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

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DEPARTMENT STORES SIGN WITH DRIVERS, LOCAL 544

LOCAL 131 IS AT AGREEMENT WITH OWNERS

Laundry, Cleaning Drivers, Win Wage Boots and Gloves, and Laundry and Dry Cleaning Employers

Contract Provides a New Setup Among All Drivers

The agreement recently signed between Local 131, Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers, Union and laundry and dry cleaning employers contains wages and working provisions for the drivers employed by workers in this industry be-
fore.

Attention is called to provisions in the contract covering minimum rates of pay for all drivers in the laundry and cleaning industry. The victory secured by Local 131 by the signing of this agree-
ment brings about such a sweeping change in wages and working conditions in this industry that the laun-
dry and cleaning contract is here printed in full.

THE AGREEMENT

This agreement made and en-
tered into this 10th day of De-
crey and Dry Cleaning Drivers, Union, Local 131, second party, sometimes referred to herein as the "union," and Employers Compliance Committee, first party, on behalf of such employers engaged in the laundry, cleaned, laundered and linen supply business in the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota, as represented by them, evi-
denced by a list thereof marked exhibit "A" and attached hereto.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

At the last regular
meeting of the Independent
Truck Owners held Thursday, December 3, an
assessment of $1 per head was voted on behalf of the Independent Truck Owners section.

Union stewards are in-
structed to collect the as-
seessment along with the
December dues. Every em-
ployee of this section is obli-
gated to pay the $1 assessment.

Funds so raised will be
used to defray the cost of a new car, contemplated to be purchased by Washington, D. C., to con-
tribute to and operate in re-
gard to continuing WPA and PWA projects.

Daytons, Powers, Leaders
Young-Quinlan, Thomas, Donaldson in Contract

Wednesday, Dec. 9, Minneapolis department store employers signed an agreement with General Drivers Union, Local 208, covering conditions of work and wages of all drivers, helpers, and platform men employed in these establishments. The agreement covers almost a month of negotiating with department store owners and their representatives. Contracts signed Wednesday provide almost the identical wages and working conditions de-
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The signing of this contract, however, definitely indicates that the power of the Citizens Alliance is broken in Minneapolis.

Stores that are a party to the agreements are: Donaldson's, Pow-
er's, Dayton's, The Leader, Young-Quinlan Co. and John W. Thomas Co.

Relief Department Issues New Schedule of Relief Allowance

Milk allowance will automatically increase, being figured on the basis of 5 cents of the above allowances.

LODGING ALLOWANCES—

SINGLE MEN

 Lodging allowances for single men have been increased from $1.05 per week to $1.40 per week, or 25c a day.

MEAL TICKETS—

SINGLE MEN

Meal ticket allowance for sin-
gle men have been increased as
follows:

Breakfast increased from 10c to
15c.

Dinner increased from 15c to
25c.

These increases in allowances are all in accordance with action of the Employers Compliance Committee in special session on December 16, 1926.

Respectfully,

O. A. PEARSON, Supt.

Seniority Settled at the Werner Co.

Seniority grievances at the Werner Co. have been accumulating for some time, were adjusted Monday in a meet-
ing between management and officials of the Werner Co.

Bakery Drivers Charter Arrives

As we go to press news arrives that the long
awaited charter for bak-

drivers is here and in the hands of officials of the Interna-
tional Brotherhood of Teamsters Joint Council. This development comes almost a month of negotiating with department store owners and their representatives. Contracts signed Wednesday provide almost the identical wages and working conditions de-
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Coal Workers Are Set to Get Back
Pay from Bosses

Committee Notified to Make
Adjustments at Once

The Monday meeting of the Coal Workers section was not well
attended owing to the fact that extreme cold weather extended
through Monday which necessi-
tated many drivers working longer driving time.

Discussion during the session de-
veloped the fact that the lack of
good relations, working conditions of coal drivers, who re-
cently came under a new agree-
ment, was owing in the fact that back pay, due under the contract, has not been received by the workers.

The Coal Employers Compli-
ance Committee was contacted

Tuesday morning by union offi-
cials, who insisted that prompt settlement of all back pay claims be made by the various companies.

It is expected that this particular grievance will be judged before the holders.

Casket Workers to Continue the Fight

Minneapolis casket manufacturers continue to be shorn down by the
strike called by Local 1859, Wood Workers Union, over three weeks
ago.

