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and... ON THE
Other Hand
... By the Cynic

"A great deal of the recruiting for the Spanish loyalist armies was done over the rear tables in a bar room in the Radio City district. Imagine rallying the reds on Mr. Rockefeller's property!"
—Walter Winchell

Mr. Winchell, like many other columnists and commentators, never misses a chance to throw slurs at the "woiking" class and their organizations. Considering the sit-down strikes we would think the Rockefeller would be used to the idea, as have become the Duponts, Chryslers, and other nabobs of Big Biz. This rallying of the workers, that the bosses call reds, on the sanctified grounds of private property seems to be getting in their hair.

"The average loyal workman does not put up as his objective one big union or unreasonable wage scales, that cannot be supported by sound economics or shortened hours or restricted production that will drag down the living standard. The average worker is interested in security of job and reasonable happiness and comforts."
—Henry H. Helman of New

York, executive manager of the National Association of Credit Men, speaking in Minneapolis last Saturday, from the Minneapolis Journal.

Listen, Hank, the average worker is exceedingly interested in security of job and reasonable happiness and comforts—so much that he fully intends to choose his own methods of obtaining those ends. Having in mind the 10,000,000 unemployed, victims of profit machine, we are reluctant to respond to the suggestions of the boss class for a way out. Rather, we are disposed to support the type of union and type of strike that will bring to the worker the greatest gains.

PETROLEUM MEET CLARIFIES TASKS

Petroleum Workers Interested in Speedy Organization of Industry

The mass meeting of petroleum workers, drivers, helpers, maintenance men, and filling station attendants held on Monday night at 257 Plymouth was very well attended, and succeeded in clarifying the tasks imposed upon the recent organizational bloc in this industry. Spokesmen from all groups involved took the floor and expressed their points of view. The free and serious discussion that took place can only have beneficial results for the future of the union movement in the local petroleum industry.

The general tone was one of awareness of the necessity for liquidating the inner-union strife which had prevailed. The question period in particular indicated that the petroleum workers are extremely interested and hopeful that the progress already made will be accelerated, and that the industry will soon be completely organized.

Butler Signs For 300 Employees

WELLS-LAMONT GLOVE WORKERS SETTLE STRIKE

Striking Employees Return to Work After Six Weeks Strike Period

Wage Raises, Seniority Won; Shop Committees Instead of Union Recognition

On Monday afternoon the striking employees of the Wells Lamont Smith Glove company, located at 215 N. E. 7th, held a meeting at 257 Plymouth Avenue and voted to accept the settlement proposals of the management. This action brings to a close the six-weeks' strike. All employees are to return to work Monday morning, May 3. The management has asked for this delay, in order to get in a stock of working material.

The final settlement, which was ratified at the Monday meeting, calls for wage increases of from 10-27 per cent; the 44-hour week; time-and-a-half for overtime; seniority rights; no discrimination against strikers, etc. Union recognition was not won; the company, however, agreed to recognize shop committees elected by its workers. While the union was not able to win all of its demands, the settlement reached provides the basis upon which the organization can consolidate itself and prepare for future further advances.

Considering the several unfortunate aspects of the recent struggle, it was felt by the workers involved that the settlement was the best that could be obtained under existing circumstances. It is expected that the union, which has been an independent one, will eventually affiliate with the Hat, Cap and Glove Makers International.

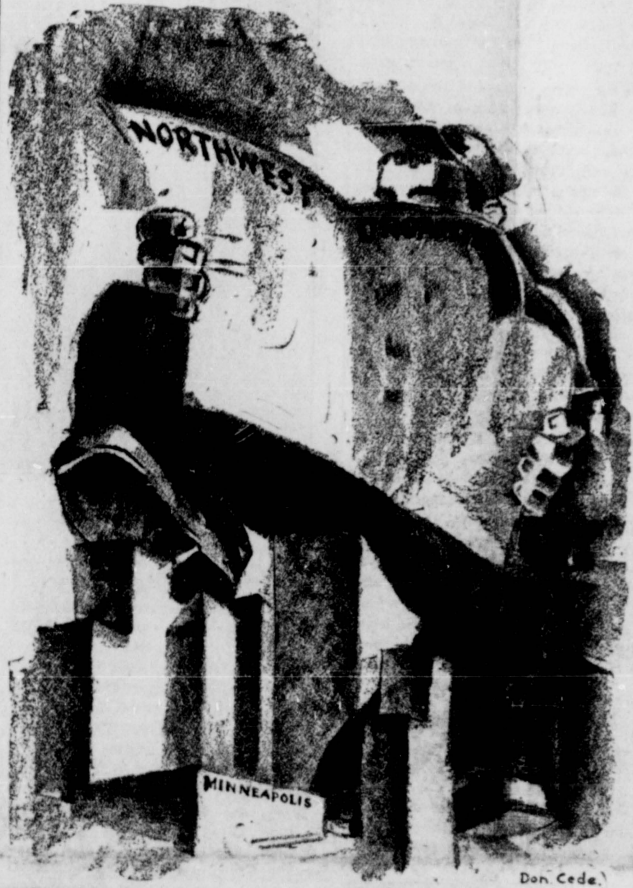
NEW MACHINERY NECESSARY FOR GROWTH OF 544

Special Committees to Aid in Improving Organization

The rapid increase in the membership of Local 544 has greatly strengthened the union and it has at the same time created added responsibilities in administration. With new groups coming into our ranks new problems arise, and with the constant daily influx of new recruits the older and more familiar problems increase their weight. It thus becomes necessary for the union to strive constantly for improvement in its machinery.

There is a more or less definite course to be followed in the consolidation of the union in new sections. I. e., preliminary organization work, preparation of demands, negotiations, and where necessary, strike action to secure a signed contract. And after the contract has been signed the seniority list must be straightened out, grievances adjusted and the 100 per cent unionization of the job effected through the joint efforts of the stewards and the union staff. In terms of the entire membership the general work of the staff falls in the following main categories: recruiting members, negotiating, adjusting seniority lists, settling grievances and correcting membership delinquencies. Assignment of work in the union staff has been directed along these lines.

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Strikes Sweep from Coast To Coast in Bloody Barrage; Unionization Marches On

Battle Wages in California; Union Leaders Are Arrested in Maine, Strikers Convicted in New York

"From the rock ribbed coast of Maine to the sunny slopes of California" labor strife is rampant. At Stockton, California, strikers from four canning plants met with police gun fire and tear gas barrages on another "bloody Friday." Last week Friday saw the repetition of another day such as shook Minneapolis on July 20 in 1934. In a determined attempt to open one of the strike bound canneries, and bring in both spinach and finks, the bosses and the police, with the assistance of special deputies, laid a trap for strikers that resulted in injury for fifty and possible death for one.

Hidden behind factory walls, and concealed on the roof tops the law laid in wait, baiting the trap with a truck load of special deputies who were supposed to be workers. As 25 of the strikers attempted to stop the truck, they were met with a barrage of tear gas and shot gun lead.

Truce Signed

There were about 300 strikers present and the battle raged for some time, before J. C. Fitzgerald, a member of the labor council made his way to a sound truck and asked for a truce. The terms of the truce include the immediate reduction of both pickets and cops, the company is not to attempt to reopen its plants, there are to be meetings to arbitrate the differences. As a result of the assault hospitals are taxed to capacity.

The strike was called for union recognition, better working conditions, higher wages, and shorter hours. The bosses gave the usual answer when these demands were served on them over two weeks ago, and the strike was called at once.

Also in California, the workers at the Ford plant at Richmond, angered by the refusal of the management to

live up to an agreement entered into on Thursday, April 22, and the continuous sabotage of that settlement, called a sit down strike on April 23. They held the plant in complete control, refusing entry to anyone not bearing a union pass. This strike was settled early Monday morning (April 26). Announcement of the terms have not been made public, but they are supposed to include the setting up of a grievance committee to handle affairs for the union members.

