named Carl Skoglund. pended and a \$100 fine substi-tuted. Winkels' conviction fol-It seems this fellow Skogund, had lowed those of Julius Shade and expressed his interest in oil lands, Ray Hubbard. and the promoters had bought him a week's lunches and dinners and entertainment while showing him Then Skoglund disappeared. Emil was unable to tell store, on April 11th of this year. the promoters of Skoglund's A long strike had been in progres whereabouts.

# Hans Kjos 54 Three hundred ninety-three bal-

For June 26

Croix and 55 from St. Cloud.
The Election Board consisted of Leonard Lindberg, George H. Torgerson, H. E. Leonard, C. L. Sormittee of three met with the relief supervisor and a special committee of the city council. Union mittee of the city council. Union mittee of the city council. Union mittee of the city council. Union movement, and, spurred on bused the misfortune to break both his legs last Tuesday, June 14, while

Croix and 55 from St. Cloud.

George Goude, steward of General Drivers Union Local 544 at the Ecks Sausage company, had the misfortune to break both his legs last Tuesday, June 14, while union movement, and, spurred on bused the case to persecute leading union mittee.

On Tuesday night a union committee of the city council. Union Local 544 at the misfortune to break both his legs last Tuesday, June 14, while union mittee. working around his summer cot-

To get to Sullivans' Grove, take in casts, is now recovering at his ard, has made several attempts to run over pickets with his car.

Mayor Leach obligingly supplied the company with police escorts for their trucks, four cops and two squad cars accompanying and two squad cars accompanying

that it cannot continue in business against the opposition from workers' groups.

union militants.

G. Scott, endorsed by the Team- ing of Furniture Workers Union sey and St. Louis counties in the Democratic vote also indicated But although their appeal was sters Joint Council for County Local 1859, scheduled for July which Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth are situated—carried Benson to victory despite tens of thousands of Republican votes cast in the Farmer-Labor primaries for Petersen.

Solid Republican silk-stocking Republican silk-

# All Classifications Win 5-cent Raise

Drivers unions in two states won a 5-day strike against the Gamble-Robinson Company, the settlement, signed Tuesday afternoon, providing a flat five cents an boun invesses in all classification. hour increase in all classifications.

### The strike was called Thursday midnight in Mankato, St. Cloud, Willmar, Brainerd, Rochester and Eau Claire, dafter union representatives had earlier come to Minneapolis to meet with the Gamble-Robinson firm heads and had been told they would have to discuss detected. Negotiating would have to discuss demands with local managers. But on re-With Strikers turning to their home towns, the managers refused the union demands. The strike was then called with the understanding that no union local was to settle until all

nes finally forced the mill owners of the Twin Cities into negotiasettled. tions with committees from Sash and Door Union Locals 1865 of no Gamble-Rob stuff moved in the Minneapolis, 1252 of St. Paul, and the Policy Committee of the Centhat banners would go up othertral Labor Union. wise, refused to place orders.

The negotiations opened Monday afternoon at the Nicollet Hotel, and continued Tuesday. Fur-ther meetings were scheduled for Wednesday and it was felt a possibility existed of a settlement of the strike before the end of the

Mocked in

Austin Trial

torial board of the Austin Union-

ist, to one year in a state penal

Background

spontaneous uprising of the people of Austin against the labor-bait-ing Montgomery - Ward retail

The bosses' open-shop campaign.

legal persecution, has met a rude

cently signed closed shop contracts

The "riot cases" grow out of a

### participating with the representa-tives of the six local unions. Full text of the signed agreement will be published in next week's Organizer. Local 544

The negotiations were concluded

in Minneapolis, Local 544 officers

Signs With Plumbers Minneapolis this week re-newed their working agreements with the General Drivers Union Local 544. The new contract, covering about

30 workers, contains

changes from the pact in effect last year. Vacation periods will now be taken between June 1 and October Formerly, employes were given vacations in the winter. Workers will receive pay for all holi-

The new pact is retroactive to June 1, 1938, and runs for one year. The contract will be run in next week's issue.

### against the Ward store, which had been closed. An attempt to reopen the store, in the face of obvious hostility of the majority of the community, precipitated the "riot." Local 20316 Signs With Walgreen's

Company, covering all porters. The pact specifies wage adjustcarried on side by side with the ments and improvements in working conditions, and is retroactive set-back, however. In fact, it has to April 1, 1938.

### been completely smashed in the head. The Austin liquor stores, together with local dairies, have re-With Grain King

As for the Ward store, its business is dropping steadily. Last agreement expires July 1st of this week, several of the scab emthe Grain King company, 2324 agement is being forced to realize University Avenue, for a new con-

### Local 346 Meets Monday

The regular membership meeting of 3.2 Beer Dispensers Union Local 346 will be held Monday afternoon, June 27th, at 1:30 p. m. in the Loeb Arcade hall.

## The Teamsters Joint Council is preparing to make an example of one or two oil companies which Benson Carries Primaries Despite Republican Voting For Petersen Elmer Benson has won the Far- wards in the cities and country- development for victory, much of in addition to discount Petersen Local 1859 Meeting

mer-Labor primaries by a majority of approximately fifteen thousand. Organized labor in the metropolitan counties—Hennepin, Rampolitan counties—Hennepin counties—Hennepin counties—Hennepin counties—Hennepin counties—Hennepin counties—Hennepin counties—Hennepin counties—Hennepin counties—Hennepin counties—

Solid Republican silk-stocking Petersen camp had banked on this three key areas, but enough votes Labor Central Committee.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

# America's Sixty Ruling Families Exposed!

### Beginning This Week!

The First of a Series of Articles on Ferdinand Lundberg's Great Book - The Real Rulers of America Exposed to View — The Big Banking Families Wield More Power Than Any Emperor or Czar Who Ever Lived.

AMERICA'S SIXTY FAMILIES, by Ferdinand Lundberg. Vanguard Press, 544 pp. \$3.75

Yes, this is the book you've been hearing about. It packs a wallop for thousands of depression-ridden American workers and farmers.

