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

"Legislation is more and more invading economic life, where it can either bring order and stability or spread appalling havoc."—Dorothy Thompson.

Workers may well view with distrust any and all legislation purportedly designed to better the worker's economic lot in life. Improved conditions for the workers can best be assured when the workers themselves learn to rely upon their organized economic power, their unions, led by conscious and militant leaders.

"But at the present time in many parts of the country there are severe criticisms of the WPA jobs. Employees on farms, in factories, and throughout the labor market generally claim the WPA jobs have become seriously competitive. The WPA charity jobs are interfering with industry because of the difficulty of hiring workers who are unwilling to leave their easy WPA jobs."—Bernard McFadden, in Liberty.

There you have it cold turkey—discontinue WPA and place the workers at the factory gates to compete with the employed, to accept the bosses' terms or starve.

McFadden anticipates a rise in paper prices due to a "labor shortage" among wood choppers in the pulp wood industry. It is not difficult to perceive that a curtailment of true confession magazines might very seriously impair the culture of a great nation—and all because of WPA.

"A two to ten year plan to create 3,000,000 new jobs through planned investment of 25 billion dollars by private industry was proposed Tuesday by Lamont du Pont, President of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., in an address before the National Association of Manufacturers convention."—Mpls. Tribune.

What an absolute fraud and hoax this du Pont is trying to put over. All talk of planning under capitalism is sheer bunk. Private industry has shown time after time, in all countries, that it is no longer capable of developing the productive forces of humanity. This whole stunt of the National Association of Manufacturers is just so much preparation for taking away what little public relief remains, and throwing the working class back into the black and gloomy days we knew under Hoover.

Lewis Bolt, Nut Joins I. A. of M.

The workers of the Lewis Bolt and Nut Co. held an important meeting Monday night, Dec. 6, with splendid representation and excellent spirits. The chief matter under consideration was the agreement upon which they are working with the help of the representatives of the A. F. of L. machinists.

Delinquent ITO's Meet Sat. at 3 P. M.

The Executive Board of the Independent Truck Owners section of Local 544 has called a special meeting for all ITO men on WPA work who are delinquent in dues. This meeting will be held next Saturday at 3 p. m. The Board has worked out a schedule whereby delinquent members will be permitted to make installment payments over a period of time and thus place themselves in good standing with the Union.

Strike on at M-W St. Paul Plant

NSP WORKERS TO CONSIDER 1938 WAGE SCHEDULE

Utility Board Plans Meetings for December 8-12 for All Departments

The Utility Section Advisory Board has scheduled a series of meetings for the various departments to take up the question of the 1938 wage schedule at the N. S. P. Company. The first series of meetings will be as follows:

- Wednesday, December 8—Relay Section
- Wednesday, December 8—Overhead Department Committee
- Thursday, December 9—Riverside Plant Maintenance Crew
- Thursday, December 9—Riverside Plant Yard Crew
- Friday, December 10, 9 A. M.—Riverside Steam Plant Committee
- Friday, December 10—Underground Department
- Friday, December 10—Meter Readers
- Saturday, December 11, 10 A. M.—The Garage Crew
- Saturday, December 11, 10 A. M.—St. Anthony Falls Water Power Men
- Saturday, December 11, 10 A. M.—The Paint Crew, Generation Department
- Sunday, December 12, 10 A. M.—The Trouble Department

All of the above meetings except where otherwise noted will be held at 8 p. m. All meetings will be at the Union headquarters, 257 Plymouth Avenue North. Further meetings for the balance of the departments and groups will be announced next week, but owing to the general membership meeting coming next Thursday, the first four days of the week will be taken up by regular meetings in the main. That is, the Executive Board meets on Monday evening, the Utility Advisory Board on Tuesday evening, the Utility Stewards on Wednesday evening, and the General Membership meeting on Thursday evening.

Standard Oil Still Unfair

Attention of the labor movement is called to the fact that all Standard Oil products are to be standard. They are being delivered by non-union fink drivers. Withhold all patronage from Standard Oil until they play fair with union labor.

Standard Clerks Strike for Wages

The strike of retail clerks against the Standard Clothing company marks the first time that a large loop retail store has been cracked by Retail Clerks Local 1086. Late last week, over eighty percent of the 120 Standard employees went out on strike, after Mrs. Lynch, the owner, consistently refused over a period of time to even meet with union representatives.

Strikers are demanding recognition of the union and higher wages. A colorful and energetic picket line has been on hand daily, and has turned away literally thousands of customers. At no time has there been more than a handful of people in the store. Most of the time, the interior reminds one of a deserted village.

Since the retail clerks struck, the Sign Writers and Building Service Employees at the Standard have also come out for their own demands, and are participating in the picket lines.