Arrest Union Leaders

At Lewiston and Auburn, Maine strikers against the shoe manufacturers met with organized resistance on April 21 when state highway patrolmen and the twin city police met strikers returning to Auburn from Lewiston, where they had attended a mass meeting, with tear gas and clubs. On the 22nd another battle raged in Auburn when the same forces of the law opened fire with tear gas on a crowd of about 300, milling about two shoe plants. Most of the crowd is believed to have been composed of sympathizers, with a few strikers who live in Auburn, and some from Lewiston who had managed to evade the police blockade on all the bridges between the two cities.

Again on the 23rd, after a mass meeting of the union and a parade for the news reel cameramen, a group of the strikers filtered, single file across a railroad bridge into Auburn and mingled with the crowd around the plants. Their presence was rewarded with the immediate arrival of all the forces of the law, armed to the teeth. The militia had been called out on the 22nd, eight companies now being in charge of the two cities.

Powers Hapgood, CIO organizer, Wm. Mackey and E. Henry, a union leader from Lynn, Mass., were arrested early in the morning of the 22nd and charged with conspiracy. They were released on \$2,000

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Pulp and Sulphite Workers Organize in Waldorf, Groff

New Union on Way to Organization of Another Important Twin City Industry; Contract Will Cover Over 400 Workers

With the recent success of the local units of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers in negotiating contracts with the employers, another important industry in the Twin Cities is well on the road to organization.

Up to the first of the year, no section of the brotherhood had ever been chartered in Minneapolis or St. Paul. With the arrival of a charter in January, organization work in St. Paul forged ahead. The first company to be organized was the large Waldorf Paper Products plant. In the middle of April a contract was entered into with the management, providing for union recognition, seniority, wage increases of 20 per cent, and improved working conditions. The majority of the 400 Waldorf employees are men.

In the meantime the 60 workers at the Groff Paper Company have been organized by Local 20316. These workers were turned over to St. Paul Local No. 264 of the Pulp and Sulphite Workers, and a contract similar to the Waldorf contract was negotiated for the Groff workers. An aggressive organization campaign is being carried on at the present time in other St. Paul paper and box companies by Local 264. Officers of the union are Meinz, president; Cameron, financial secretary, and Fuller, treasurer.

At the last general membership meeting in St. Paul, the union was addressed by Miles Dunne, Happy Holstein and John Janosco of Minneapolis. Officers were installed, a constitution was adopted, committees were set up, and the union voted to adopt the Northwest Organizer as its official paper.

The Minneapolis Local of the Pulp and Sulphite Workers, Local 295, has organized the workers in several of the box companies and at present is negotiating with the employers.

Mr. H. M. Sullivan, second International vice president, has been in town for the past five weeks, assisting both the St. Paul and Minneapolis locals in their organizational work.

Warehouse Union Negotiates For Sears, Roebuck Workers; Contract Presented April 28

Committee Formed at Special Meeting Called by Local 20316

Negotiations between the Sears-Roebuck management and the negotiating committee of Warehouse and Inside Workers Local No. 20316 opened Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the Curtis Hotel. Mr. Loock, plant superintendent, is representing the company.

Over 500 employees of the Sears-Roebuck company attended the special meeting called by Warehouse Workers Local 20316, last Tuesday evening, April 20. The contract which was drawn up for presentation to the management was approved by the membership. An action committee of 16 was elected to present the agreement to the Sears-Roebuck company, to conduct negotiations, etc. The committee was authorized to call a strike, if necessary, to win the de-

PAVES WAY FOR 100 PER CENT ORGANIZATION

Warehouse Union Will Be Sole Agent for Butler Workers; Seniority Granted

Bartlett, G. Dunne Negotiate 44-Hour Week, Minimum Wage of \$80

The long and successful organization campaign at the Minneapolis plant of Butler Brothers, located at First Avenue North and Sixth Street, was climaxed last Friday when the management signed a working agreement with the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union, Local No. 20316. The agreement covers over 300 employees of the company and should pave the way to complete unionization of Minneapolis warehouses.

The Warehouse Union is recognized as sole representative of all its members; full seniority rights are granted; the eight-hour day and the 44-hour week (except between April 1 and August 1, when the work week shall be 40 hours) are specified, with time-and-one-third for all overtime. It was agreed that the monthly minimum rate of pay shall be \$80, with higher minimums for the skilled workers. The agreement is retroactive to April 1, and runs until March 1, 1937. James Bartlett and Grant Dunne conducted most of the negotiations for the union. A copy of the complete working agreement is reproduced below:

WORKING AGREEMENT

The Warehouse and Inside Workers Union, Local 20316 and the Minneapolis House of Butler Brothers
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RALLY DRAWS 700 TO GRAND FORKS

Dobbs Represents North Central Council; Drivers Apply for Charter

Despite a blinding storm that reached the proportions of a blizzard, over seven hundred workers attended an organizational meeting held in Grand Forks, North Dakota, last Friday evening. The rally was held in the city auditorium. Oscar Swanson, president of the Grand Forks Trades and Labor Assembly, acted as chairman. The mayors of Grand Forks and of East Grand Forks opened the meeting, welcoming the start of the organizational campaign and the guest speakers. The principal addresses were delivered by William Murray, head of the North Dakota State Federation of Labor, and Farrell Dobbs, representing the North Central District Drivers Council.

Grand Forks has been without a drivers' union for over twenty years, and the enthusiastic attendance at Friday's meeting is conclusive proof that the drivers believe it high time the situation was remedied. Mr. Dobbs' organizational talk was very well received. At the meeting a voluntary organization committee was set up to launch an organization drive and to apply for a charter to the Teamsters International. When the charter is granted, the Grand Forks unit will affiliate with the North Central District Drivers Council. The work of the council in North Dakota will be greatly strengthened by the addition of a strong unit in this part of the state.

FINAL MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION PLANS COMPLETE

Speaking Program to Include Members of Sponsoring Organizations

At the largest May Day conference in a long number of years final plans were made for the parade and demonstration on May first. Walter Frank, chairman of the conference, delivered an inspiring speech on the origin of May Day, pointing out that May first grew out of the struggle for the eight hour day. The first May Day he declared was held over half a century ago as a mobilization of the American workers.

The parade this year on the basis of the response already received is expected to exceed the large demonstration of a year ago by many thousands of participants. The entire section around the new Post Office Square has been held in readiness for the assembling of the marchers.

The speaking program will include representatives of the sponsoring organizations. Both Mayor Thomas E. Latimer and Kenneth Haycraft will speak at the Parade grounds.

The parade will assemble at the new Post Office Square at 1 p. m. The march will begin at 2 p. m. sharp.

Several unions have instructed their entire membership to participate in the May Day parade. The Austin Ladies' Drum and Bugle Corps has volunteered its services for the day.

STILL MORE General Drivers Union Local No. 74, at Minot, N. D. has sent in a blanket subscription to the Northwest Organizer covering all members of the Local. Time—and the Northwest Organizer—march on!

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

NEW MACHINERY NECESSARY FOR GROWTH OF 544

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Special committees have been set up in the staff to work in cooperation with the job stewards in recruiting new members and checking on delinquent members. Controversies which from time to time arise over the status of delinquent members are referred to the Grievance Committee for settlement.

The mechanics of negotiations have been greatly improved by the adoption of the Standard Contract by the general membership and by the centralization of these responsibilities in a staff sub-committee. The negotiating committee calls a special meeting of the members involved in the scheduled negotiations and demands are prepared and approved before negotiations begin. Special meetings are called as necessary during the period of negotiations and the contract is signed only after it has been approved by a meeting of the members it will cover. The preliminary demands and the final settlement are in all cases subject to the approval of the Executive Board. This is necessary to insure that there will be practical uniformity of hours and wages between the various sections of the union. The Executive Board carries out this duty in the form of recommendations to the members involved and never over the heads of the members.