Ferdinand Lundberg has gathered a truckload of facts to prove what the daily press has criminally concealed, what many people half-suspect, and what informed workers know and take for granted:

That the American people de pet ever American

That the American people do not own America— That the United States is no longer a functioning

That American workers work like prison laborers to produce a vastness of wealth which they are not permitted to use or claim title to—and then are unceremoniously thrown out of work—

That the vast wealth of a hundred and thirty million people in the richest nation in the universe has in cold fact fallen into the hands of less than

6,000 persons—
That these 6,000 persons, grouped into powerful aristocratic families linked with the royal blood of Europe, rule the country with an iron hand inside the glove of "democracy," control the newspapers, the radio networks, Congress, universities, the big industries, the utilities and the moving picture in-

That "philanthropy," as practised by these peo-ple, is a practical sham to cover a new kind of

This is the theme of a book which unrolls five hundred pages of the terrible true story of what has happened to America since the Civil War.

Ferdinand Lundberg, the author, is uniquely fitted to perform this service. He had a good chance to see things from the inside. He worked for seven years in the Wall Street offices where the Super-Bosses rake off the Big Money.

He saw enough to make him quit. He determined to write the "lowdown" on what he saw. The book he wrote should be in the hands of every trade unionist.

In order to give our readers a broad picture of

unionist.

In order to give our readers a broad picture of the contents of this, the most interesting book published this year, we begin with this issue a series of articles reviewing "America's Sixty Families." These artcles have been written by Tom Jarvis, a Minneapolis writer and trade unionist. They should serve to inspire our readers to go further, and to read the book itself.

"Under their acquisitive fingers . . . the Sixty Families hold the richest nation ever fashioned in the workshop

The United States today is richer than all the nations and empires of the past put together. The whole Roman Empire of the Caesars fits neatly into western United States. The whole of Europe is only slightly larger than

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Men like J. P. Morgan, Andrew make decisions affecting the lives work while beneficiaries of trust of more people than either of the funds gamble at Biarritz or chase

and had to pay most of it to support relatives and maintain his are outside and above the law. alaces and guards in traditional

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musi, poor man, pay for the Royal an existing condition.

world, "God gave me my money." funds for charity, no official du-ties, no obligations. The money was his. Dispensing bright silver dimes to the people and a billion dollars to his son, this man left the American public he despised with nothing but a few carefully publicized "philanthropies."

Luxuries The DuPonts own more servants han the entire British Royal Fam-

ily, not excluding the King's Life Guards. They revel in more and bigger country estates, more auomobiles, more fancy bathrooms, yachts and pipe organs than any other despotic group in existence. They literally own the state of

How powerful, for instance, is amassed century. Here is an example. One of the . P. Morgan is the American Telphone & Telegraph Company. assets of A. T. & T., accordng to Berle and Means, exceed in value the wealth of 21 states of

the Union taken together!" Add to this U. S. Steel, General Electric, United Corporation, Standard Brands, Montgomery-Ward, American Can, Kennecott Copper, General Motors, New York few. It becomes easier to see how such 1938 Napoleons can laugh at aws, bribe a house-full of senators and representatives, make and unmake Presidents, turn the newspa-pers into Charlie McCarthys, evade maintain their own armies of thugs and finks, and treat the millions of people as they

Yet even J. P. Morgan, as the author demonstrates, is not the real Super-Boss. He is only the Super-Manager—the man who is allowed to handle the money, make more profits, and "take the heat when it's on."

The Sixty Families

The real powers behind the cenes are the actual owners of the money, the Sixty Big Familie These families are seldom heard of because they function behind a But unlike China, or India, or Russia, the United States is both big and rich. With its mighty factories and wealth unsurpassed in the history of this planet. Whoever rules America, then, throw a \$100,000 party, or buy a

> the paper, such as Thomas La-mont, Myron C. Taylor, Owen D. Young, Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., "have no independent power; they do not speak for themselves any more than do actors on a stage Mellon and John D. Rockefeller These are the men who do the

> A single example will demonstrate this. The Sixty Families, led lieutenants, the Sixty Families hold by their Super-Managers, decided who was going to win the greatest armed conflict in history three veals in detail what the greedy years before it ended. They con- rich have always known: that the sciously planned to make America a creditor instead of a debtor nation, and they pulled America into the World War to do the trick.
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> Incomes.
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> The hated Czar of Russia re
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> The hated Czar of Russia reived about \$12,000,000 a year, away, rich families have formed a class by themselves. These families

"We ought to pass a law that no man worth \$100,000,000 should

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style. be tried for a crime." This famous remark of a U. S. Senator would about \$4,500,000. Out of this he merely "serve to formalize de jure

American Aristocracy

Compare this with the income of | Is there a citizen with soul so the late John D. Rockefeller, who dead that he is blind to the aris and the secularing morney in this country? The kept press hides the fact, of course. In the United States today, concealed sible for more deaths than Al Ca- under the title of a plain Mister, pone, received \$40,000,000 a year, and had a billion dollars for capital to swing around. No earmarked their daughters in marriage as carefully as a Bourbon; whose carefully as a Bourbon; whose born to the purple, like pone, received \$40,000,000 a year, there are scores of men who wield so many lords. They are as far

> Families were not born yesterday. war. Families were not born yesterdar.
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> A scrutiny of the sixty richest families of America reveals a startling fact: the overwhelming majority of these families have trucks if they were socked for a been rooted in wealth for decades. They were, in fact, rich at the turn of the century. With the single great exception of Henry Ford, every one of these vaster concentrations amassed during the nineteenth the other day.

> > They Never Lose.

through it all these huge fortunes grow and multiply like sixty black toadstools over the American

But are these fortunes not dissipated through marriage and inheritance taxes as the years go

Emphatically, No. Wealth mares wealth. As the wealth grows, it is carefully divided among cient self. Some smouldering re married with other moneyed fam-

Marrying Titles

riage of our giant families with of rank and file spirit. the European nobility, the castalready thrown out by the masses of Europe. There is an astonish- day of the month is open to the in that the 73 DuPonts, the social register also have scores urgent matters at hand. The mem George de OUevas, Lady Astor, mittee feel sure all will under-Countess de Castellane, Countess von Salm, etc., etc., etc.

The most loathsome example of irresponsible squandering along this line is the do-nothing heir of the Woolworth pile, Barbara Hutton. After marrying and divorcing Prince Mdivani and squandering untold sums in luxurious philan dering, she married the Count Haugwitz-Reventlow - and skipped out of this country with her unearned millions to escape the legitimate need of hungry people here for a small tax-share of it.