The regular Tuesday luncheon of Minneapolis Business Agents reviewed the strike, and set up a Coordinating Committee which met at 3 p. m. Tuesday and laid plans for joint action of the Minneapolis union movement to assist Local 1086 by full moral and material support. A victory at Standard will send the union banner marching up Nicollet avenue.

Corcoran Case News of the Week

1. Coroner's inquest sessions ran for five days, examining many witnesses, developing many leads for continued search for the murderers of Pat Corcoran.
2. As inquest adjourned to reconvene December 22, most of the same witnesses were called before the Hennepin County grand jury to repeat their testimony.
3. Minneapolis Board of Union Business Agents meeting voted to recommend that the Central Labor Union sponsor a huge meeting to mobilize labor behind the hunt for Corcoran's assassins and to protect labor from boss press and Stalinist slanders.
4. Threats against Corcoran and other drivers' leaders, made by enemies of labor, were recorded by inquest witnesses.
5. A total of eleven A. F. of L. officials testified that their names had been fraudulently used by the Stalinists on a "volunteer committee" leaflet attacking the honor of the Minneapolis labor movement.
6. George Cole, Regional Director of the CIO, under questioning at the inquest, repudiated all responsibility and knowledge of the slanderous "CIO Industrial Unionist" paper issued by the Stalinists Mauseth and Smith.
7. A. F. of L. representatives branded as a frameup the "Bell affidavit" attempting to link Meyer Lewis with a plot to kill a CIO leader on the West Coast.

Hudson Elected by District Council for Corcoran's Place

M. Dunne Heads Committee to Adjust Drivers' Jurisdiction; Progress Reported in Iowa Locals

Thirty-five delegates from 23 union locals of the North Central District Drivers Council gathered in Minneapolis last Sunday for the special meeting of the Council's Executive Board. Union delegates were present from North and South Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

By unanimous vote, Brother Art Hudson, president of the St. Paul General Drivers Union, was elected chairman of the N. C. D. C., to fill the post held until recently by the martyred Pat Corcoran. Hudson will hold office until the regular mid-winter meeting of the Council on January 8-9 in St. Paul.

A committee headed by Miles Dunne was set up to adjust and define jurisdiction of the various General Drivers Locals. This committee will deliver its report at the January 8th meeting. Farrell Dobbs made a brief financial report which was followed by serious discussion on plans to secure more adequate financial support for the body. Miles Dunne submitted a report on the Corcoran case, listing the many actions taken by the Drivers and the local labor movement to stimulate the search for the assassins.

The Board met at 257 Plymouth Avenue from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m. Having quickly consolidated its victory in the recent transfer strike, General Drivers Local 749 of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has already presented contracts to the coal industry, is preparing to present working

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SKI WORKERS IN WISCONSIN ASK I. B. C. CHARTER

The coordination and strengthening of union organization among woodenware workers of the Northwest was reflected last week in New Richmond, Wisconsin, where employees of the Strand Ski company applied for a non-beneficial charter from the International Brotherhood of Carpenters. Formerly, all workers in New Richmond were covered by a Federal Charter of the AFL, Local 20518. Cereal workers, woodworkers, barbers and mechanics have all been in the same union. Steps have already been taken to preserve the unity in the movement. The executive board of the new Woodenware Workers Local has planned with the Executive Board of Local 20518 for a joint committee which will coordinate unionization work and complete the organization of all workers in New Richmond.

A union communication has already been sent to the management of the Strand Ski workers, giving the required six months' notice that the present contract will be terminated June 1, 1938. The present union contract, dated May 7, 1937, has not been a satisfactory one for the ski workers in New Richmond, and they are preparing now to register gains in wages and working conditions when the present working agreement is terminated.

The Woodenware Workers Union of New Richmond has closely followed the organizational work of the North Central District Council of Furniture and Woodenware Workers, and are now affiliated to the Council, which is seeking to coordinate unionization work among woodworkers throughout this region.

WMIN Radio Workers Press Boss for Contract

At a meeting of Station WMIN employees held Tuesday night at 257 Plymouth Avenue, it was voted unanimously to press negotiations for a contract. Employees of the station are organized in the Radio Section of Electrical Workers Local 292.

Negotiations are still proceeding between the union and Station WDMG. Employees in the engineering department of Station WTCN are displaying genuine interest in the union, and negotiations will shortly open here.

Warehouse Workers Strike Montgomery-Ward Plant

Girl Picket Arrested, Released on Bail; Twin City Labor Movement Lines Up Behind Strikers

With business in the retail store at a practical standstill, and with only a handful of scabs attempting to run the mail order department, the strike of Warehouse Employees Union Local 20297 of St. Paul against the Montgomery-Ward plant went into its third day Wednesday with a firm and determined picket line braving the bitter wind.