Actual experience has dictated the necessity for a special Seniority Committee. This committee, composed jointly of staff men and job stewards, meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. to deal solely with seniority problems. Records are kept of all decisions. All complaints on seniority must come before this committee.

New Grievances

The problem of receiving and settling grievances and complaints has been the subject of considerable experimentation, both because of its importance and because of the volume of complaints which arise through violation of contracts by the employers. Experience has shown that while there are many valid causes for complaints there are also many complaints made which have no foundation in fact. This latter element of complaints when pressed with the employer by the union staff serve only to weaken the prestige of the union and at the same time cause the loss of much valuable time which should have been devoted to the settling of complaints which are real and therefore important. This contention must be corrected.

It has, therefore, been decided that in the future all grievances and complaints must be submitted to the Grievance Committee which is also composed jointly of staff men and job stewards. This committee will in the future meet on Tuesday and Friday of each week at 7 p. m. In the past it has met only once each week. The Grievance Committee will carefully examine each complaint and those which are valid will be referred to the union staff for immediate settlement. An exception to this rule is made regarding men fired from the job. Any member fired by his employer may report immediately to the union office and his complaint will be taken up at once.

Rights of Members Protected

Extreme care must at all times be exercised to insure that in the course of systematizing the union machinery the democratic rights of the members are not violated. Provisions are made to give this assurance. The Grievance Committee and the Seniority Committee keep minutes of all proceedings which are reviewed weekly by the Executive Board. Occasionally the board finds it necessary to alter a decision of the committee. When this is done the member involved is so notified. Every member has the right to appeal on his own behalf any decision of the committee. The Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m. to hear any such appeal. In the last analysis, if the member is not satisfied with the decision of the Executive Board he may continue his appeal to the General Membership Meeting, the ruling body of the union.

We trust that the membership will give this analysis of our problems careful study, recognizing that the present machinery of the union has been designed to most efficiently serve the interests of the membership, and that each and every member will lend his full cooperation to the union staff and the job stewards so that they may fulfill their duties with a maximum of efficiency.

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Local 544

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Independent Truck Chatter

To the May Day Parade

All Independents will be expected to participate in the May Day parade. Bring your trucks to the union hall at noon on Saturday, May 1. No excuse will be accepted for absence. The truckers woke up the city last year. Let's give the boys with the tickertape brains another big headache.

Must Have Emblem

When placing their names in the unemployed file at the office truckers should give complete information about the truck including emblem number, type and year truck, condition, yardage and weight it is capable of hauling. Applications must be renewed each week, and only emblem holders are eligible for this service.

Highway Rates

After collaboration with the ITO committee the State Highway department has agreed to incorporate a standard wage scale for trucks into all contracts let by the department as follows:

Yardage	Truck Wage	Drivers Wage
2 yds.	.90	.75
2 1/2 yds.	.95	.75
3 yds.	.95	.80
3 1/2 yds.	1.25	.80
4 yds.	1.55	.80
4 1/2 yds.	1.75	.80
5 yds.	1.95	.85
5 1/2 yds.	2.20	.85
6 yds.	2.40	.85

The above rate is for mechanical loading; on hand loading it is 75 cents for truck and 75 cents for driver.

Those that have been on road work for chiselling contractors in the past will realize what a terrific gain this is. Unorganized out-of-town truckers can express their appreciation by getting in touch with the union.

One Week?

At a special meeting last Sunday afternoon the membership voted to negotiate with WPA in an attempt to come to an amicable settlement on the starvation hour cut question.

Vital Statistics Dept.

Last week the Williamson family received a seven pound four ounce bundle tagged Donald Raymond Williamson. Let's hope he never has to worry about truck payments and cubic yard miles when he grows up.

Who is the Sponsor?

Some one in Washington is drawing up a bill for a 500 million dollar appropriation to be used for highway work. The congressman submitting this proposal should be found and given all possible support. Nearly 75,000 people in Minnesota are in direct dependence on highway employment for a livelihood.

A Raise

Sand and gravel men voted that 35 cents per ton for pits in the city and 45 cents for longer hauls from pits outside the city limits should be accepted as the hauling rate this year.

No More Roving Ambassadors

Belt Line truckers should transact all union business with the steward on his crew only, so as to keep the records straight.

Pocket Picking

If buying a new truck beware of padding of finance charges to cover large allowance on old truck. This "padding" to make up for wild trading is a trade scandal. Myron wouldn't do that.

You Can't Miss

Auto repair shops are being unionized from Frisco to Philly. Okay, Minnie.

Where's the Wagner Act?

Why has this strike been soft-pedaled? Harvey Firestone refused to deal with the CIO and closed his huge Akron tire plant, affecting thousands of workers. He has an outside production and a large stock and can afford to play for time. What kind of tires are you not going to buy, fellows?

Don't forget—an ad in the ORGANIZER means that the advertiser is for us.

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412 Central Ave. BR. 3421

Bill Brown Says—

The other day I heard of a fellow who thought "controversial issues" should be kept out of central labor bodies. I always thought such organizations existed primarily to take up and solve "controversial issues" for the best interests of the union movement. You can be sure of one thing—if the trade union movement doesn't meet its problems squarely and solve them, these problems will be solved for us—every time—by our enemies, in a way that only works to the detriment of the whole movement.



BILL BROWN
President of 544

Spick and Span Notes Local 131

Brave Fellow!

Our fellow board member, Trustee S. T. Jones, is about to go into double harness again. The day is May 1. Congratulations, Bud. We'll all be looking for cigars next meeting.

A statement in last week's Organizer in regard to the hour claim in our contract was a little premature. The enforcement is not to start until June 1. The action was postponed until that time to enable the employer and our members to carry on an educational campaign with the public.

The mopping up campaign is nearly over.

The new price schedule on dry cleaning is to go into effect Monday, May 3.

Every driver will receive a copy of the new prices this week.

The mimeographed copies of the constitution and by-laws will be available for every member who attends our next meeting.

On WPA Projects

Eric Johnson, organizer of Wright county for the Federal Section of Local 544, was a headquarters visitor Wednesday. Mr. Johnson gave an encouraging report of organizational success in his county.

In the Northwest Organizer of last week an article appeared describing the deplorable conditions existing in Wright and Carver counties. However, an error occurred in naming the place of residence of the H. family. It should have read Waconia instead of Cokata.

The Federal Section is really going to town. Stewards of the projects report that unorganized workers are turning to the union in increasing numbers. It pays to be a member of the Federal Section.

Just watch the Federal Section in the May Day parade. From all indications it will have one of the best representations in the parade.

FWS representatives scored a victory for the Lamont Glove strikers Friday when they obtained emergency relief orders for 135 pickets.

Due to the general dissatisfaction among WPA workers regarding the double shift, union officials went into conference with the WPA big shots. It was agreed to abandon the plan on all projects with the exception of the Belt Line where the practice has been prevalent for some time.

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Faribault Wood Workers Remain Uncompromising

With the one hundred employees of the Peterson Art Furniture Company in Faribault now, with almost no exceptions, signed up in Woodworkers Workers Union Local No. 20481—negotiations with the management have been going on at a merry rate.

To the union's demand for a minimum hourly wage rate of 55 cents, the management countered last Thursday with an offer of minimums of 20 cents for apprentices and 35 and 36 cents for machine operators and other skilled workers. The union turned down this magnanimous offer, and on Saturday the employers were proposing minimums of 32 1/2 cents for unskilled, and 25 cents per apprentice and 37 1/2 cents an hour for skilled workers, with the 55-hour week. The union has not yet met to consider the latest proposal, but it will very likely be refused.