Workers in local casket plants who are all members of Wood Workers
Union, are working under slave conditions and for very low wages for the past few weeks, determined to improve their condition before returning to work.

Several meetings have been held between union officials and casket
employers. No agreement has been reached as yet.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

WOODER WORKERS' UNION SIGN WITH EXCLUSIOR FIRM

Agreement Calls for New Wage Scale, Working Conditions

All Workers Make Gains as Local 208 Gets
Contract

Local 1829, Wood Workers Union, reached a new and im-
portant victory last week when they entered into the American Ex-
clusior company to work as a joint agreement covering wages and working conditions of employees employed by that firm. Seniority was established and a 44 hour week was put into effect.

Rates of pay range from 50 cents per hour for unskilled workers to 60 cents for the skilled. The over-
time rate is 25 cents an hour and one
half for all time worker in excess of eight hours in one day and 12 hours in one week.

This agreement marks the first time that the American Exclusior company has entered into a union contract with any workers organi-
zation. The agreement, which is printed below, is almost a model for other working agreements.

WORKING AGREEMENT

The American Exclusior Company, and the Furniture Workers' Local 1829, agree to have the hours of work to be fixed by the following terms and provisions covering wages and working conditions called the "banana" plant.

ARTICLE I

The employer agrees not to en-
force into any contract or agreement with his employees individually or collectively which in any way con-
tricts with the terms and provisions of this agreement.

ARTICLE II

There shall be one seniority list for all of the employees in the plant. The oldest employee from the standpoint of time of entrance of the first employee on the job. In reducing the person-
nel because of lack of work or other legitimate cause, the last man employed shall be the first man laid off. In returning men to work when the personnel is in-
creased, the last one laid off shall be the first man returned to the old job. The list of senior employees shall be the only official seniority list. This agreement is subject to the per-
sonal agreement of all employers at the standpoint of service shall be al-
lowed to have the same due which is never to be

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WOOD WRIGHT UNION SIGN WITH EXCELSIOR FIRM

(Continued from page 1) each week before other workers are employed. Where this agreement is violated, the union will have the right to negotiate the terms of the above plant, the management of the International Woodwrights’ Union Committee shall meet at an appropriate time to straighten out the difficulties.

ARTICLE III
The provisions of this agreement shall be from Monday morning through Saturday noon. Each week to consist of 5 days of eight (8) hours each day from 8 a.m. to 12 a.m., and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., each day excepting Saturday which shall consist of five (5) hours in one day or four (4) hours on Saturday and for overtime or additional work the time shall be doubled. Time and one-half shall be paid on all overtime a day or night. Time and one-half shall be paid on all work done on Saturday or Sunday. Time and one-half shall also be paid for all work done on any day or night for which the employee has been called in for work. Time and one-half shall be paid on all work done on Sunday, holidays, double time will be paid.

ARTICLE IV
It is agreed that the minimum rate of pay shall be $2.00 per four-hour day for all skilled and unskilled workers.

The following rates of pay shall prevail for the following classifications:

Machine Feeders, $.85 per hour.

Grinder, $.60 per hour.

The above are the rates of pay for all skilled and unskilled workers, and any employee who is receiving overtime shall receive double time for the same.

If new scales shall not have pay reduced.

ARTICLE V
In the matter of arbitration, an arbitration panel of five, (5), shall be set up. Two (2) shall be selected by the employer and two (2) shall be selected by the union. The fifth person to be selected by the chairman of the arbitration committee. The decision of this committee shall be final and binding on all sides.

ARTICLE VI
This agreement shall be in full force and effect for a period of one year from the date hereof.

FURNITURE WORKERS’ LOCAL UNION NO. 1856 By Business Agent

THE AMERICAN EXCELSIOR CORPORATION

LOCAL 160 MEMBERSHIP LIST

Dec. 1—Steward Board.
Dec. 2—Executive Board.
Dec. 3—Executive Board.
Dec. 4—Executive Board.
Dec. 5—Executive Board.
Dec. 6—Executive Board.
Dec. 7—Executive Board.
Dec. 8—Executive Board.
Dec. 9—Executive Board.

ARTICLE II
Call any officer of the ITO Section to investigate any complaints or dis- counts on Bid sheets for your truck.