The Strike Committee of Twenty-four, which had made careful preparations for the struggle, announced Wednesday that moves are under way to increase the pressure upon the labor-hating management. The trade union movement of the Twin Cities is rapidly lining up behind the strikers. On Tuesday noon, the Minneapolis Board of Business Agents voted unanimously to support the Ward strike, and individual unions in both cities have already taken similar steps. The Minneapolis Warehouse Workers Local 20316 has pledged its full moral and material support in the struggle to cleanse the Ward open-shop store.

FWS to Press 20% Increase Monday

A special meeting of the Welfare Board, open to the public, will be held Monday night in the Mayor's reception room, at which the Joint Relief Committee will press its demands for a twenty percent increase in grocery budgets for all direct relief and WPA clients, and a \$9 monthly supplement for all relief families of two. Other demands will also be presented.

Under the present grocery budget, a family of four persons receives \$30.90 monthly, or \$1.15 daily, or actually less than 9c per meal per person. While the twenty percent increase would not permit clients to eat meat a few times a week, it would mean that relievers could get those necessary vegetables so vital to keeping health at a minimum standard.

The \$9 supplement for families of two is an absolute necessity. Landlords are a strange breed of people, and they charge just as much for a room whether it is occupied by two or by three people. They make no distinction between direct relief and WPA clients, though the former receive a smaller rent allotment than the latter. The present inadequate allocations for gas, electricity, rent, and coal make it imperative that families of two receive \$9 supplementary relief each month.

Commissary Operating smoothly in the strike headquarters, at 1609 University Avenue, three blocks from the struck plant. Hot meals and coffee are served at all hours. The commissary is manned by volunteer cooks from the commissary at Local 120's headquarters. Committees on relief and publicity are functioning. Letters have been sent to all union locals in Minnesota, notifying them of the strike and pointing out the anti-labor stand of the Montgomery-Ward company. It is anticipated that mail order sales of the M-W plant will fall to an all-time low as a result of the union tie-up. Ten thousand copies of a strike bulletin have been issued and distributed in St. Paul.

The demands which Local 20297 has made on Ward are: union recognition, wage increases, and strict seniority. For many weeks the union negotiating committee sought to get the company to accept its demands, only to have the company refuse point-blank. Provocatively, Ward has been firing good union men out of seniority.

If Watch Is Repaired, Look for Union Card

The Minneapolis Local 103 of the International Watchmakers Union has asked all workers, when taking watches and clocks for repairing, to patronize only those stores and shops displaying the Union Card.

Local 103 will appreciate it if each reader will think of this next time his watch needs repairing.

20316 Puts Back 8 Dayton Workers

Through the efforts of Warehouse Workers Local 20316, eight workers who were fired out of seniority by the Dayton company have been placed back on the job in the past few days. Executives of Local 20316 announce that all attempts by employers to persecute warehouse workers for their devotion to unionism will be combated in the most vigorous fashion.



Who Killed Him?

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

Labor Pushes Hunt for Pat's Slayers; Inquest Clears Away False Charges

Further steps to mobilize labor behind the man-hunt for Pat's slayers, and the five-days' sessions of the coroner's inquest, were the features of the week's developments in the Corcoran case.

The Minneapolis Board of Union Business Agents, meeting on Tuesday, voted to recommend that the Central Labor Union act as sponsor for a huge mass meeting to rally all organized labor to back the hunt for Pat's assassins and to protect labor from boss press and Communist party slanders.

Threats of enemies of labor, directed against both Pat Corcoran and other drivers' leaders, were testified to by a number of witnesses at the inquest.

Evidence introduced at the inquest proved to the hilt the Northwest Organizer's charges that Stalinists, masquerading under various false fronts, were behind the systematic campaign to smear the unions with "gangsterism and racketeering in the labor movement."

When last week's Organizer was going to press, we were already able to report that many A. F. of L. officials had repudiated the use of their names on a leaflet issued by a "volunteer committee," the only known member of which was Harold Bean, notorious Stalinist. By the time the

been employed with impunity but without authority by the Mauseth-Smith-Bean gang.

Never Read It

Cole declared that he had not even read the story in the alleged CIO paper, which termed Corcoran's death "the local outcome of gangsterism and racketeering fostered by the Dunne brothers, William Brown and Farrell Dobbs leadership."

"Will you assume responsibility for the statements in the paper?" Cole was asked by juror Allen Sollie.

"No sir," was Cole's decided answer.

But the very next day, Saturday, Cole and James Porter, sub-regional director of packing-house organization of the CIO in Minnesota, appeared at union headquarters in Austin, bringing with them two large bundles of the same "CIO Industrial Unionist" which Cole had repudiated when under oath on the witness stand!

A laugh went through the room when Cole was asked: "What are your powers (as Regional Director)?"

"I don't know myself," Cole replied.