On Friday evening, April 30, a union meeting will be held at the Eagles Hall in Faribault, which will be addressed by John Janasco and Happy Holstein of Minneapolis.

The St. Paul Local No. 20481, of the Woodworkers Workers Union, has completed organization work at the Twin City Shingle Company, with the fifty or so workers now signed up in the union. A contract is being prepared and will shortly be submitted to the management.

J. Poirier Attends The Yellow Dance

The annual dance of the employees of the Yellow Cab Company, who are all members of General Drivers Union, had as its guest Judge Joseph Poirier. Poirier, who was formerly personnel director of the Minnesota State Highway Department, is now candidate for municipal judge. In his former position Poirier proved himself to be a real friend of Local 544.

Local 289 Donates \$50 to IUAW Hall

The youngest unit of the Teamsters Joint Council in Minneapolis is the Bakery, Pie and Yeast Wagon Drivers, Local No. 289. This local demonstrated its genuine interest in the promotion of the union movement in the northwest by voting a donation of \$50 to the Independent Union of All Workers at Albert Lea, Minn., to help the Albert Lea union rebuild its union hall. Deputized thugs wrecked the hall during the recent gas strike in this southern Minnesota town.

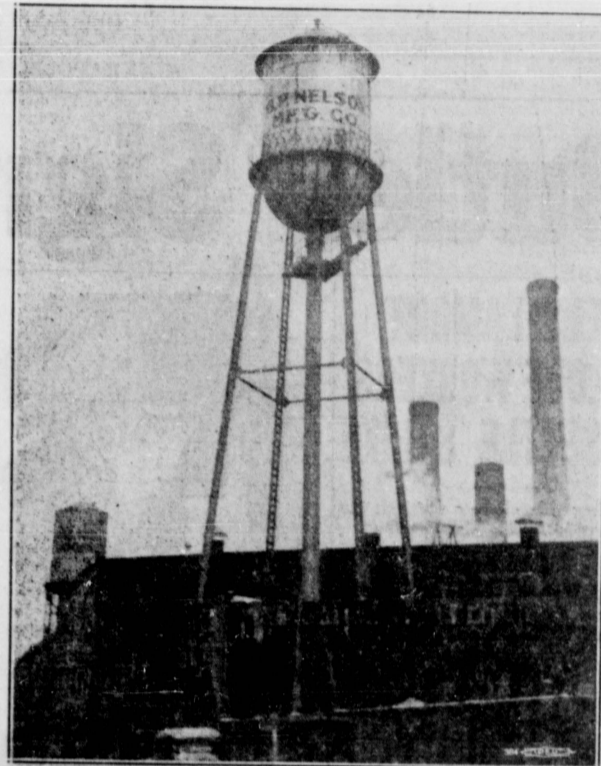
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Organization of Workers in Nelson Co. Removes Blot on N. W. Industrial Landscape

Campaign to Wipe Out Open Shop Launched by Warehouse Workers Last Fall; Employers Forced Into Negotiations



Over a period of years, many attempts have been made to organize the employees of the B. F. Nelson Mfg. Co., located at 401 Northeast Main in Minneapolis. The management had always been one of the staunchest supporters of the Citizens Alliance, and more recently of the Associated Industries. It gave heavy financial assistance to the employers in 1934 when they were seeking to shoot their way out of the grip of the union movement.

When the Warehouse and Inside Workers, Local No. 20316, came into existence last fall, a campaign was immediately initiated to organize this open-shop stronghold. With the assistance of the General Drivers Union, a series of mass meetings was held which achieved the complete organization of the company. A contract was drawn up and presented to the management. Protesting their inability to pay a decent wage scale, the company was finally forced into negotiations. When the company again sought to stall, a strike vote was taken. Seeing that their employees really meant business, the company decided to grant the union's demands.

The contract, which was signed at the end of March, runs until March 15, 1938; it provides for a minimum hourly wage scale of 55 cents for men and 50 cents for women (the wage scale for the women workers is higher than average). Union recognition and seniority rights were also won by the Warehouse Local.

From a black spot on the industrial map of the northwest, the B. F. Nelson Mfg. Company has become one of the strongholds of unionism, and has set an example which has stimulated workers in this industry to organize for the purpose of bettering their working conditions and gaining a measure of job security. A steward system has been established in the plant, which, together with the grievance committee, functions very effectively in the interests of the union members.

The officers of Local 20316 are: James Bartlett, president and business agent; Donald Penwell, vice president; Raymond Lind, recording secretary; Robert Tibbets, financial secretary; Carl Larson, Axel Jensen, and Harold Meder, trustees; and Al

Street Car Union Is on Record for The Two-Man Bill

609 Pence Bldg.
Mpls., Minn.
April 6, 1937

Organizer
287 Plymouth Ave. North
Mpls., Minn.
Gentlemen:

The trend of policy with many firms today is to reduce personnel, which deprives men of jobs. In many instances men who have put in many years building up an industry, have been laid off from their jobs, and, because they are not trained in other work, become dependents.

The Twin Cities Street Railway Company's action of changing two man operation to one man operation is in harmony with this trend of the times.

We have many conductors, who for one reason or another, cannot operate a one-man car, and if the Street Car Company brings on more one-man cars, these men will naturally be deprived of gainful employment.

The officers of the Amalgamated Association, Division 1005, and its executive board have met the officials of the Street Car Company in an effort to reach some satisfactory compromise to protect our men in their jobs. The Street Car officials have turned down the suggestions of the Amalgamated.

As a result a referendum vote was cast on Monday, April 5, 1937, went overwhelmingly for 2-man operation.

It is unreasonable to expect one man to operate a street car alone during some of our rush hour service.

We are asking your co-operation in changing this condition to something more reasonable. Therefore we ask you to support the two-man legislation in the senate and house, known as H. F. 86 and S. F. 115.

Fraternally yours,
STANLEY E. DANIELSON,
Financial Secretary.

Union Unemployment Committee for 544

An employment committee for the union membership is working out details for transforming the second-floor clubroom at the Teamsters Joint Council headquarters into a union hiring hall. Proposals are being studied which will provide for an efficiently-functioning office with complete membership files of the union so that this field of union activity will be adequately and smoothly taken care of.

Harrell, sergeant-at-arms. The union maintains an office at 257 Plymouth Ave. N.

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Sparkling GRAIN BELT BEER

THE FRIENDLY BEER

PAVES WAY FOR 100 PER CENT ORGANIZATION

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agree to be bound by the following terms and provisions of this agreement relating to wages and working conditions:

ARTICLE I.
The Warehouse and Inside Workers Union, Local 20316 shall be the sole representative of all its members covered by this agreement in collective bargaining with the employer. There shall be no discrimination against any employee because of Union affiliation.

ARTICLE II.
(a) The following occupations are covered by this agreement: Shipping Room, Receiving Room, Packing Room, Open Stock, Original Package, Warehouse, Censors and Janitors.

(b) It is understood and agreed that \$80 per month shall be the minimum rate of monthly pay for all unclassified and unskilled work covered by this agreement. The following minimum rates of monthly pay shall prevail for the following classifications: Any employee receiving more than the minimum monthly rates herein specified shall not have his pay reduced.

SHIPPING ROOM
Checkers—\$90 first 6 months, after 6 months, \$100 per month.
Freight Loaders—\$90 first 6 months, after 6 months, \$100 per month.

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Checkers—\$100 first 6 months, after 6 months, \$105 per month.
Packers—\$90 first 6 months, after 6 months, \$100 per month.

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Order Fillers—\$85 first 6 months, after 6 months, \$90 per month.

Stockmen—\$90 first 6 months, after 6 months, \$95 per month.

Warehousemen—\$90 first 6 months, after 6 months, \$95 per month.