As Ferdinand Lundberg points

"It is . dren of these transatlantic unions, permanently in residence abroad, draw from American enterprises creative-may never reasonably expect to attain. Not only does American labor produce revenue for the support of the ornate estates of America, but it also sup-

Depressions Help "But don't depressions hit the

Sixty Families too?" we hear a isled worker ask. The author is blunt upon this

point. No, they grow fat on deessions. A depression may cause ome trouble for a mere million aire, but these multi-millionaire fortunes roll on undisturbed. They are not even "down to their last yacht." They buy out smaller men n the rocks, and buy new yachts Lundberg reveals, for example

that in the 1929 crash only the smaller Mackay and Nash fortunes were seriously dented. The other cancerous fortunes, whether the people eat or whether they starve row undisturbed.

In other words, practically n

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### Independent Truck Chatter

In contrest to the loud not ade by the state crew those county boys are conspicuous by their silence. They must be doing very well. And by the way, it has given many fellows a red eye to see a Bolander rig out the Sixth avenue road on a county maintenance job.

Most of the Independents atso many lords. They are as far removed psychologically from the common citizen as royalty any. ommon citizen as royalty any- Quick and Karlen, and others It takes time, of course, to build charge. The boys justified Bob's helped out the committee in up an aristocracy. It must there-faith in them by taking the trans-fore be recalled that these Sixty fer men for a ride in the tug-o'.

> Would the park board WPA ed down immediately. timekeepers play tag with the two hour guarantee upon report ing for work and getting the bird? Lo and behold!! Someone whis-

pered that the Federal Workers were out organizing on our project not been heard of in these days of prosperity since Palmquist, Viens, Depressions come and go, wars et al., moved into office in style on floor two at 257.

Local 544's general membership meeting was held last week. No-tices of election were mailed to the flock and four or five hundred were present. The ITO were well style and presented as simple and logical a reason for the call as one could want. Jack Smith, pre-siding, was his usual quiet and effisentments over grievances flared out and produced some fireworks Nothing like a general meeting to act as an escape valve for us to Another sinister aspect of upper blow off steam. Personally, I be-class connections is the intermar-lieve it a splendid demonstration

Please note that the regular meeting only on the third Thurs ing number of these marriage al-liances with our richest "citizens." section for the presentation of 53 complaints and routine business Goulds, 31 Mellons, 27 Rockefel-lers, 21 Vanderbilts who appear in call we hope to confine strictly to connections like the Marquis bers of the Ways and Means com stand their desire for a little freedom during the summer months.

Mickey Dunne sat in on the last neeting of the Committee and gave a courteous and sympathetic

new large fortunes have been accumulated for 20 years; and prac-tically no old fortunes have been melled growth.

This state of affairs reveals

low freezing of economic relations, the rich staying rich and the poor getting poorer, which refutes the fiction that class lines are not . . ironical that the chil- growing explosively rigid in Amer-

rich are until you see some facts mmense revenues the like of about the poorness of the poor, in which the average American of this wealthy land. The size, weight this generation-no matter how and harmful effects of these great intelligent, crafty, dishonest, or fortunes can only be seen when the rest of the 129,998,000 per-

Who owns what and how? How ports many remote castles in Eu-rope." much can the worker save? How much wealth do the 99 per cent of the people get for their labor? And how many American heir-

esses coast along on \$25,000,000 or more of unearned money? These questions will be swered next week in the second of this series of articles on "America's Sixty Families."

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### Rubberoid Signs With Local 20316

The Rubberoid company k

week signed a union contract with

the Warehouse Union. The pac in the industry, that is, up to the prevailing wages at the B. F. Nelson roofing company.

consideration of a very ticklish situation which confronts the truck owners on the city list. At his sug gestion a member of the Commit tee was designated to appear be fore the executive board of the Inion and present our case. This will take place on Wednesday of this week and a meeting of all States. Salisbury was convinced an appointment as an Interna-"city" trucks has been called that that the solution to our social and tional Organizer for the Internasame night to consider whatever action is appropriate, subsequent to the decision wnich will be hand-

A committee out of the grave Tuesday to show cause why they are not making money, and to get a readjustment.

There seems to be no limit to Ray Dunne's personal powers of

for Karl Skoglund was as simple farmers against every attack from and sincerely modest a tribute yet to be paid the memory of Bill ies that practice their legalized Brown

day and Saturday, July 8 and 9. of farmers and workers for his Here is your list of nominees: Karl unyielding stand against the ex-Skoglund, trustee of Local 544 ploiters, for his manliness and braand member of the executive board; Tom McCue, member of oppressed everywhere. the independent truck owners sec- In 1930. Salisbury tion of the Union; Frank McArdle, of the transfer group; and Pete Harris of the wholesale grocery

That rare finesse, a leading by subtle indirection seems to be on the wane. Not at all objecting to the final result most of us agreed the wind shouldn't blow so hard openly in one direction. Contracts with the WPA are being extended to July, 1939.

Have any of you tucked 110 hours under your belt by this time? Elk River is plenty tough . Walter Kabish Co. is starting digging on a new apartment project Lud Swanson is renting his shovel start putting the bee on that Swan-son-Johnson-Westerdahl crew be-

fore the noise begins. Two missing persons!! - Ray Nelson and Art McGowan. No seeum!

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### The Death Of Rodney Salisbury

Workers and farmers of the Middle West were shocked at the news that Rodney Salisbury, president of the Montana Farm Holi-day Association, died Tuesday night, June 15th, from a paralytic stroke. Rodney Salisbury was 52 year

old. The greater part of his life ness ma was devoted to the cause of the Utilities government. The last | Workers. part of his life was devoted to orhauling crew went to St. Paul the farmer is doomed under capitalism, and that the answer is for the farmer to organize in a militant organization and become an ally of the workers in the cities against the common enemy. Salisbury was sheriff of Sheri-

dan County for six years and dur Did it strike you also that ing his tenure he protected with George Frosig's nominating speech all his power the hard-pressed the banks and insurance compan thievery upon those who work the Elections will be conducted Fri- soil. He was loved by thousands

> In 1930, Salisbury was candidate of the Communist Party for Governor of Montana. Soon after, principle, and Salisbury left the

party, and held on to his princi

Salisbury was a devoted member of the Socialist Workers Party. He led dozens of militant struggles of the farmers, the workers and

### H. A. Schultz Accepts I.B.E.W. Post

H. A. Schultz, assistant business manager in charge of the exploited people of the United Workers Local 292, has accepted economic ills was a workers' and tional Brotherhood of Electrical

As a leader of the successful ganizing the farmers of Montana drive which organized the Northand the Middle West into the Farm ern States Power Company em-Holiday Association. He held that the farmer is doomed under cap-best utility union contract in the country, Schultz became known throughout the country as a pioneer in utilities organization. His post with the International is in this field of work.