Just what kind of "labor leaders" constitute the Harold Bean-Bill Mauseth gang was revealed when one of them, hailed to the witness stand to explain why he asserted the unions were ridden with gangsters, was being questioned.

The man, H. Opperman of the Plaster Tenders, had asserted that he had been threatened and struck by men whom he assumed were in the labor movement. "Why do you think that these men were labor men?" asked Juror I. G. Scott, "Couldn't they have been stool-pigeons or agents of the bosses?"

"No. I never did the bosses any harm," answered Opperman, and the room went into uproarious laughter at his amazing confession that the only direction from which he expected enemies was not the bosses from whom he was supposed to wrest conditions and wages, but the trade unions!

Bosses' Role Suggested One of the dramatic moments of (Continued on page 8)

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

St. Paul Laundry Workers Sign First Union Contract

Seven Hundred Members of Local 150 Gain Seniority, Time and One-Half, Week's Vacation

Seven hundred members of the Laundry Workers Union Local 150 in St. Paul are covered by the working agreement printed below, the first ever signed in the St. Paul laundry industry. Many gains over previous working conditions are embodied in the contract, including time and one-half for overtime, strict seniority, recognition of shop committees, the week's vacation with pay, wage in-


creases of from 4c to 8c hourly, etc. The complete text follows: THIS AGREEMENT entered into by and between Dry Cleaning and Laundry Workers Union, Local No. 150, chartered by Laundry Workers International Union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, hereinafter called "union," and those employers represented by the Laundry and Dry Cleaning Plant Owners' Association of Saint Paul, hereinafter referred to as "the employer."

Article I. The union shall be the sole collective bargaining agency of those classifications of the employees covered by this agreement in collective bargaining with the employer. There shall be no discrimination against any employee because of union affiliations. All employees now involved in the labor dispute between Locals 150, 319, and 36 and their affiliations, shall return to work according to seniority, union or non-union. A shop committee approved by the Union shall be elected by the employees in each laundry, linen and dry cleaning plant. The members of this committee must have one year's seniority in the plant to be eligible.

Article II. Any claim of alleged violation of wage and hour provisions of this agreement to receive consideration, must be filed in writing, specifying the details of the alleged violation with the employer within thirty days after the regular pay day, for the period in which the alleged violation occurred. The thirty day limitation shall not apply where there is evidence of collusion between the employer and employee to violate the contract.

Article III. In the event that the employer violates the provisions of the foregoing articles or deliberately violates any provisions elsewhere in this agreement relating to wages or hours of work or vacations; any back pay

Bill Brown Says—



The St. Paul bosses are like a lot of other people we know. They've been hollering themselves blue in the face about the General Drivers Local using gangster-tactics. It came to a show-down in the court a couple of days ago, the bosses' hand was called, and they were riding on a bluff. "The truth will out," as Shakespeare laughingly said.

BILL BROWN
President of 544

owed to the employees because of such violation shall be paid by the employer at the rate of two times the amount involved, if so ordered, as a result of negotiations as provided for in Article 4. Reasonable evidence of clerical error or honest mistake in interpretation of agreement shall exempt the employer from the double penalty provision. Where there is evidence of collusion between employer and employee to violate the contract, any back pay collected shall be deposited with the union.

Article IV. In any controversy arising from the interpretation of or adherence to the terms and provisions of this agreement, an attempt of settlement between the union and the employer shall be made. If the controversy cannot be so settled promptly, the employer or the union may request that the matter be referred to a committee consisting of three representatives of the employer and three representatives of the union for settlement. This committee of six may, by majority vote, elect a seventh neutral party to assist in settling the controversy. The majority decisions of the joint committee shall be final and binding on both parties. The union and the employer agree that there shall be no strike, stoppage of work, or lockout without first using all possible means of peaceful settlement of any controversy which might arise.

Article V. Forty-five (45) hours shall constitute normal week's work in the Laundry, Linen Supply and Rug Cleaning Industries, and forty (40) hours shall constitute a normal week's work in the Dry Cleaning Industry. (a) In the Dry Cleaning Industry, two periods of six (6) consecutive weeks each during the period from March 15 to May 15 inclusive, and from August 20 to October 20 inclusive, of each year shall have five (5) additional hours a week added which may be worked without over-

Article VI. Overtime shall begin after eight (8) hours per day, except on Saturday when overtime shall begin after five (5) hours and/or 1 P. M., except that one additional hour on any two (2) days of the week at the discretion of the employer may be worked without overtime. All hours worked in excess of the time stated above, shall all hours in excess of forty-five (45) in the Laundry, Linen Supply and Rug Cleaning, and in excess of forty (40) hours in the Dry Cleaning except for the forty-five (45) hours provided during the peak period, shall be paid for at the rate of time and one-half. (b) In plants operating on a five (5) day week, overtime shall not begin until after nine (9) hours per day has been worked or in the instance of the Dry Cleaning Industry when on a forty (40) hour normal week's work, eight (8) hours. These plants shall also have the right to work an additional hour without overtime in any two (2) days of the work week as provided heretofore in this article.