Censors—\$95 first 6 months, after 6 months, \$105 per month.
Janitors—\$85 first 6 months, after 6 months, \$90 per month.

ARTICLE III
It is agreed and understood between the management and employees that seniority is recognized on the basis of length of employment of the employee, in that it is understood and agreed that the oldest man in the employ of the company will be last eliminated, and the first called back to work, insofar as in the judgment of the management it would not unduly interfere with the operation of the plant.

Employees shall be regarded as temporary employes for the first six (6) months of their employment and seniority shall not apply to these employes.

ARTICLE IV.
The regular work day shall be eight (8) hours and the regular work week shall be forty-four (44) hours, except between April 1 and August 1, when the regular work day shall be eight (8) hours and the regular work week shall be forty (40) hours. Overtime shall be paid at the rate of time and one-third for all time in excess of forty-four (44) hours in any one week. When ordered to report for work, employes shall be guaranteed a minimum of four (4) hours pay for the day.

ARTICLE V.
Time and one-third shall be paid for all work performed on Sundays or any of the following holidays: New Year's Day, Decoration Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.
This article shall not apply in the case of watchmen.

ARTICLE VI.
The regular work week shall commence on Monday not later than 9:00 A. M. and each regular work day thereafter shall commence not later than 9:00 A. M. There shall be no

Warehouse Union Negotiates For Sears, Roebuck Workers; Contract Presented April 28

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part of the workers towards this threat was quite, quite evident.

In the meantime, negotiations have been proceeding between the warehouse union and the Janney-Semple-Hill management. The company has made a counter-proposal to the union, offering wage increases, etc., which the negotiating committee of the union is now studying. A meeting of the membership will be called in the near future for the purpose of accepting, rejecting or modifying the company's proposals.

The dance sponsored by the warehouse union which was held last Friday evening, was a whirling success. Sufficient funds were raised to assure financing of the kittenball team being organized by the girl members of Local 20316.

Dental mechanics of Minneapolis will meet Monday at 8 p. m. at 257 Plymouth Ave. to further organizational plans in this industry. The Minneapolis local union was recently chartered by the A. F. of L.

Minneapolis, Minn. April 5, 1937
General Drivers Union Federal Workers Section
257 Plymouth Ave. N. Minneapolis, Minn.
Gentlemen:
On behalf of the children and myself, we wish to extend our thanks for your kindness in helping us during my recent illness. Wishing you continued success,
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split shifts. Employees required to report for work before 7:00 A. M. shall be paid at the rate of time and one-third for all time before 7:00 A. M.
If under any circumstances an employe is required to report after 9:00 A. M., such employe shall be notified at least 24 hours in advance, but overtime will not commence until the employe has worked eight (8) hours in said day.

ARTICLE VII.
The employes shall elect from time to time from their own number a committee of not to exceed five, one of whom shall be chosen as chairman, to take up minor grievances with the management.

ARTICLE VIII.
The employer agrees not to enter into any agreement or contract with his employes covered by this agreement individually or collectively which, in any way, conflicts with the terms and provisions of this agreement.

ARTICLE IX.
It is agreed that the employer shall not discriminate against members of the Union in the matter of vacations.

ARTICLE X.
It is understood and agreed that there shall be no solicitation for Union members during working hours, on company time or company property.

ARTICLE XI.
It is mutually agreed that any article, agreement, condition or provision contained in the within agreement, which is in conflict with any provision of the Wagner Labor Act, or any of the rulings or regulations of the Labor Relations Board, shall be null and void.

ARTICLE XII.
This agreement shall remain in effect from April 1st, 1937, to and including March 31st, 1938.
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Yellow Notes



A recent article by Cedric Adams in the Minneapolis Star proved conclusively that passengers in taxicabs appreciate little courtesies that are extended by thinking taxi drivers. Just the little courtesy of one driver waiting a few seconds until his young lady passenger had reached the doorway at her destination caused her mother to write a letter of appreciation with a request that it be printed in Mr. Adams' column at his earliest opportunity. The drivers who practice these little courtesies should be commended very highly as they are exemplifying a true union spirit because by their thoughtful actions they are helping to increase and hold our patrons. By these methods they are trying to increase their own earnings and also the earnings of their brother members since our weekly pay check depends entirely on our daily receipts. A great effort should be put forth by all of us to build a national reputation of commercial passenger-carrying vehicles. Let's all try it. It really doesn't take much effort!

Our appreciation is extended to Mr. Adams for the insertion in his column of the letter mentioned in the above article.

Labo is suffering with an ailment in his arm. Maybe this was brought on by too much patting himself on the back over his son.

George Olson really took a sock on the jaw one morning when somebody "goosed" Bill Gonyea. Boy! How quick that guy can sock!

It seems that another bawling out is necessary for some drivers who have become lax again in wearing their Union buttons while on the job. It is very difficult to substantiate statements to the effect that all Yellow drivers are members of Local 544 when some drivers still persist in being careless about wearing their Union buttons and wearing them in a place where they can be seen. Your Union button should be worn on the left side of your cap. A Union button is becoming more in demand every day with the present unionization of practically every industry and don't foster any false ideas that the absence of one is not noticed.

The wife of former President Coolidge refused to take the first up cab in Chicago recently because the driver wasn't wearing a Union button. Take a tip from this and wear yours.

Wooden Workers Strike Is Solid in Lund, Northland

The strike of the Wooden Workers Union against the C. A. Lund plant in Hastings and the Northland plant in St. Paul is solid as rock as the struggle goes into the fifth week in the southern Minnesota town and the fourth week in St. Paul. Any hold that the company union may have had on the workers has been completely broken. Even the St. Paul daily press has had to acknowledge that the Lund workers are organized one hundred per cent in the Wooden Workers Union.

Up to time of going to press, the management is still refusing to negotiate with the union on its demands, which include reinstatement of a score of employees discharged because of union activities; recognition of the union as sole bargaining agency; strict seniority rights; a 60-cent an hour minimum; a 40-hour week with time and one-half for overtime; and a week's vacation with pay. Union leaders state the strike will be maintained until the management agrees to negotiate.

CORRECTION
The sewing project section meets on the first and third Tuesdays every month—not on Wednesdays as published in last week's paper.

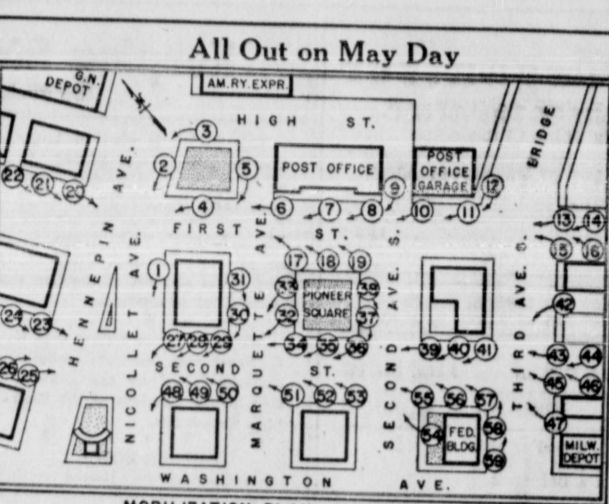
A few more employes of the Yellow Cab Co. may soon be "requested" to join the Union having jurisdiction over their class of work.

Committeeman Harlan has had to take a few days' vacation. A bad cold has been the cause. His absence has caused some anxiety among his flock.

Below are the demands of the Midwest Taxi Drivers Union of Chicago now on strike and the results they have gained so far:

- Free gas—Conceded.
- Free repairs—Conceded.
- Free servicing and cleaning—Conceded.
- Free transportation of drivers and car to central repair—Conceded.
- Every other Sunday off—Conceded.
- Fifty per cent commission—35 per cent.
- Vacation after first year—Refused.
- Abolition of merit system in Yellow Cab Company—Refused.
- Lower storage rates for individuals—Refused.
- Union access to garages—Refused.
- A closed shop—Refused.

