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THE BOSSES ARE ON THE RUN!

Lockout Turned Into Strike at De Soto Plant; Fedenced To All Other Poultry Firms

Meeting Schedule
Local 574
Wednesday, Oct. 2 — Ice
Thursday, Oct. 3 — Independent Trust Owne
Friday, Oct. 4 — Federal Workers
Monday, Oct. 7 — Coal Work
 endeas and Market Workers; Ice Drivers.

Federal Workers Getting Action

The grievance committee of the Local 574 workers’ session has been working diligently on all complaints brought to the union. Great credit is given to the members for the excellent results they are obtaining, and for the fact that they are discrimi
iating against on the relief roles.

Ice Men Make Plans for 1936

The ice men probably will round out their busy season and be laying plans for the wintertime season with a view toward making 1936 an even better year.

Veterans in the game are unani
mous in predicting a return to the same low ice prices of last season. The mild winter conditions and the present ice shortage will keep the market in low prices.

All Complaints Must Be Made in Writing

A special questionnaire has been printed for use in recording cases of discrimination against members of Local 574.

Outside Agitator Seeks to Increase Police Violence Against the Unions

This form, which contains questions which will bring out all facts needed by the union representative, will serve to handle cases in the quickest and most efficient manner.

Wherever possible members are urged to come to the union office to register complaints. When this cannot be done sometimes a complaint may be given to the job steward.

Do not be satisfied until you are sure that your complaint, when you have one, is recorded on the special questionnaire. In this man
ner you will be guaranteed quick and efficient service.

574 Football Team Has Real Material

Leaders of the Local 574 football team in the field for the 1935 season. Sunday the boys played a 6-to-0 tie against a tough team of park
leaders at the Parade Grounds.

All aspirants for the team are asked to see Jack Novak at union headquarters.

Minneapolis at the Cross Roads

Labor in Minneapolis today must chose between two roads. One leads upward through solid union action to better living conditions for the workers. The other leads downward through the self-outs of the right wing fakers to a return of the miserable open-shop conditions which have been overcome in recent struggles.

The Minneapolis Journal declares no one when it talks about the passing of the lumber and flour industries and the threats of a new wave shop proprietors to leave town if their plants are unionized. If these unscrupulous and hypocritical individuals are fearful of "labor trouble," it is only because they know that they are exploiting their work
ers mercilessly and are fearful that they will no longer submit to this yoke of oppression.

When threatened to move the Flour City Iron Works to St. Louis, he learned quickly that this was no solution. Local 1313 contacted the metal workers in St. Louis and they assured them that the strike would be con
tinued in that town as long as the strikers arrived. Any other person who tries this tactic will be confronted with the same opposition. When a struck garment factory moved to New Ulm the striking garment workers moved the picked line right with them.

Howling about "outside agitators," the Journal ap
peals to the bosses to extend a hand to the conservative labor leaders who "are at last coming to the danger when they threaten them." The workers listened to these conserva
ives for years and nothing happened. The unions received small, wages low and working hours were long. The Citizens Alliance boasted about Minneapolis being an open shop town. It is for this reason of the her for the bosses and hell for the workers that the Journal urges the workers to support the Cunimungs, the Boscos and the Alexanders.

The bosses are being "harassed" today, not by outside agitators among the workers, but by the rank and file workers of Minneapolis who have sickened of low wages, long hours and big promises and are demanding a progressive leader
ship which will guide them in their fight for a decent standard of living.

The workers reject the program of the Journal, the Citizens Alliance, Latimer and the labor fakers for a return of the open shop and continue to rally around their own fighting slogan, "MAKE MINNEAPOLIS A UNION TOWN!"

Metal Strike Inspires Other Unions

Settlement Provides Basis for Rapid Growth of Local 1313

Strong Shop Committees Are Being Formed at All Metal Plants

The metal workers have added another weapon to their arsenal of victories for labor during the past few months. Four day strike sig
als, the employers were forced to capitulate in the face of the de
mands of the workers for the right to organize. The battle was a bitter one in which the Citizens Alliance used up its entire bag of tricks—piled advertisements, court injunctions, blacklists, closing down of plants. The grand jury, the Employer
s, Employment Board, "muckraters."

Mayor Latimer, quivering and twitching under the threats of the grand jury, sent his police, with their tear gas cans, tear gas, clubs, and clubs, to the workers. Two workers were killed and 13 others were injured. The pickets stuck to their posts in the face of these brutal repressions.

Again obliging the bosses, Latier
ner called a star-chamber confer
ence, with the assistance of the right wing labor shaok, and issued a statement to the press branding everything he published in the Journal as "false and defamatory."