Independent Truck Chatter

Millennium or its Equivalent Wonders of the world. with meeting was addressed by Mr. Richard Tuttle, who held the audience spell-bound for thirty-seven minutes, 9 p.m., when the smoke from the new electric clock in the office can’t be wrong. So swung over to the next meeting place in the room, new drawing on the tables and notes. The meeting was on Thursday, December 17.

Fluggas

A Twin City radio station has a program called "Out of the Mink’s Fur" each week. The show, now in its eight season, has been under the management of the National Association of Women for many years.

The work at the Post Stellung project is divided on a basis of half to the workers and one-third to the Brandywine 33-1-2 per cent, and has been noticed that the percentage of work is not high among the Union men from Brandywine County meetings and the meetings of the Brandywine Branch from St. Paul that have never violated the contract agreement. The Committee of the Chilkoot is only the beginning of a campaign by the workers to secure their union from a reopening of their agreement with the company that has expired. This is an agreement which is under the supervision of the local union.

There has been some misunderstanding about the assessment meeting and no meeting was held.

Every member of our ITO section can pay the $1.00 assessment without reservation. This money will be used in the future to defray the costs of the elections, and in the future to maintain the workers.

Each worker that does not pay $1.00 to the ITO section will pay $1.00 extra by his work. The truck will pay his money at once, as immediate action is necessary.

The distribution of the paint is anticipated to be on January 1.

Hearts and Flowers

We all know that there is a building in the city of Minneapolis.

It is getting downtown serious when a fellow has to postpone his wedding because he can’t find a house to bring the bride to. Ask the mayor of Minneapolis he knows all about the “stephams”.

Sixth Avenue north will get a much needed fire filling in the spring if the Highways Department goes through with its plan of making it a broad trunk highway from Market to 39th street. It would be from 50 to 60 feet wider than it is now. That's plenty of room for a big truck and a lot of traffic.

Worry Department

Wow, that truck that we left in the office last night is going to cut out, as rumor has it, that Mr. Johnson has left his books in good shape. He should know who is and who is not the right one, but when the ball is not, the ITO Section keeps a close coin on the present. March 14, 1927. This man, who is the door of the man who caused the trouble, wanted, but didn’t watch, at the time.

Call any officer of the ITO Section to report any complaints or dis- counts on Bid sheets for your truck.

Bill Brown Says—

Local 131, Laundry Drivers Union, has recently obtained a new truck for the delivery of all unorganized work vicinity. The new truck, driven by an aggressive leadership with an aggressive efficiency, by the workers, signed a contract with a practical—practical—practical—practical union which the workers have known before this in this industry. As proof that a practical union, a practical union, and a practical union will grow and expand, Local 131 will give a hearty welcome to the laundry and cleaning driver a union man.

J. R. Clark Workers Still Are Striking Against This Company

Local 131 is AGREEMENT WITH OWNERS

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Adolph Andersen Advance-Tower Laundry Company

American Linen Company

Cattlemen Laundry Company B and L Laundry

Calhoun Laundry and Cleaning Company

Columbus Laundry Company

French Dry Cleaners

Columbia Laundry Company

Dieter’s Laundry and Dyers, Inc.

Present Laundry

Custom Laundry Company

Dampwash Laundry, Inc.

Dieter’s Cleaners and Dyers, Inc.,

Dunnell Cleaners and Dyers, Inc.

Garber’s, Inc.

Globe Laundry Company

G. and K. Corporation (Gross Brothers—Kreitrock)

Hensley Hempming and Cleaning Company

Hotel Laundry, Inc.

J. H. and H. Laundry

Jordans Lodge and Cleaners

Mazer Laundry and Dry Cleaning Co.

Meyer Cleaning and Dry Cleaning Co.

Meyer Cleaners and Dyers

Minnenville Laundry Company

Mississippi Laundry Company

Munson Laundry and Cleaning Co.

Mullin’s Laundry and Cleaners

Modern Cleaners

Nevers Laundry Company

Nicoll Cleaners and Dyers

Ripley Dry Cleaners

Royal Laundry Cleaners and Dryers

Troy Laundry Cleaners and Dyers

Universal Cleaning and Drying Company

Vague Cleaners and Dyers, Inc.