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Following is the mobilization plan for the May Day parade. Each worker should check the place assigned his organization, locate it on the diagram, and fall in at 1 p. m. Saturday, All out on May Day!

1. Central Labor Union Committee Parade Information Committee
2. Bricklayers 2
3. Carpenters 7
4. Electrical Workers 292
5. Painters 386
6. Plasterers 65
7. Plumbers 15
8. Steamfitters 539
9. Sprinkler Fitters
10. Asbestos Workers 34
11. Elevator Constructors 9
12. Engineers (Hoisting) 49
13. Glaziers 1086
14. Iron Workers 19
15. Roofers 96
16. Tile and Marble Setters 34
17. Sheet Metal 34
18. Machinists 382
19. Ornamental Iron Workers 1313
20. Flour and Cereal 19152
21. Cleaners and Laundry Workers 183
22. Printing Trades Unions
23. Amalgamated Clothing I. L. G. W. U.
24. Hosiery Workers 38
25. Amalgamated Association I. S. T. U.
26. Glove Workers 86
27. Fur Workers 71
28. Cap Makers 38
29. Furniture Workers 1859
30. Warehouse 20316
31. Upholsterers 61
32. Hotel and Restaurant Workers
33. Miscellaneous Workers 665

WAREHOUSE WORKERS NOTE!
The executive board of Local 20316 urges every union member to fall in Saturday at 1 p. m. sharp, at the place allotted our union by the May Day Committee on Second Street between Nicollet and Marquette avenues.

V. R. Dunne Will Speak Over WDGY
Vincent Dunne, Socialist candidate for mayor in the coming Minneapolis elections, will give a series of three radio talks over station WDGY to acquaint the public with the Socialist position on the basic questions facing the people today.

Mr. Dunne will initiate his series of broadcasts on May Day, speaking for 15 minutes from 6:45 to 7 p. m.; he will also speak on Monday, May 3, and Saturday, May 8, at the same time.

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ITO Discuss WPA Hours Situation

On Sunday afternoon, the Independent Truck Owners section of the General Drivers Union met at 257 Plymouth Avenue, for the purpose of discussing the critical situation engendered by the recent order of the Works Progress Administration cutting the hours per month from 110 to 88. This order went into effect as each pay period expired after April 15.

Karl Skoglund presided at the meeting. After some discussion, it was voted to postpone immediate strike action. A motion was passed which places in the hands of the large Ways and Means Committee full powers to continue negotiations and take action. As the Northwest Organizer pointed out last week, the 88-hour month will not even permit truck operators a subsistence wage. All truckers are now granted only 88 hours monthly. The committee will hold a special meeting Saturday morning to consider further action.

Gas Co. Contract Nears Completion

The working agreement to be presented to the Minneapolis Gas Light Company by the Gas House Workers Union is almost completed. The contract was approved by the membership at a full meeting April 20; wage clauses for many of the work classifications were ratified at a special meeting on Monday night of this week. As soon as agreement has been reached within the union on all pay will be presented to the management.

Gas light workers have been 100 per cent organized by the union. Miles Dunne has participated in the work of preparing the contract, and will represent the union during the negotiations.

Local 292 Dance
May 1 is the date set for the Victory Dance of Local 292 of the Electrical Workers Union. The dance will be held at the downtown Eagles Hall at 4th Ave. and 8th St. on Saturday evening. Admission is 25 cents per person.

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John Wickham Dies at Home
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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 Last Logging Drive

This spring will occur on the Little Fork river in the northern part of Minnesota the last great logging drive in the state. This is brought to a close a mighty era that saw Minnesota the giant of all lumbering states—the Lumber Pile of the Nation. The story of the exploitation of the timber acreage of Minnesota is one of the blackest pictures in our history. The railroads alone, through their connections with the state and federal governments, were able to get land grants equal in acreage to two states the size of Massachusetts. Lumber companies "bought up" whole Indian reservations for a song. What these so-called Empire Builders couldn't buy or win by bribery, they stole.

Thirty-eight million acres of virgin forest in 1840—sixteen bankrupt "cut-over" counties today, not to speak of the vast numbers of human beings left stranded. A thousand million dollars in timber was extracted from Minnesota by the timber kings. Many a wealthy family in the Twin Cities traces its fortune directly to this mass denuding of our timber resources.

Never again will the ring of the double-edged ax biting into pine resound through the winter days in the north. Receding in the past is the source of livelihood for thousands of workers. One could argue that it was necessary for the forests to be plucked, to furnish the lumber for the houses, barns, furniture, wagons, of the country. But that is not what is being questioned. What is most appalling about the present timber-corpse of Minnesota is not so much the dishonesty which permeates the history of lumbering, nor even the ruthless labor policies that prevailed in the lumber camps from the very first days. It is the wanton and vicious stupidity with which those who led the onslaught on our forest lands operated—the utter lack of social consciousness, the absence of plan or a single thought for the future.

And history verifies that the sordid story of lumbering in Minnesota is the story of all of America's great natural resources, that natural wealth which is chiefly responsible for the fact that the United States has been able to boast it had the highest living standards in the world. One by one our resources—coal and oil and farm-land and water power, mineral wealth—are going the road of timber, are being exploited not wisely and in the interests of society, but so that a few greedy ones can coin immense profit.

As each year lessens the possibilities of Capital to further exploit our natural resources, so each year makes it necessary (if capitalism is to survive) that Capital intensify its exploitation of the toilers of America. But capitalism is reaching an impasse. Its many contradictions saddle it with impossible burdens, such as an unemployment problem the like of which has never been seen in the modern world. These problems cannot be solved—within the narrow framework of the wage-system. The present ruling group has spent the last eight years since the 1929 crisis to demonstrate that it is no longer capable of directing society or solving its problems.

The task of directing the society of the future will be the responsibility of the working class. The workers, through their organizations, will gain the necessary knowledge, ability, understanding, and confidence, to prepare themselves for the role they must play if civilization is to survive. It is in the trade unions chiefly that the men and women who must direct the America of tomorrow are today receiving their training. When society is managed by workers, who, by the very nature of their lives, are forced to think of the interests of great masses, one can be sure that such crimes as are represented by the present sorry plight of Minnesota's forests will not be repeated.

They Think to Stop Us

Once the bosses of America saw that the basic industries of this country could be organized by the union movement, they did not wait one moment to switch their anti-labor drive from the economic to the political field. In dozens of state legislatures during the month of April bills were introduced and laws passed, outlawing militant strikes and crippling union action. Now that the Supreme Court has decided that what was unconstitutional yesterday is constitutional today—that is, that Congress can legislate on labor relations—the American employers are driving ahead to choke labor with legislation. Led by the National Association of Manufacturers, and supported by David Lawrence and the reactionary press of America, the bosses aim to strangle the union movement.

No sit-downs. Forced arbitration. Incorporate the unions. Intermittent conferences to exhaust the fighting strength of labor. Death by suffocation. That is what the employers prescribe for labor. The manufacturers' association is seeking to extend the Railway Labor Act, forbidding strikes, to every industry. Even to a union in a completely organized industry, such a law is well nigh disastrous. In those industries yet unorganized, it would be fatal to the growth of the union movement.

The progressives in the American trade union movement have already sounded the alarm against the latest onslaughts of the bosses, and there is some evidence to indicate that a large section of the union movement is now opening its eyes to the immediate and real dangers of having the movement emasculated by hostile legislation. Since 1933 the militancy of labor throughout the country has ridden over the attempts of the bosses to avoid the NRA—has smashed through the stronghold of company unionism—has stood up to the threat of police and militia violence—has shed injunctions like a duck sheds water. The best defense labor has against the latest threats of the bosses to take the heart out of the union movement is to place yet greater faith in the strength and militancy of labor, and to carry on an aggressive many-sided fight against stifling labor laws. May Day is a good time to demonstrate our willingness to take up the struggle to maintain our rights.