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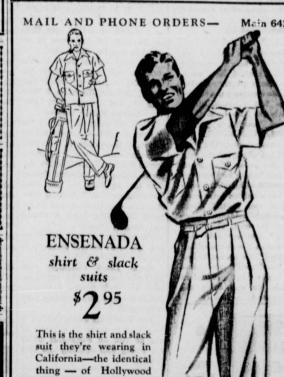
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# Omaha Drivers Win In Over-Road Test

First Round in North Central Area Negotia-tions Won in 4-Day Strike of Omaha Drivers-11-State Area Committee Meets in could not attend; John Ray and Omaha to Back Local Union—Temporary Kunsas City: E. G. Holstein, Le. of Watson Bros. The ighout Area.

Omaha—The first test of strength between the bosses and the unions, in preparation for the 11-state North Central Area negotiations for a uniform agreement for all over-road drivers, resulted in a victory for the drivers'

A four-day strike of Omaha Drivers Local 544, begun Thursday, backed by the North Central Area Negotiating Committee, put an end to a well-

The obvious intention was to cre-

union would be weakened and the

operators would thus be in a posi-

tion to force the signing of a new

These discriminations involved

wage reductions, failure to give

preferential consideration to years of efficient service, deductions

from employees' pay-checks for

loss and damage charges (some dug up as far back as February)

and an increasing inclination to

several instances the employers were reported to have baited the

men on the docks daring them to

strike." In other cases when union officials were attempting to ad-

just grievances with an individual

Just as the employers antici-

pated, the workers were enraged

selves had deliberately precipita-

ted, the operators further cur-

tailed the movement of freight,

forced additional unemployment

and brought the strike talk to a

fever heat, meantime endea-voring to delay negotiations with

ing Committee and an emergency

nittee meeting to be held in Oma-

the union.

vay we're handling things."

planned compaign of the Nebras- planned campaign of discrimina ka employers to prevent area- tion against the union employees. wide negotiations.

At 11 P. M. on Monday, June ate turmoil and confusion in the 20th the strike against the Watson ranks of the union so that the Bros. Transportation Company by Local No. 554 of Omaha was terminated and for the first time in four days this equipment began to contract on terms which would be roll out of the terminals. Opera- unfavorable to the union employtions also began to return to nor- ees. nal in the other companies not involved in the strike and by the morning of June 21st, freight was moving in Omaha on a larger volume than at any time since June This strike had the unique character of a walk-out called in one company in order to put a halt to an unofficial lock-out which was gradually spreading through the industry.

Cause of Strike

The principle underlying cause these peculiar circumstances vas the campaign of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters North Central Area Negotiating Committee to establish uniform vages and conditions in the eleven state north central trade area.

tha, a member of the North ral Area Committee, had preed to the Nebraska Commer ial Truckers Association the contract proposal of the Union Com-mittee. This action was taken in Omaha after the American Truckng Association, national organiza tion of the motor freight operators, had failed to take the initia tive in arranging for area negoiations between the unions and

Test of Strength

The contract under which the nembers of Local No. 554 had been working expired on May 31, With this expiration the



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Union Proposals

The Area Committee immediately proposed, with the approval of Local No. 554, that an effort be made to sign a temporary agreement which would adjust the existing grievances, restore normal operations in the industry and create an atmosphere in which negotiations could be conducted with the calm and intelligence necessary for fair dealing. It became apparent by the end of the day on June 16th that the operators were not in a frame of mind to proceed on this basis. It was furuse free-lance individual-owned ther apparent that the Watson operators to haul merchandise while the company equipment and ciple factor in precipitating the ciple factor in precipitating the the union employees lay idle. In trouble which existed.

Strike Called

A decision was made by the looperator, they would be told to "call a strike if you don't like the way we're handling things."

cal union and Area Committee to the International Union explaining the circumstances and the in-International Union gave full coto a point where they began to operation during the course of the

clamor for the union to take a By midnight the Watson Bros. strike vote. Taking advantage of this strike talk, which they themoperation was shut down in all ter-minals including Omaha, Denver, Chicago, Kansas City, Sioux City, Lincoln, Norfolk, Des Moines and St. Joseph and drivers on other lines were refusing to handle feeder shipments designated for transfer to the Watson lines.

Lock-Out Foiled

The following morning the other motor freight operators actu-The situation was reported and the North Central Area Negotia- employees. ting Committee and an emergency call was sent out for an area committee meeting to be held in Open Some of the committee mem- by stating that "none of the shipexplain their failure to operate bers arrived in Omaha on June 15th and a preliminary meeting was held with the employers. The danger of a strike." The employees came immediate-

st of the committee arrived on the morning of the 16th and a forand negotiation meeting was held had happened. A meeting was held and a decision made that all from the local unions outside from the local unions outside docks and notify the operators that they were ready and willing 299, Detroit; Michael Healy, to go to work and that if the oper-Local No. 710, Chicago; Frank ator again refused to give them employment, they would notify him that they were still ready and willing to work, that there was no strike against any company except Watson Bros. and that if the operator desired their services he ould reach them on a moment's notice by telephoning the Union Hall. This procedure was carried

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North Central Union Leaders



Another section of the North Central Area Negotiating Committee: Left to right: E. G. Holstein, Sioux Falls, S. D.; J. M. O'Laughin, Detroit; Michael Healey, Chicago; Carl Kuel, Des Moines; Jack Maloney, Sioux City, Ia.

the other companies during the ination of the recorded complaints, duration of the strike against Wat-

Bosses Retreat

onstration by the employees that union will assume the responsibil-they understood the plot which ity of arranging for the adjustwas being hatched against them and that they continued to have faith in the ability of the union to protect their rights and interests, One of the cardinal features of

Temporary Contract

thirty day period. It is further provided that in the event negotiations for a permanent contract are not completed by the end of the of an intention to strike. The employees involved in the strike at Watson Bros., as well as all employees who have been laid off in