Article VII. The following days shall be recognized as legal holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Work performed on any of these days, or on Sunday, shall be considered as overtime and shall be paid for at double the regular rate. There shall be no work performed on Labor Day.

Article VIII. Any employee reporting for work on any day or days from Monday to Friday inclusive of any week, unless notified the previous working day not to report, shall be paid for at least six (6) hours employment, not to apply in case of break down beyond control of the employer. (a) Any employee reporting for work on Saturday, unless notified the previous working day not to report shall be paid for at least four (4) hours employment, not to apply in case of breakdown beyond control of employer.

Article IX. The attached minimum wage scale, which shall apply equally to employees of both sexes shall be in force and effect for the duration of this agreement. (a) Foremen, Foreladies or department supervisors doing and responsible for productive work shall receive a rate not less than ten percent (10%) above the rate for the highest paid classification in the department. Overtime rates to apply also.

Article X. Any employee compensated on a "piece work" or "incentive plan" basis shall be paid at least the minimum wage for his or her classification as provided in the attached wage schedule, and all other provisions in this contract in connection with hours, overtime, and other working conditions, shall apply equally. (a) Any time spent by the employee in keeping records of production, or any other work required of them by the employer shall be treated as a part of their regular hours of employment.

Article XI. Wages earned shall be paid in full weekly in currency or negotiable check. The undersigned employer agrees not to reduce the present wage scale of any employee affected by the attached classified wage scale. No employee now getting a weekly wage shall be put on an hourly basis to defeat the provisions of this contract.

Article XII. The undersigned employer agrees that, the performance of their duties meeting the requirements of the position involved, that they will select, retain, promote, transfer, lay-off, discharge and rehire employees in the order of their seniority. **Article XIII.** Seniority shall be determined by the length of time the employee has

been employed by the same employer, and in slack periods, or in the event of lay-offs the last employed shall be the first laid off, or work the shorter hours, that the oldest employees in point of service may get as nearly as possible to forty (40) hours in the Dry Cleaning department, and forty-five (45) hours in the Laundry, Linen Supply and Rug Cleaning Department. (a) When a new classification is created or a vacancy occurs, consideration shall first be given to the oldest employee in point of service, and he shall be given a trial if he has the ability to fill the new job or vacancy. (b) Where only one person is employed in any of the classifications set up in the attached schedules entitled "Definition of Positions" that person shall receive the wage rate specified for Classification "a."

Article XV. A regular employee whose employment with the undersigned is terminated by the employer for just cause shall be given one week's notice or one week's pay in lieu thereof, except for drunkenness, dishonesty, or drinking while on duty which shall not be considered to include moderate drinking during the lunch hour. (a) A regular employee is hereby defined as one who has been regularly and continuously employed by the same employer for a period of sixty (60) days. Intermittent employment shall not be used to defeat the purpose of this definition. The seniority of any employee upon attaining the status of a regular employee shall be considered to date as of the first day of employment. **Article XVI.** The employer agrees not to enter into any agreement or contract with his employees who are in the classifications herein noted, individually or collectively, which in any way conflicts with the terms and provisions of this agreement. The union agrees not to enter into any contract with any other individual, employer, or group of employers on any terms that establish minimum standards below the conditions set forth in this contract. (a) The undersigned employer agrees to maintain adequate record of wages paid, hours of daily and weekly employment and to keep same on hand for at least sixty (60) days so that the Representatives of the Union and the Association may examine same for any cause whatsoever at any reasonable time in such manner as they decide. (b) Copies of this agreement with the attached wage scale shall be posted in conspicuous places in the plants and the Representative of the Union and the Association shall have access to these plants to determine that they are so posted upon application to the office. (c) All employees shall be requested to keep complete record of time worked, showing hours and days worked each week. (d) All time shall be determined and paid for to the nearest five (5) minute period. Employees must punch their own time card. **Article XVII.** No employee shall be discriminated against and no employee shall be discharged for giving information regarding violations of this agreement to the Union or to its authorized representatives. (a) Employees shall not be obliged to pass through a Picket Line formed by any other legitimate Union involving their employers. The Union agrees to do all in its power to help effect a peaceful settlement of any controversy which might arise with any other union. **Article XVIII.** Employees with one year or more of continuous employment with the same employer shall be granted one week's vacation with pay. (a) Any employee notified to report for work shall be given a reasonable length of time to report. Failure on the part of any employee to report within a reasonable length of time, shall forfeit his or her seniority rights. Voluntary termination of em-

ployment by the employee or discharge shall automatically terminate his or her seniority. **Article XIX.** To the extent legally possible, the undersigned agree that their heirs, assigns and successors shall be bound by the provisions of this covenant. **Article XX.** This agreement and the rights conferred herein shall become effective as of the date hereof, and continue until sixty days written notice, by United States mail, by either party to the other desiring a change, which date of termination however, cannot be prior to August first, 1938. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have caused this agreement to be duly executed this _____ day of November, 1937.