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

The Editor is glad to know that his column was missed last week. It goes to show that somebody reads it, at least.

Wells Lamont strikers are going back to work Monday. They really pulled a bad one out of the fire and deserve a lot of credit.

We are glad to report that I. G. Scott was the new commissioner selected by the council. Despite the mandate of the East Side Convention.

BUTLER BOWS

An agreement was signed at Butler Bros. with the Warehouse Union this week.

The Gas Workers Union is all set for the Maden effort.

Grace Freedson, Warehouse Steno, took the Big Chance last week. They'll be at home any time now.

Do you know that you can eat a good, cheap noonday meal in the basement club room at the headquarters?

Sears Roebuck management is trying to scare union members there with a phony petition. Old stuff with no results to date.

Dobbs was in Grand Forks last week.

Well, What of It?

The Citizens Alliance has changed its name.

What happened to the Liquor Dispensary Bill?

In a Washington Ave. barroom, the other night 26 men were counted wearing union buttons. They represented five different unions.

Bakery Drivers Union gave \$50 to help rebuild the Albert Lea Union Hall.

Floyd Reisinger of the LaBelle Transfer Company is on the current Grand Jury.

Local 221 is holding meetings with the Cedar Lake Ice Co.

The Marines Have Landed. A new C.I.O. representative is in the city.

"ZIP" Bellini suffered a slight accident several days ago.

The "Peoples Lobby" and the State Legislature concluded their sessions a few days apart. Both scored blanks.

Frank Ross and family want to thank Local 544. The Union did something pretty nice for them while Frank was at Parkers Lake.

Did you know that the Milk Drivers have opened the wage section of their agreement? They want more dough.

The spot in the basement is going very nice.

So What?

News item, April 19: "I will never deal with a labor union." Mr. Mason, manager Wells Lamont Glove Co.

News item, April 26: Strikers at the Wells Lamont Company settled with the management today.

Garage mechanics almost struck last week.

Needle-in-Haystack Dept. Try to find a non-union truck driver in Minneapolis.

Corcoran Mankatoed Monday.

General Drivers Union, in Minot, is now an ORGANIZER subscriber.

Bill Brown has a new suit. Smartish.

The new front page column is being written by a member of the Laundry and Dry Cleaners Union.

What local coal company was knocked down for several hundred dollars back wages?

Insurance Advertisement Join a Union.

LABOR... Looks at the Press

Signs of the times: "Unions are asked to keep in mind that the Central Labor Union now has splendidly equipped halls and offices for rent."

Washington news item: Gerald Nye, North Dakota senator, wants a constitutional amendment requiring a popular referendum to the people of the United States, who will decide whether they want to spill their blood on foreign battlefields.

The war-makers could campaign on the slogan: A Gold Star in Every Window.

The federal government has decided to use abandoned coal mines to store Roquefort cheese.

They'll use mines for anything but the right thing—because it touches someone's pocketbook.

St. Paul news item: Governor Elmer Benson by proclamation has designated April 25 to May 1 as Minnesota Conservation week.

Let's see—now what is May 1?

Colonel Anthony Muirhead, British government delegate to the world textile conference: "We do not want a 40-hour week in Britain because that would mean reductions in the pay roll income of our textile workers."

Not if the British textile workers have strong unions.

The American Medical foundation reports a summary of views expressed by leading physicians and surgeons: "Adequate medical care is not available for the average American."

It seems that nothing adequate is ever available for the average American.

The Republican senator, Vandenberg, says: Unemployed figures are exaggerated. There are only 2,975,000 persons now out of jobs.

Not unless an awful lot of people have died recently.

Headline in the Minneapolis Star: ARE POLICEMEN ALWAYS PLEASANT TOWARD THEIR BOSSES?

Yeh—but they're kinda rude to the public.

New York headline: AMERICAN LABOR PARTY CHARGES TAMMANY PLOT TO SEIZE ORGANIZATION.

What kind of a labor party can it be that Tammany is able to seize?

The president of Lord and Taylor's advises two hundred graduating students of Columbia university: "Never work for a boss who is just

trying to get something out of you. Go somewhere else."

What's the guy trying to do—put EVERYBODY out of work?

Aboard Battleship Pennsylvania: "The United States fleet, 139 ships, 474 airplanes and 40,000 men, set sail from San Pedro, California, for six weeks of war games."

There they go—playing "Heavy, Heavy, Hangs Over Thy Head" with the Far East.

544 Leaders Meet Drivers in Austin

Last Friday night Pat Corcoran and Karl Skoglund of the North Central District Drivers Council, addressed a special meeting of the General Drivers, Helpers and Inside Workers, Local No. 501, at Austin, Minn. The representatives of the North Central Council told of the progress of the organization campaign in southern Minnesota, and in the five other states making up the district.

Asked to discuss future relations between the Austin drivers unit (affiliated with the Independent Union of All Workers) and the Council, Mr. Skoglund and Mr. Corcoran recommended affiliation with the Teamsters International. The speakers from Minneapolis were favorably received. Over two hundred workers are organized in the Austin drivers unit.

The North Central District Drivers Council received word this week that in Duluth the Milk Wagon Drivers are making rapid progress towards a complete unionization of the eligible workers in that city.

Corcoran Speaks to Duluth Drivers Meet

Pat Corcoran, representing the North Central District Drivers Council, spoke at a membership meeting of the Duluth Drivers, Local No. 487, and reports further organizational progress in this town. The work of drawing up contracts for presentation to the industry is reaching completion.

The council, upon receiving a request from the twin port workers, sent a representative to Duluth on Wednesday night to attend a joint meeting of the Duluth and Superior drivers unions, called for the purpose of equalizing the wage scales in the two cities.

Aaron E. Kruger, an official of the South Dakota Federation and active in organizing the drivers in that state, reported on Tuesday that the organization work there will reach a climax around the middle of May. Work has reached the stage where it is anticipated a drivers union will be chartered in Sioux Falls within the near future. A labor rally has been called for Watertown, South Dakota; organization work in other driving centers is achieving gratifying results.

Strikes Sweep from Coast To Coast in Bloody Barrage; Unionization Marches On

(Continued from page 1)

Each, but will have to appear in court again on the 1st of May to answer charges of violating the injunction handed down on the 20th of April, barring all activity of the strike. Thirteen other unionists have been indicted by the county grand jury for conspiracy. Scores of strikers have been arrested and fined from \$10 to \$25. Action by the grand jury is considered against the union's attorney, Sydney Grant, also on conspiracy. The strikers have addressed telegrams to Secretary Perkins, demanding that the government enforce the terms of the Wagner Act. Hearings before the Boston Regional Labor Relations Board are expected, as Dr. H. Meyers, regional director of the NLRB is now in the strike-bound area, conducting an investigation. He said that he was not hopeful of effecting a settlement. Announcement of negotiations meetings were made late Monday, April 26.

Witch Trial

In New York, a strike at the Etched Products Corporation which began on March 23, was ended on April 24, with complete victory for the workers. They gained a 40 hour week, time and one-third for overtime, union recognition, and a 5 cent increase in wages. Three hundred workers were involved.

A statute that had never before been used, was invoked to convict 17 strikers from the Jewish Hospital in New York, on April 22. The strikers were charged with four counts and convicted of all of them. Despite the testimony of friendly doctors and nurses that the strike had not interrupted the service of the hospital, the men were found guilty of endangering life and property, and conspiring to prevent internes and nurses from carrying on their work, committing and maintaining a public nuisance, and forcible entry and detention. Defense attorneys announced that an appeal would be made on the grounds that the statute invoked for conviction was unconstitutional. The men will be sentenced on April 30. They face up to 12 years in prison, although the prosecuting attorney said that the maximum sentences would probably be up to three years suspended, placing the men under the Probation Board for the length of the sentences.