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out each day by the employees of operators after a general exam ment on this basis was provided in Confronted by this solid dem- the temporary contract and the

the operators were forced to aban- the temporary contract is the prodon their program. Negotiations vision governing the use of "skim were resumed on the morning of mers." A "skimmer" is definded as A decision was made by the local union and approved by the Area Committee to strike this company at 10 P. M. on June 16th. A telegram was dispatched by the local No. 554 and the Area Committee were able to pre-Area Committee were able to present to the union at 9 P. M. on period in which he has hauled exthe International Union explaining the circumstances and the intention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The International Union gave full contention to strike Watson Bros. The Internation of the Internation to strike Wat membership and operations were of more than one truck is to be distinctly classified as an operato The temporary agreement pro-rides for the reinstatement of the erator drives one of his trucks old contract as of June 20th and himself, he as an individual may to continue in full force and effect for thirty days thereafter with the assurance that a strike will not be called by the union during that and the seniority shall cover only

Area Committee Acts

The situation was reported to ally and completely locked out all thirty days, that the old contract the operators whose truck they are the operator whose truck they are the operator whose truck they are thereafter until a new contract is driving except that these drivers signed or the union has given the operators forty-eight hours notice to the bottom of the seniority list

Protects Seniority

It is the specific intent of this any company since the expiration article to protect the employment of the old contract on May 31, of the union men on the seniority 1938, are to be reinstated to their list at the various companies and jobs as rapidly as business will to prevent a violation of their seemployees would return to the permit in accordance with their niority rights with a resultant loss seniority rights and without any of employment through the use of loss of seniority standing as a result of the lay-offs or strike action. however, by the union that ther On the matter of the grievances it are some circumstances in which was agreed by the Union and the skimmers can be legitimately used At the Omaha Session

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the trucking industry who are trying to promote the best interest are deserving of a hand of friend ship. It is the desire of the union to extend this hand and with the fullest degree of cooperation promote improvements for all men who roll over the motor freight On the question of availability

nizes that there are "skimmers"

of trucks and men it is specifically provided that the Union recognizes the necessity for the Employ-er to at times take equipment out of service for repairs, however, the employer must show that this is acdone for an alibi to hold a regu lar driver off a line and send the freight out with a "skimmer."

8-Hour Rest Period

It is further provided that a driver is not to be considered available for a run unless he has had eight hours rest.

The North Central Area Negotiating Committee, at the request of Local 554, will continue to assist in the negotiations for a per nanent contract. A meeting of the Area Committee is to be held in Chicago, Illinois, on Thursday, June 23. The full text of the tem porary contract follows:

porary contract follows:

This agreement entered into this 20th day of June, 1938, between Nebraska Commercial Truckers' Association, Inc., party of the first part, and Local Union 554, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers of America, party of the second party, WITNESSETH:

For and in consideration of the promises and covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth to be kept and performed by the parties hereto, it is hereby agreed:

ARTICLE I.

A contract similar to the one

hereto, it is hereby agreed:

A contract similar to the one which expired on May 31, 1938, shall be in effect between the Association for all of its members on one hand, and the Union on the other hand, from the date of the signing of this temporary agreement, and for a period of thirty days thereafter, and subsequently thereto if and while negotiations for a new contract are in progress; no strike shall be called during said thirty day period, and thereafter only upon forty-eight hours' notice to the Association, and if and when such a strike is called against any or all of the members of the Association this contract shall immediately terminate, even though such negotiations are still in progress. It is understood, however, that a strike of the employees of any member of the Association may be called for the violation of this temporary contract by such member, provided that the claim of such violation has been submitted to the Board of Arbitration chosen as provided for in Section 2 of Article IX of the consubmitted to the Board of Arbitra-tion chosen as previded for in Section 2 of Article IX of the con-tract which expired May 31st, and the said Board of Arbitration finds that the contract has been vio-lated and the offending employer refused to comply with the finding of the arbitration committee, and a strike called under such circum-stances shall not terminate this agreement.

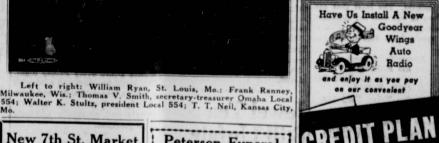
agreement.

ARTICLE II.

The Association agrees that the employees of its members who were in employment on May 31, 1938, and desire to return, shall be restored in active duty in the positions they held on May 31, 1938, as rapidly as business will warrant, and that no new employees will be hired before all of the employees desiring to be returned are returned to work according to seniority as of May 31, 1938.

ARTICLE III.

WHEREAS, the Local Union 554 has presented, on behalf of various of its members, claims upon various of the members of the Association based upon grievances arising from transactions occurring subsequent to May 31, 1938, up to date hereof, and



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and specific provisions are included in the temporary contract to cover this use. The Union recog-

bitration, that some of such claims would be denied and some allowed, NOW, THEREFORE, for the purpose of compromising and settling said above described dispute, to immediately restore norwithout a denial or an admission mal operations in the industry, and of the validity of the claims or of the defenses thereto by either of the parties, it is hereby agreed that the Association shall pay to Local Union 554 and Local Union 554 and Local Union 554 shall accept the sum of \$225.00, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by the said Union, and said Union accepts said amount on behalf of itself and all of its members who have or may have any grievances as above described, in full settlement of all grievances which any of its members have or might have by reason of any matters occurring between the 31st day of May, 1938, and take hereof. of any matters occurring between the 31st day of May, 1938, and date hereof.

ARTICLE IV.

During the period of this temporary contract it is understood that "skimmers" shall be used on approximately the same basis and to the same extent as they were being used prior to June 1, 1938. In order that this use of skimmers may be more definitely described, it is understood that the employer agrees that in transporting merchandise from outside terminals into Omaha, and from outside terminals to outside terminals, and from Omaha to outside terminals, and from Omaha to outside terminals from omaha to outside terminals, ewill use his own available equipment and the regular driver then available in the terminal from which the shipment is originated, before using skimmers.

The above limitation in the use of skimmers is subject, however, to the following definitions and the

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of skimmers is subject, however, to the following definitions and the following exceptions:

By the word "skimmers" is means an independent owner driving his own truck.