Weinert North Star Dry Goods Zaphey Cleaners

WITNESSES:

WHEREAS, it is mutually de- signed between the parties hereto to bring about and effectuate a just and fair dealing and co-operation between employers and em- ployees, it is covenant and agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I
That the word "UNION" is used herein shall mean Laundry and Dry- cleaning Drivers’ UNION LOCAL 131 and all of its members individually or collectively who are or may be hereafter in the employ of said company;

ARTICLE II
That the execution of this agreement by the parties hereto, this contract shall be binding upon the respective parties during the

Local 1859
Meeting Schedule

Nov. 14 — Executive Board
Nov. 17 — Bonus Meeting
Nov. 21 — Regular Meeting
Nov. 28—Puffle-Hubbard Meeting
Dec. 15—election of new Board and Committee
Dec. 17—General Membership Meeting

Townsend, Thursday, December 13, 1936
Local 160, Northern States Power Union
Meetings Held on Contract

On WPA Projects

The State Unemployment Compensation
State in St. Paul this Saturday at 10 a.m. to receive a delegation from the FWS. It is expected that the union officers, who have been held for the past few weeks, indicate that the company

With the Laundry Workers Union

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take place in the near future. Notice will be sent to all members. From all indica-

ons this year will be plenty hot.

Somebody studied something in St. Paul judging from those hand-
hills that are floating around the St. Paul laundry.

The directors of the union are advertising a meeting to be held under the auspices of the "Progressive Members of Local 183 and form a strong and power-
ful union."

Any action that will help build a strong and powerful union is a movement we can all support. We wish you a complete success.

At a recent action of the union it was decided to give every 100 per cent union plan a union sheet. Considering the favorable attitude toward unionization in Minneapolis, these cards will be business getters for our union shop.

Perhaps the following notice is a bit premature but in order that the opera-
tion will be possible we wish to announce that on January 16 Local 183 will represent a beneficial gain.

The delegation selected in getting the promise of complete answers is not to be given up. A special meeting of the Board to be held February 3rd at 10 a.m. in Minneapolis.

Heights delegation at Anoka

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Action Committee
The Twin City Joint action committee, set up by the joint board of Minneapolis and St. Paul business agents, began functioning last week. The committee addressed a letter to all large unions in the two cities requesting that the committee be furnished with information relative to wage scales, working conditions, and contracts held by various unions.

The value of this committee's work cannot be overemphasized. If this body receives the cooperation and help of the picture, it is a pretty good bet that the Association's more effective campaigns for the community receiving the wages. The Twin City Joint action committee has received the unanimous endorsement of both Minneapolis and St. Paul Local Labor bodies. It has the approval and endorsement of all union workers in both cities. It now remains for the officials of local unions to give such cooperation to the committee in order that this body can perform the task that has been allotted to it.

A letter to the committee's letter is one manner in which help can be given. The labor movement should stand solidly behind this progressive labor action.

Unemployment
Reports issued by the American Federation of Labor indicate that unemployment is growing and along with that living costs are mounting sharply. Among building trades workers unemployment showed the greatest gain.

The latest report shows that the six-tenths of all workers in the building trades are employed as compared with five per cent in the month of October. While some of the slackness in building trades was due to a decrease in building orders that usually comes at this time of the year, it is apparent that there is in some portion of the unemployed. Out of a group of six representative trade unions, three showed a decrease of one-tenth of the workers on the books. The first reported that the situation was unchanged.

The most startling portion of the report deals with the price of bread. Bread prices have advanced an average price of 2.5%. Food prices have advanced greatly since the middle of the year. The average price of bread is $1.61 per pound, which is 22% higher than the price in July. Rent has gone up a total of 2.2% while fuel and light are 1.3% ahead of the previous year. The only item which has shown no advance is clothing.

Figures on unemployment cannot be given proper consideration until we realize that of all the national unemployments are working on part time jobs. In other words, 19% of all trade unionists are either totally unemployed or are working on part-time jobs.

All in all, it is a pretty good one for sober-thinking trade unionists to contemplate. Almost 20% of the nation's union members are not employed on steady jobs. Figures on employment include those working on Federal projects. Should these made-work jobs end, unemployment figures would, no doubt, reach a new high peak.

Seniority Lists
It is imperative that all Local 544 stewards make it their business to see that up to date and complete seniority lists are posted in conspicuous places in the various places of employment. The more important is the union office during the past period over the violation of the seniority rules. We have received from the fact that seniority lists have either not been posted or have not been kept up to date.

A posted seniority list is a means of informing both the employer and the employee of their rights in this vital matter. It is in part the company's willingness to see to it that men in his charge are kept fully informed as to their seniority rights. The list should be done up efficiently by having the last list typed at the union office and seeing that the place of employment is changed on the seniority list in all places of employment.