At Hershey, Pa., the members of the Chocolate Workers Union met defeat in the election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board. The Loyal Workers Club, the company union, gained almost twice as many votes as the CIO affiliate.

The General Motors strike at Oshawa, Ontario, was officially settled on April 23. The agreement entered into gave the workers a raise in wages, seniority, a grievance committee composed of nine members of the union, and no discrimination. They did not get formal union recognition, the stipulation being signed by the president of the union as an individual, but they contend that the fact that the company met with the union committee and entered into negotiations with them is tantamount to union recognition.

Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation pledged, on April 26, that they would live up to the Wagner Act provisions, and would have nothing further to do with a company union.

An agreement entered into between the International Association of Machinists and the Remington Rand, Incorporated, ended the almost year-old strike. Terms of the settlement include recognition of the Machinists union, return of all strikers to their jobs or to others with the same rate of pay, the payment of a \$10 weekly allowance to all those who cannot be returned within three weeks, a grievance committee, and, in cases where equipment has been moved to other plants, the transfer of the worker to that plant, with transportation for his family and household goods paid by the company. This strike saw practically the entire gamut of subversive methods used by an employer against his striking workers.

Finally, about two months ago the NLRB, in announcing the result of an exhaustive investigation of the whole affair, ordered the company to recognize the union, and to take back all of its striking workers. The company refused, saying that they would take the matter to the Supreme Court if necessary. Then suddenly, meetings began between the union heads and the company officials.

Rand, Jr., and Pearl Berghoff (I. Break Strikes) were indicted by a federal grand jury, charged with transporting strike-breakers across state lines. The strike cost the A. F. of L. over \$750,000, not including the donations received from sympathetic unions.

Watt Notes

Let's Get Together
Come on all you folks. Let's get acquainted. Come to the I.B.E.W. Auxiliary party, May 12, No. 5 West Lake St. Ladies, bring your men. Men—bring your ladies. We'll be seeing you May 12.

AUXILIARY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The Dance Committee has been very active and has succeeded in lining up Ken DeVillier's orchestra a first class union band. The committee heard the orchestra play the other night and does not hesitate to recommend Ken and his boys to the membership. They play the latest and up-to-date numbers and will, on request, play a number or two for the old timers.

After some long hours and hard work the committee succeeded in getting a hall for May 1. Most of the halls had already been engaged but the committee was finally successful in obtaining the Eagles Hall at Eighth Street and Fourth Ave. S.

Remember the date: May 1. The place: Eagles' Hall, Eighth Street and Fourth Ave. S. Tickets are 25 cents per person. Get your tickets from your own department steward. All out for a good time!

All metermen are hitting the hay early this week. Reason—the May 1 rush takes place this week-end.

The dance committee met Wednesday evening of this week to make final arrangements for handling the crowd.

When attending your union meetings, carry your dues receipt and present them at the door upon entering.

Stay until the meeting is properly adjourned—you may miss something important.

MEETING SCHEDULE LOCAL 544

Sunday, May 2—Newspaper Drivers
Monday, May 3—Coal; Package Delivery
Wednesday, May 5—Sausage Thursday, May 6—Independent Truck Owners
Friday, May 7—Job Stewards
Monday, April 10—General Membership
Wednesday, May 12—Market
Monday, May 17—Wholesale Grocery
Thursday, May 20—Printing: Tent and Awnings
Friday, May 21—Job Stewards
Monday, May 24—Wholesale Drug
Tuesday, May 25—Taxi Drivers; night drivers, 1 p. m.; day drivers, 7 p. m.
Thursday, May 27—Transfer
Seniority Committee meets each Tuesday at 8 p. m. in Hall No. 1.
Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 2.
Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m. in staff room.

The General Drivers Union notes with deep regret the recent death of Charles Folker, who passed away at the University hospital from cancer of the throat. Brother Folker participated in the 1934 strike, and spent 18 days in the stockade for teaching scabs not to move trucks. The sympathy of every union man and woman goes out to the widow and relatives of our deceased union brother.

April 22, 1937

Farrell Dobbs
Secretary, Local 544
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Fellow Workers:
We hereby acknowledge, somewhat tardily, the receipt of your contribution for our aid in the recent strike. We want you to know how much we appreciate your timely and valued help. We cannot thank you enough.
Yours for solidarity,
PETER LAURITSEN
President IUAW

LOCAL 131

Laundry and Cleaning Drivers Meeting Schedule
Wednesday, May 5—Membership Meeting.
Wednesday, May 19—Membership Meeting.

Meeting Change

Local 20316
After May 4th, the regular membership meetings of Warehouse Workers Local 20316 will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, instead of the first and third Tuesdays, as heretofore. The last meeting under the old schedule will be held May 4. Cards notifying all members to this effect will be mailed immediately.

MEETING SCHEDULE LOCAL 1855

General Membership—May 5
Casket Section—May 11
Box Industry—May 18
J. R. Clark Co.—May 19
Puffer Hubbard—May 21
Wagon Industry—May 25

On the Route With the Milk Man



The Milk Wagon Drivers Union has just signed an agreement with the Blodgett-Guernsey Dairy at Wayzata, covering all eligible employees of this firm. This company specializes in a grade of milk that tests about five per cent butterfat, and consequently sells at a slightly higher price than regular milk. The union considers that a dairy selling milk of this quality to those who desire milk with high butterfat content is an asset to our organization.

The Milk Diamondball league has been organized for the new season, and plans are actively being pushed to insure a successful year for this sport. Eight teams are in the league.

A new working agreement is being prepared. There'll be more to report soon.

A number of drivers are on the sick list—flu and colds and stuff.

Next Tuesday is May 4—it's also the day of our general membership meeting, please note.

The union has met with a committee from the Druggist Association to discuss organization of counter-freezer operators in this industry. Arrangements are proceeding for a further meeting with all counter-freezer operators.

SPECIAL NOTICE LOCAL 292

Owing to the present housing facilities a regular schedule of meetings has not been set. The next Utility Section meeting will be on Wednesday, May 12, 8 p. m. at 257 Plymouth Ave. N., third floor. Future meetings will be announced later.

ALL LOCAL 221 MEMBERS—NOTE!

A special membership meeting of Local 221, Ice Drivers, will be held Friday evening, April 30, at 8 p. m. in Hall No. 1. Matters of great importance to the membership will be discussed. It is vital that every Local 221 man be present.

WAREHOUSE AND INSIDE WORKERS LOCAL 20316

Meeting Change
Stewards—First and third Tuesday.
Regular Membership Meeting—Second and fourth Tuesday.
Executive Board—Regularly every Monday.

NOTICE Local 664

There will be no meeting of the City and Sanitary Drivers this week because of the five week month.

FEDERAL WORKERS SECTION MEETING SCHEDULE

Regular Membership Meetings—Second Friday in each month.
Stewards' Meeting—Every Wednesday, 8 p. m.

MEETING SCHEDULE LOCAL 1859

Casket Company—April 13
Wagon Industry—April 20
J. R. Clark Co.—April 21
Puffer Hubbard—April 23
General Membership—May 5

Meeting Change

Bakery, Cracker, Pie and Yeast Drivers Union, Local 289, which has been meeting weekly during the past few months, will hereafter hold meetings only two nights a month. The regular meeting schedule will be membership meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays.

Ice, Coal Drivers Meeting Schedule

Local 221, Ice and Coal Drivers Union, will hereafter hold all of its regular meetings at the new headquarters of the Teamsters Joint Council, 257 Plymouth Ave. N. Regular Union meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Executive Board meetings are subject to call. The Union office is now located at the above address.