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574 Strikes Move For Fake Union

A company union idea which at
tempted to spring up at the In
dustry building of Minneapolis, Coal Co. was even more short lived than Solomon Grumley of primer fame once born on Tuesday by an en
terprising coal Salesman, who was trying to make his bread by a job as B. A., word of the company union was spread immediately to Local 574 and the whole scheme died a natural death on Wednesday.

The members of Local 574 have put too much into their union to permit of a bold "management band" artist to lightly toss it all aside. They clearly showed the value of the gains made by 574 and are aware of the many gains yet to be made through the future work of the union. Such understanding is this makes Local 574 unbeatable.

Coal Jobs Promised By Truck Salesmen

Members of General Drivers Lo
cal 574 have been approached by salesmen from the McDonald-Gil
nies Co., of which J. A. Low and J. Minar Motor Co. have offered to furnish jobs in a coal yard if they will take them from them.

The union is vigorously combat
ing this practice as a detriment to the welfare of the workers and is calling upon all members to co-operate in this campaign.

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As from this hour
You use your power,
The world must fol
OW you.

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Stand all as one
Till right is done!}
Dared and dare!}

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MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE: 257 PLYMOUTH AVE. N.
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Sign Up or Get Out

The metal strike is still going on. After weeks and weeks of evasion by the employers, during which time they consistently claimed that there was no strike, that there were no negotiations between the management and the workers, that the workers are a group of racketeers, etc., the bosses were forced to admit that the union represented their employees, and they signed an agreement. Tetzlaff, the chief orator for the bosses, heads the list of signers.

This action poses a very sharp question to the Strut- wear Knitting Company. What are the workers to do? Have they got to accept the City Metal Works—paid advertisements, charges of "outside agitators" foreboding trouble among "satisfied" employees, appeals for "law and order," and that terrifying parade of scaling and wrecking to the Days of Isra vel? Tetzlaff and his colleagues makes the Strutweart gang appear ridiculous.

No person of normal intelligence will any longer believe in the" days of Isra vel."

The regular week will be 40 hours with time and one half for all time over 40; overtime to be paid on regular pay days. A six week period is permissible for deciding overtime during which time overtime will be paid for over 48 hours per week.

The strike will be continued until the company agrees to end its policy of scaling and discharging.

The agreement, running to January, 1937, has been signed by all the following parties: 1. The agreement may be opened when the company has paid $50,000 to the Citv Metal Works employees, 2. The Flour City Ornamental Iron Works employees will file a union contract which will be submitted to the Strike Committee, the Strike Committee will then be reinstated.

The settlement includes the Flour City Ornamental Iron Works, the Florsheim Boot and Shoe Works, the Kienle and Merritt, Charmolite, Standard Wire and Electric Co., the Rochester Ornamental Iron Works, the American Ornamental Iron Works and the Standard Wire.

The strike committee will cease until the employer agrees to pay the sum of $50,000 to the former employees, when it can be replaced by well organized shop committees which will carry on the day to day work of the union. The agreement leaves much to be desired. It is true, but there is provided an ex elent system of shop committees which can be union with aggressive shop committees can go forward to the strike.

It is our estimation that the Ornamental Metal Workers, Local 323, have the moral backing of all the people of the world.

Keeping in mind the terrible effects of the war and of the fight and in view of the treachery from the Latimer administration and the "secret six," the victory is a note worthy achievement.

Union Entertainments Every Saturday Night

Now that the indoor season is coming on the following arrangements are to be made for the benefit of the members of the organization by holding regular entertainment parties.

The best music will be provided and every effort will be made to make an evening at the hall a real pleasure on entertainment.

Come down and meet your friends and join in the good time.

Labor Looks at the Press

The bosses in the depression of 1848 were not as hypocritical. In that year, the New York HERALD published a picture of a make shift meal that can be given to a regular tramp. The kitchen scene in the house, Tetzlaff TRIBUNE went their Eastern brethren one better by writing: "Thesimplest plan is to put strychnine or arsenic in the meat and other supplies and take a toll in the dead body in a short time and it is a warning to other tramps to stay out of the neighborhood."

The bosses today feel the same way about the unem- ployed worker of today. They don't care what you say, smart not to say it. Instead, they urinise us on the WPA, and give us—treat gas.

No less a person than General Johnson was forced to say recently: "The 15,000 unemployed workers in New York City is unquallably qualified for any kind of work because of nervous, ulcer and heart conditions. .. The years of depression have impoverished and broken so many men in health that they probably will never be employable again."

It is terrible to feel your health slowly give way under the pressures of a situation which is no longer able to give men jobs. There is only one answer: ORGANIZE AND DECLARE WAR ON THE PRESENT SHAMEFUL SYSTEM! One great working class leader ever since said: "Capitalist society is a system of work. It is bound to be terror without end!"

Here's an item for those who think capitalism can reform itself. Four new unions have been formed with the following reservations:

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