WAGE SCHEDULE LAUNDRY INDUSTRY

Position	Hourly Rate Effective
Washman "A"	\$.60
Washman "B"	\$.50
Weighter-Sorter	\$.36
Marker	\$.36
Wringerman "A"	\$.30
Combination Wringerman, Packer and Assemblyman	\$.50
Packer and Assemblyman	\$.45
Hand Washer	\$.35
Press Operators	\$.35
Hand Ironer	\$.35
Shirt Press Operator	\$.35
Shirt Finisher Folder	\$.35
Collar Finisher	\$.35
Checker	\$.35
Sock Finisher	\$.34
Classifier	\$.34
Starcher	\$.34
Tumbler Operator	\$.34
Flat Work Shakers	\$.34
Flat Work Feeders	\$.34
Flat Work Folders	\$.34
Wrappier	\$.34
Curtain-Blanket Finisher	\$.34
Seamstress	\$.40
Shipping Clerk	\$.50

WAGE SCHEDULE DRY CLEANING AND DYEING INDUSTRIES

Position	Hourly Rate
Spotter Silk "A"	\$.95
Spotter Silk "B"	\$.68
Spotter, Wool "A"	\$.60
Spotter, Wool "B"	\$.50
Steam Cleaner "A"	\$.60
Steam Cleaner "B"	\$.50
Dry Cleaner	\$.70
Dry Cleaner Helper	\$.50
Dyer "A"	\$.95
Dyer "B"	\$.50
Presser, Men's Clothes Machine Operator "A"	\$.65
Presser, Men's Clothes Machine Operator "B"	\$.55
Presser, Ladies' Clothes Machine "A"	\$.65
Presser, Ladies' Clothes Machine Operator "B"	\$.55
Presser, Hand Operator "A"	\$.48
Presser, Hand Operator "B"	\$.41
Hatter	\$.65
Dressmaker	\$.44
Seamstress	\$.40
Rug Cleaners and Furniture Cleaners	\$.60
Rug Helpers	\$.50
Bushelman	\$.68
Bushelman Helper	\$.44
Checkers, Markers, and Floor Girls	\$.42
Inspector	\$.42

one (1) beginner or learner. The limitation on beginners and learners applying to ten (10) or more productive employees shall be on the ratio of one (1) beginner or learner to ten (10) regular productive employees or fraction thereof. An apprentice shall be any person who has not had previous experience at the position to which he or she is employed as an apprentice, beginner or learner, beginner or learner, but in no event shall he or she receive the rate of pay lower than he received in any other position previously held by him by the same employer. The following patents were issued November 30, 1937, to Minnesota Inventors, as recorded by WILLIAMSON & WILLIAMSON, Patent Attorneys, 925 Metropolitan Life Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota: Beeve, Paul F., St. Paul, Minn., container; Foster, Waldi E., Minneapolis, Minn., conditioning of flour; Heidbrink, Jay A., Minneapolis, Minn., gas administering machine; Huhn, Paul J., St. Paul, Minn., abrading device; Meyer, Amos E., Minneapolis, Minn., gas lawn mower; Schmidt, Carl A. and Bricher, H. D., St. Paul, Minn., pan with collapsible support. Beginners and learners in the dry cleaning and dyeing industries, except spotters, steamers, hand pressers, dry and steam cleaners, dyers and rug cleaners, shall for the first three (3) months receive \$16.00 per week, but after said period shall receive wages in accord with the above classification. Beginners and learners classified as Machine Pressers, shall receive not less than \$18.00 per week for the first two (2) months, and thereafter receive the rate of "B" Presser until qualified as an "A" Presser. Beginners and learners in the dry cleaning and dyeing industries, except spotters, dry and steam cleaners, dyers and rug cleaners shall for the first four (4) months receive not less than \$14.00 per week; for the next two (2) months following, they shall receive not less than \$20.00; and thereafter receive wages according to their classifications. Beginners and learners classified as hand pressers shall receive not less than \$14.00 per week for the first two (2) months, and thereafter receive the rate of "B" Hand Presser until qualified as an "A" Hand Presser. Limitations of apprentices: Employees employing from one to ten productive employees are permitted

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Vern Simonson Assaulted; Friend of Drivers Unions

Vern Simonson, Minneapolis Socialist party member and leader of an opposition group in Local 38 of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, was brutally attacked and injured by a gang who seized him at 7:30 p. m., Thursday night, December 2, as he was returning from supper to his job on the night shift at the Strutwear hosiery plant.