A skimmer regularly employed by one operator exclusively shall have seniority with that operator, based on the period of his exclusive employment, provided, however, that such seniority shall apply to the men only and not to the equipment.

Equipment shall be considered available only when in the judgment of the operator as supported by adequate facts, it is in proper repair and adequate for the use to which it is to be put or for the work to be performed.

If less than 12,000 pounds of merchandise remain on the dock at the end of the day, it shall be considered a partial load and a skimmer may be used at the option of the operator.

The first driver into a terminal on a turn-around run shall be the first out, except where special equipment is required, and except where the regular practice of an operator prior to June 1st has been to hold certain trucks of the



WHEREAS, the members of this Association against whom such claims have been made, recognize that said claims are made in good faith, but on the other hand are disputing the validity thereof, and WHEREAS, the settlement of said claims by investigation into the merits of each of them will require considerable time, and WHEREAS, it is recognized by both of the parties hereto that in all likelihood if said claims were all separately investigated and decided by an impartial board of arbitration, that some of such claims would be denied and some allowed. NOW. THEREFORE for the

hauling exclusively.

In determining whether a driver is to be considered available for transfer to a run other than his regular run, and in the event that other exceptional circumstances analogous to those contained in the above specifically stated exceptions requiring the use of skimmers may arise from time to time, the judgment of the operator shall be given particular consideration be given particular consideration by the union, and if agreement cannot thus be reached, the disput shall be adjusted as provided in the contract which expired on Jun (Continued on page 4)

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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 Grand Jury

Bill Brown died on Wednesday, May 25th. Within a few hours the police had a full confession. High police officials themselves said, the same night, that the whole story was clear in all its details.

story was clear in all its details.

Usually, in such a situation, an indictment is immediately returned by the grand jury, if it is in session, the trial follows, and the record becomes part of the past.

But four full weeks passed, while the grand jury twice adjourned, each time for a week. During these four weeks the grand jury called in everyone remotely connected and many not even remotely connected, with Bill Brown or Arnold Johnson. In its questions, the grand jury has roamed far afield. In a word, the grand jury was and continues on a fishing expedition, a faction in it seeking, by hook or crook, to convey the impression that the trade union movement is on trial. trade union movement is on trial.

Why?

The peculiar behavior of the grand jury will become clear to trade unionists, if we remind them how grand juries are picked. In November of each year, the eleven district judges each selects fifteen individuals to serve as grand jurors. These 165 names are put together, and every two months 23 of them are picked out to constitute the current grand jury. Since a groudly number of these the current grand jury. Since a goodly number of these district judges are boss-minded, they pick bosses or boss stooges to serve on the grand jury.

On many an occasion, the Minneapolis labor move-

ment has had to stigmatize current grand juries as stooges for the bosses. The prestige of the grand jury room has often been employed to lend dignity to attacks on unem-ployment relief, attacks on union activities, etc., as the Northwest Organizer has pointed out on numerous occa-

Filibustering
The present grand jury is no exception. The circumstances of Bill Brown's death are clear in every detail. But that fact does not suit certain reactionary employers. But that fact does not suit certain reactionary employers. They would like to utilize this opportunity to smear the labor unions in some way. Unable to find a way, their agents on the grand jury filibuster, dragging out the proceedings, so as to convey the impression that some mysterious aspects of the case are still being investigated.

By their method of selection, grand juries are correctly suspect by the labor movement. The labor movement has a right to demand that the present grand jury, or more correctly, the reactionary faction in it, cease its obstructive tactics and complete the record.

### The Truth About the U.S.A.

The United States is owned and administered today "The United States is owned and administered today by a hierarchy of its sixty richest family, buttressed by no more than ninety families of lesser wealth . . These families are the living center of the modern industrial oligarchy which dominates the United States, functioning under a de jure (legal) democratic form of government behind which a de facto (real) government, absolutist and plutocratic in its lineaments, has gradually taken form since the Civil War. This de facto government is actually the government of the United States—informal, invisible, shadowy. It is the government of money in a invisible, shadowy. It is the government of money in a

So says Ferdinand Lundberg in his recently published and already-famous book "America's 60 Families"—and the author mobilizes twenty thousand facts to prove his

The incredible power of the Morgan, Rockefeller, du Pont and other family dynasties over the lives of a hundred twenty-nine million Americans is unfolded by Lundberg in a way that staggers the imagination. Scores of illusions and myths that now clutter up the minds of workers are dissipated by the book.

Because "America's 60 Families" is THE OUT-DING BOOK of the year in that it reveals to the four months. The least that can unions. The meeting also favored people how they have been deceived, rooked, fooled, scorned and sucked in, the Northwest Organizer with this issue begins a series of articles on Lundberg's book. We are certain our readers will agree that the paper is performing a service to the labor movement by publishing these outstanding articles.

### The 544 Election

On Friday and Saturday, July 8 and 9, from 7 p. m. to 9 p. m., the polls will be open at union headquarters for the election of President of Local 544.

As reported in last week's Organizer, a big turnout at the regular membership meeting nominated four members to run for the office vacated by the death of Bill Brown. The four candidates accepting nomination were: Carl Skoglund, Thomas McCue, Frank K. McArdle and Peter Harris.

Every member of the union should immediately make arrangement to ensure his casting a ballot on the two days put aside for that purpose. With fourteen hours available on each of two days, there is no excuse for any member not voting There are few obligations which a member owes to his union that are more important than the duty to vote, to have his voice heard in the selection of the union lead-ership.

# Hold Big Smoker

hundred unionists attended. The



## FWS Urges Benson To Demand Jobs

The Federal Workers Section of Local 544 this week addressed a letter to Governor Elmer Benson, urging him to come out publicly with a call upon the WPA national administration to increase the Minnesota WPA quota to 120,000. Unemployment is on the in-

rease all over the country. The nly possible solution, temporary hough it be, is the increase in the WPA quota. The FWS urges all

The text of the FWS letter fol-

Governor Elmer Benson

Executive Offices State Capitol Dear Sir.

dent that the present Minnesota WPA quota is woefully inade-The situation warrants your immediate attention.

ting on WPA. They inform us that the relief department says that the WPA administration refuses to certify more persons for WPA because the Minnesota quota is already filled. In addition, we have numerous members previously certified for WPA who are being refused work on the same grounds.