Local No. 1839 continued to have trouble at the Fleur City Box. 3.2 beer kegs are being organized and supplied with the aid of the Minneapolis Union for $1 a keg. This order is being handled elsewhere in this issue.

St. Louis Park job is causing the union some trouble, principally a jurisdictional claim. In this case, independent truck owners sent out a letter to all stewards on the assessment of second members.

No non-union establishment or package delivery drivers in Minneapolis now.

Hollywood Candy workers are out on the street in front of the plant. It's an over-age agreement. They claim that the contract has taken effect.

Coyle to Discuss Roosevelt Program
An analysis of President Roose-
velt's past and present recovery program will be the subject of an address made by David C. Coyle, Minneapolis Public Library next week.

Mr. Coyle will deal with "Price Fixing" at Whitney school, nine-tenths and fourteenth street, southeast, Tuesday, December 15. The meeting is open to the public. The school is to be required to pay the school for 1,200 employees. The present school in Minne-

American capitalism can see no end, but PFIK can.

Bartlett Is Freed Of Phony Charges
James Bartlett, who was arrested for distributing leaflets at the street near the office, was found not guilty in municipal court last week.

The judge found that Bartlett was well within his legal rights in distributing the leaflet. Bartlett has a printed leaflet handed to employees of the Lake Street Market order firm.

Bartlett Drives Meet With Union
Monday night, Drivers, Helpers, and Platform men employed by the British Motor Truck Co. will meet in the union hall. All members of Local 544.

Reports of workmen employed there indicate that the union scale of wages is not being paid and some work on weekdays as high as 70 hours. Union officials will investigate.

NOTICE TO STEWARDs
Care should be exercised by all stewards in insuring that the number of members that the name is written correctly. Difficulty in deciphering the names completely the bookkeeping system and members of the organization are not given credit for their dues which are posted to another account.

The full first name should be written on every receipt and not simply the initial, as there are ten numerically duplications in the union records.

Mr. Roberts, legislative council of the A. F. of L. in every state, there'll be a lot of trouble. Look at the mining industry. Spartans in the labor hate too go on strike.

That's what you call the "roll over and play dead" theory which the labor hate is better.

Cayce critical of strike strate-
gy, from Labor Action, new West Coast magazine. He is simply a bullheaded struggle between two forces whose interests are in constant and irreconcilable conflict. The partnership of labor and capital is a lie. The death struggle issue in every case is decided by the relative strength of the oppos- ing forces at the moment. The only strike worth working for is the one that begins with this recognition.

Helpful Hint, from a Christian Science Monitor editorial: Would it not be wiser for the students considering to institute a reduced hourly wage to anyone in the occupation of house repairing, or renovating again when the work is done to permit these to be done at the worker's option as to time? No, my good people, it would probably be better for you to use such devices and loops to avoid this moral dilemma.

Drop-in-the-Die-Bucket Dept.: The Minneapolis Minnesotans Association today launched a drive to collect the $2,000 required for the purchase of a new minibus. The present minibus is so worn out in Minne-

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IMPORTANT NOTICE
Truck drivers who still have not come from the Consolidated-Union office to be notified at come to see at once whether the order that the matter may be completed.

The office wishes to close these accounts as soon as possible.

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When I speak, you listen.

Keeping Step With 544
By Mickey Dunn

Greenhouse workers are still negotiating with the Greenhouse owners.

Laundry drivers are now operating the organized expressed delivery work of the Drink Dispensers Union. A list of union and non-union drivers is published elsewhere in this issue.

St. Louis Park job is causing the union some trouble, principally a jurisdictional claim.

Independent Truck Owners sent out a letter to all stewards on the assessment of second members.

No non-union establishment or package delivery drivers in Minneapolis now.

Hollywood Candy workers are out on the street in front of the plant. It's an over-age agreement. They claim that the contract has taken effect.

Coyle to Discuss Roosevelt Program
An analysis of President Roosevelt's past and present recovery program will be the subject of an address made by David C. Coyle, Minneapolis Public Library next week.

Mr. Coyle will deal with "Price Fixing" at Whitney school, nine-tenths and fourteenth street, southeast, Tuesday, December 15. The meeting is open to the public. The school is to be required to pay the school for 1,200 employees. The present minibus is so worn out in Minne-

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