Dr. H. P. McCrimmon, of 601 Medical Arts Building, stated that he had, "a severe brain concussion, two broken ribs on the left side, and the abdominal region badly swollen from kicks."

Half-conscious and in extreme pain, Simonson labored to give an account of the attack and his opinion concerning the reasons for it. Pieced together his story was:

On Sixth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenue south, on the south side of the street, a group of men seized him and dragged him behind a building, striking him on the head and kicking him in the ribs and stomach. They fled when a car approached and its driver stopped and came over to see what was happening. The driver helped Simonson into the car and took him to Simonson's home, at 6500 Fifteenth avenue south, where his sister immediately called Dr. McCrimmon. After examining him, Dr. McCrimmon reported the attack to the police.

As a union man associated with Vincent R. Dunne and other labor leaders in a fight to prevent the splitting of unions and to maintain the unity of the labor movement of Minneapolis, Simonson had come into sharp conflict with the group dominating the local union to which he belonged.

V. R. Dunne, Socialist Party organizer and associate of Pat Corcoran in the leadership of the Drivers' Union said:

"Vern Simonson is the second victim of violence against labor, the victim of open or disguised enemies of labor. He is associated with the same group of labor officials as was Pat Corcoran. Whether in or out of the A. F. of L., this group has always stood for a united labor movement and against union-splitting."

"I want to emphasize most emphatically that Vern had no quarrel

with the national leadership of his union. When Alex McKeown was stationed here as the representative of the national office of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, Vern and he were on the best of terms and were in substantial agreement on union policy. Likewise, it must be noted that throughout the country the American Federation of Hosiery Workers maintains cordial relations with the entire labor movement. Only in Minneapolis, under the regime of the Bill Mauseth-Hillard Smith gang who control Vern's local, is there friction with the labor movement. Vern Simonson opposed this insane union-splitting policy as well as he could as the lone oppositionist on the local's executive board, and as a result was vilified, calumniated and threatened by those pursuing a mad policy of rule or ruin.

"They hated Vern Simonson not only for his trade union policy but at least equally for his political program. As a left wing Socialist, Simonson is opposed to the frame-up and murder system perpetrated on an international scale by the Communist parties of Stalin. It is of course a notorious fact that the same Mauseth-Smith-Bean gang who fought him in the unions are also partisans of Stalin. They denounce Vern Simonson as a "Trotskyist-fascist" and declare they will drive all of us out of the labor movement. They try to raise a lynch spirit against us, which can lead to anything."

"These utterly irresponsible people have been attempting to strike at our group by attempting to link us with alleged gangsterism in the labor movement. They have thus created an atmosphere in which any enemy of labor can strike down labor leaders with impunity, for the Mauseth-Smith propaganda has in advance pinned all such crimes on the labor movement itself. The fact is that the bona fide labor movement of Minneapolis, the most progressive in the country, is clean as a hound's tooth. These attacks come from enemies of labor, whether open or disguised."

Cabbies Maintain Lead in Bowling

By taking two games from the Teamsters Joint Council team, the cabbies of Local 125 retained their grip on first place in the union bowling league. Liquor, with a double victory over the Consolidated, is in second place and pushing the leaders hard. A score of 579 by Hedins led the Ice Drivers to take three from the Soft Drinks. The Warehousemen won two from the Meat Drivers to round off the week's bowling at the Lincoln Alleys.

The team standings:

Team	Won	Lost
Local 125	23	7
Phillips	21	9
Meat Drivers	20	10
Ice Drivers	15	15
Local 20316	12	18
Soft Drinks	11	19
T. J. C.	9	21
Consolidated	9	21

LABOR PUSHES MAN - HUNT FOR PAT'S SLAYERS

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The inquest came when juror Charles Horn raised the question of outside truck operators while Farrell Dobbs, secretary-treasurer of Local 544, was on the witness stand.

HORN: Isn't it a fact that truck operators from other cities, like Des Moines and Kansas City, with lower wage scales, come in here looking for business?

DOBBS: Yes, but the rule is that they must pay the Minneapolis scale.

HORN: Doesn't that cause resentment?

DOBBS: They are aggrieved about it, all right.

HORN: Perhaps the slaying may have been a case of revenge by some outside operator?

DOBBS: I don't like to make any accusations, but it is not beyond the realms of possibility.

Mrs. Corcoran Testifies

The most moving moments of the inquest were those in which Mrs. P. J. Corcoran, widow of Pat, sat in the witness chair. Pale and bent, at times weeping softly, and tragedy stamped in every line of her body as she sought to help the search for her husband's slayers, Mrs. Corcoran told of various threats made against Pat. She will probably be recalled for further details when the inquest re-convenes.