Thill of the Plasterers; Rosenthal and Charlette Ross of the Workers Benefit Association, and several other trade unionists. Elmer Meinz, leader of the St. Paul Pulp and Sulphite Workers Union Local 264, acted as chairman. Several members of the Federal Workers Section, in the audience, were also called upon to speak.

therefore, is to raise the Minnesota quota from 60,000 to 120,

Respectfully yours **ED PALMQUIST** Vice Chrmn FWS 544 GEO. VIENS Sec.-Treas. FWS 544

### Milk Drivers Picnic Most Successful

Members of Milk Drivers and joined in the games and dances, straws. Iced tea made from teas and stuffed themselves with picnic sold by companies who are fair to fare. Over 16,000 units of ice organized labor was consumed by running over a part of the grounds Union Local 275, and the Minne-St. Cloud Unions | lage hall on May 26th. Over four drove the kiddles wild with delight. apolis Teamsters Joint Council

With the backing of a large number of St. Paul unions, the letter, informing them of the acunemployed across the river are tion taken by the membership and unions to get behind this fight for a state WPA quota of 120,000 members.

mobilizing for a fight to obtain the objections to ANY changes at state WPA quota of 120,000 supplementary aid for WPA and the present time. part-time workers, similar to the aid won by the Minneapolis union June 20, 1938 and the Federal Workers Section

On Tuesday night, June 21, a sizeable meeting of the unem ployed of St. Paul was held in the State Office building auditorium, under the auspices of the Work-It is becoming increasingly evidependent unemployed organiza-

Speakers included Harold Middlicott of General Drivers Union Every day people come to our Local 120; Cliff Thompson, of were also called upon to speak.

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A resolution was unanimously publicly call upon the national WPA administration to double the job quota for Minnesota. Various unions which we serve in to the Ramsay County Welfare form us that the lay-offs have more than doubled in the past clubs, and all St. Paul trade more than doubled in the past clubs, and all St. Paul trade was unanimously passed calling for supplementary aid for WPA and part-time work the happenings from your plant in this column. This is YOUR column, so send us the happenings from your plant in this column. This is YOUR column, so send us the happenings from your plant in this column. This is YOUR column, so send us the happenings from your plant in this column. This is YOUR column, so send us the happenings from your plant in the skaters in the cab industry race diversed to the editor through your steward or the northside driver. Notes need not be signed. So get busy. be done to alleviate the situation, a fight to increase the state WPA quota from 60,000 to 120,000

Unionists will urge the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly at its meeting this Friday to give all support to the demands of the unem-

### Jewel Tea Still Unfair To Labor

in Minneapolis during the current Dairy Employees Union Local 471, hot spell continued to be iced tea their families and friends, partici- made from Jewel Tea. No self pated in an enjoyable picnic last respecting member of organized Saturday at Bass lake. Everyone labor would sip it, even through

In the ball game the Cloverleaf again call to the attention of the team defeated the All-Stars by a labor movement that the Jewel at 2:30 a. m. meeting before last— Hold Big Smoker

| labor movement of St. Cloud is now considering plans for a union picnic to be held later in the sum
| Cloud sponsored the very success- | Cloud sponsored from joining the union,

### Local 131 "Gas and Suds"

Boss "Proposal" Turned Down The Employers Association let-ter was read to a packed hall last meeting night, with over 400 mem-bers present. After due consideration and a careful analysis, it was generally agreed that their proposal was vague, unjust and showed an insincere spirit on their part, as signatories to our present ontract. A motion carried unani moulsy to answer their request by

### Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Laundry, Linen and Dry Clean-

ing Drivers Picnic at Excelsior Amusement Park Sunday, June 26th. Entertainment, Prizes, Games, Speakers, Refreshments, Dancing, Baseball, Favors for the Kids. Fun for All.

### Donations

Those soliciting and receiving donations as prizes for the picnic, please turn them in at our office immediately, so the committee can offices for our assistance in get-ting on WPA. They inform us

Warehouse Union Local 20297;
Thill of the Plasterers; Rosenthal and persons donating such prizes will be mentioned over the micro phone on the grounds.

### Gas and Suds Box

A box has been placed in a conspicuous place in our office for any advice, suggestions, comments, happenings, criticisms or any ma terial you want in this column. the happenings from your plant in skaters in the cab industry race a sealed note or envelope, ad-

Pay your dues regularly-Off Pay your ques the street at 6 and 4.

There's been too many fines levied lately, which is a painful and unpleasant duty for the Ex ecutive Board every Friday night This could be alleviated a lot with a little advance thought and fore sight by each one of us. Let's cooperate and eventually eliminate these practices.

### Did You Know-That Abe Schwartz of Troy an-

nounced his "intentions"

That 40 attended their second neeting since January 1st-That 53 attended their third

That our Picnie is this coming Sunday

'That it is necessary to take your

### TAXI TOPICS

Claude S. Masters was rushed to the hospital for an emergency operation this week. The hospital reports he is doing nicely. Things just don't seem the same without the Little Boss around; we're all pulling for a speedy recovery.

If this column seems a little shaky lately you can blame the re-cent change of shifts—us too don't get to collaborate as often as before.

It is reported that Clarence (the banker) Kjeseth is suffering from "Nicollet-itis." Dr. Daly treats this occupational disturbance by moving the afflicted victims to the Medical Arts Bldg, which includes lots of wheeling. How about some sun and fresh air out Minnetonka

Remember the discussion about the merits of different tackle a while back? This column paid off to Danielson for the biggest fish. Tripp still would like to know why stupid fish bit on that kind

Some of us had the pleasure of driving Civil war veterans during their convention here. Their ages average well up in the nineties and they still have a good sense of hu-mor and enjoy life, which is cheering to those of us who spy a grey hair now and then on our combs.

"Broadway Jack" is wondering what has become of the disheveled souse that used to come up to the cab stand in the middle of the night and buy a clean shirt off some drivers' back to go home in. Oh, yes, these Taxi-Men must meet any emergency.

Roller Derby Items A call for skaters at the Derby was answered by a good number of our boys with the spirit these or our boys with the spirit these men have, be it a fight or a frolic. Their names were, Leibler, Swen-son, Hall, Manthis, Ryan, P. Mar-tin, J. Martin, Wenel, Edholm, Crandall, Squires and Stirriup. The winner, Leibler trophy-cup cash awards and twenty pound turkey, Swenson second, Hall third, Manthis awkward prize. The other men gave a very good ac-count of themselves considering oose skates and other little mis-

"Rosy" Ryan, a newlywed, has been practicing on the "marry-go-round" which makes skating a "natural." We'd sure like to see him do an encore on that split

Harvey Swenson could have "been in the money" if he hadn't been slowed by a couple of the old boys, (that is if you're old under forty). Well, maybe they were breaking wind for you, Har

Walter Crandall demonstrated his grace as a devotee of the ter-pischorean art by executing a perfect three point landing just after the start of the Taxi Drivers race

at the Roller Derby.

What happened to Vern Engnolm and Gunnar Herlin? thinks they were detained at the Wayside Inn. Watch their skating next time.

It has been whispered that the Policemen (Harness Bulls to you) are going to have their night on the skates. We suggest the best

### Local 544 Rallies to Win, 10-2 Local 544's ball team demon

strated Sunday it could come from behind to win, by bunching ten runs in the last two mnings to take the Margaret Barry team into camp at the Parade Grounds, by a score of 10 to 2. The union team had been trailing ever since the fourth inning, when a barrage of That 22 attended their first hits finally sent four 544 men across the plate in the seventh inning, and six more home in the

Hanson and Dubay were the neeting since January 1st— union battery. Norris struck out
That no fish were caught this 10 men. Thiede, left fielder, led reek—
That no fines were levied this double. H. Sutherland also rapped out a two-baser, and Griggs, first base, slammed out a homer

The Barry boys played tight balls until the seventh inning, executing two nice double plays Sunday marked their first defeat

1, at 2:30 p. m,

# On the NATIONAL PICKET LINE

(Continued from page 1) case. It was thrown out of

The situation within the United Automobile Workers Union renains a bad mess. Recently Preslent Homer Martin effects he considered a decisive defeat of the Stalinist faction which had atempted to unseat him. He forced them to sign a "twenty point pro-gram" designed to end factional disputes and to institute discipline within the ranks of both the leadership and the membership.

So confident was Martin that he left Detroit for New York in connection with an organization drive among the aircraft workers in that area. A special meeting of the Executive Board was called on June 8 to consider group insurance for the membership of the union. Seizing upon Martin's absence the unscru pulous Stalinist faction, headed by Frankensteen and Mortimer, worked upon a few of the other members of the board who had some personal grudges against Martin, promired them support in the set-tling of these grievances, and went into the meeting pre-pared to nullify their capitulation at the previous meeting. The vice president, presiding, ruled the motion out of order, the Stalinists appealed the decision of the chair and the meeting broke up in an up-

Martin hurried back from New York and promptly suspended from office Mcrtimer, Franken-steen, Hall, Addes and Welles. A special meeting of the Board will be called to try the suspended men on charges.

### Cab Drivers Set Meeting Date

board of the Taxi Drivers and Helpers Union Local 958, general membership meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month. The next meeting of Local 958 will be held on Thursday, July 7, 7:30, at 257 Plymouth Avenu North, Hall No. 3.

### Omaha 554 Wins Strike. Agreement

1, 1938, and which is to be temporarily reinstated as of the date of the signing of this temporary agreement.

ARTICLE V.

The foregoing provisions with reference to skimmers shall not apply in the handling of household goods in connection with any reciprocal agreement between the members of any national association or other household goods operators.

erators. Executed this 20th day of June, 1938. NEBRASKA COMMERCIAL TRUCKERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

INC.
Party of the First Part
By LeRoy L. Wade, President
By Charles E. Hall, Secretary
LOCAL UNION NUMBER
554, INTERNATIONAL
BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS, CHAUFFEURS,
STABLEMEN, AND HELPERS OF AMERICA

Party of the Second Part By Walter K. Stultz, President By Thos. V. Smith, Secretary Ry Farrell Dobbs, Secretary North Central Over-the-Road Negotiating Committee, I. B. T.

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### UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCAL 1086

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

PETROLEUM DRIVERS gular Membership Meeting— First Wednesday each month

FEDERAL WORKERS ular Membership Meetin 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 Tursday.
General Membership—Fourth
Thursday.

Local 346

General Membership Meeting—
Monday, June 27, 1:30 p. m.

LOCALS 1859, 20481
Membership meeting L. U. 1859—
June 14, 1938
J. R. Clark Section 1859—
June 15, 1938
Puffer Hubbard Section 1859—
June 16, 1938
Box Industry Section 1859—
June 16, 1938
Twin City Stewards—June 13
and 27
Executive Board 1859—Every
Friday nite.

Membership meeting L. U. 1859
—July 6, 1938
Executive Board L. U. 20481
—June 6 —Package Delivery; Department Store; Coal.
Wednesday, June 3—Job Stewards.
Wholesale Liquor.
Sunday, June 12—Wholesale Grocery, 10 a. m.
Monday, June 13 — General Membership.
Friday June 16—Tent & Awning; Printing; Newspapers, 10 a. m.
Monday, June 20 — Building Material; Furniture Stores.
Wednesday, June 20 — Building Material; Furniture Stores.
Wholesale Drivers, 10 a. m.
Monday, June 20 — Building Material; Furniture Stores.
Wednesday, June 3—Greenhouse, Thursday, June 3—Job Stewards.
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Wholesale Liquor.
Sunday, June 12—Wholesale June 13 — General Membership.
Membership meeting L. U. 1859
—July 6, 1938

Membership meeting L. U. 185

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

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

LOCAL 131
During June, July and August the Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131 meets only on the third wednesdays of each month.

LOCAL 664
The City and Sanitary Drivers will meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

LOCAL 1086

LOCAL 103
Regular Membership Meeting—
2nd Tuesdays.
Executive Committee Meeting—
On call.

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

LOCAL 221 4th Tuesdays
Executive Board—Every Tuesday, 7 p. m.
Grievance Board — Every
Thursday, 7 p. m. Local 958

The Taxi Drivers and Help-ers Union Local 958 will meet the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p. m.

LOCAL NO. 544
MEETING SCHEDULE
LOCAL NO. 544

A Mursoay, June 23—Transfer
& Warehouse; Wholesale
Drug.
Monday, June 27—Spring Water, Excavating and Sand &
Gravel.
Tuesday, June 28—Taxi; Night
Drivers, 1 p. m., Day Drivers,
7 p. m.