Bosses' Gangster Threat

Threats by bosses' gangsters against Pat were entered into the record when Frank Dorrance, a milk wagon driver and old friend of Corcoran told how, a year ago, he and John, Pat's brother, learned from Pat of a threat made by "Bugs" Moran, Chicago gangster. At the time, Pat was directing a unionization campaign among ice cream drivers, and the bosses involved were unwilling to negotiate, though they did later. Corcoran was taken out in a car by Moran, and warned that he would be murdered if he did not stop organizing these workers. Corcoran defied the gangster and successfully completed the unionization drive.

"Fan Mail"

Vincent Dunne testified that threats against union leaders are regular occurrences, particularly when labor is making great strides. "Of course, we all get threats in the labor movement. We regard them as our fan mail. Most of the letters are anonymous. A short time before Corcoran was killed we turned some of them over to the police."

Commenting on the same point, Farrell Dobbs said: The only recent threats were those which had been made against us as a group, and which we paid no attention to."

Threats made against the Dunes and Bill Brown by four men, on November 4 in a beer parlor, were testified to by Dr. Russell Noice.

Throughout the inquest sessions, continuous complaints were made by the Communist party officials and the employers' press that Grant Dunne was running the investigation.

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A. F. of L. Officer Brands Bell Charge A Frame-Up

An attempt to frame up Meyer Lewis, A. F. of L. representative in Minneapolis, by linking him with an alleged plot to kill Harry Bridges on the West Coast, was exposed and refuted in a statement issued last week by William Wright, associate of Mr. Lewis.

At every point at which the affidavit bolstering the preposterous charge could be checked with facts, Mr. Wright was able to show that the story was a complete fabrication.

His statement follows in full:

"My attention has been called to certain startling charges made in an affidavit read at a meeting in Minneapolis last evening, to the effect that Mr. Meyer L. Lewis, personal representative of William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, had paid one thousand dollars to one Robert J. Bell, residing at 2715 N. E. McKinley Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, to assassinate a prominent labor leader on the west coast. Mr. Lewis is out of the city, and has not been apprised of the sensational charges made against him. However, as a representative of the American Federation of Labor, I can point out some of the inconsistencies of the charges made, and let Mr. Lewis speak for himself when he returns to the city.

"The charges made in the Bell affidavit state that Mr. Lewis gave him a check for one thousand dollars, drawn on the Market Bank of Minneapolis. We may assume that he referred to the Marquette National Bank of this city. Neither Mr. Lewis, nor the American Federation of Labor has an account in this bank, nor have they ever had accounts at the Marquette National.

"The affidavit states that Mr. Lewis gave Bell this check on September 28, 1937. Mr. Lewis was in Denver, Colorado, on September 28, 1937, having left Minneapolis on the evening of Friday, September 24.

"Bell states that he gave six hundred dollars of this amount to his wife.

"I assumed my present position on September 24, 1937, and a few days later, Mrs. Robert J. Bell called me and stated that she was destitute. She wanted to locate her husband. She later informed me that her stove had been attached, and asked our office to assist her in getting on city relief. She said her efforts to get on relief had been fruitless because the investigator was of the opinion that her husband was in the employ of the American Federation of Labor. I took the matter up with the relief committee of the General Drivers Local No. 544 to see if anything could be done for her, and the committee was able to get partial relief for her. She is now on relief.

"I wish to say here and now, that Robert John Bell has never been on the payroll of the American Federation of Labor. I, personally, drove him off the job of organizing the filling station attendants in Duluth when I was assigned to that territory. I had undertaken to organize the filling station attendants, and soon found that Bell had been signing up numbers and pocketing the money. He made away with something over seven hundred dollars that he had collected and never accounted for.

"It may suit the purposes of the Communists, agitators, and disruptionists to resort to such tactics, but the fact that they have resorted to such tactics should be enough to convince any fair minded person that these attacks are unfounded.

"WILLIAM F. WRIGHT,
Representative
"American Federation of Labor."

Rough Cuts and Mike Measurements

The splitters continue to be afraid of the truth. They use intimidation to prevent workers from acting in accordance with their intelligence. You are not supposed to think. You are to take your instructions from the Stalin corporals, and obey without question.

Mauseth still would have you believe that gangster enemies of organized labor would like to get him. To any one that understands the nature of Whispering Bill's work, this is just funny.

The misguided splitters at the Moline in Minneapolis don't like to see hand bills appear in their midst. Truth hurts. No thief likes to be confronted with convicting evidence. These Moline workers will not always remain in the dark. When they do

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Watt Notes

The Union has dispatched a telegram to the A. F. of L. and CIO factions in Washington urging settlement of their disputes. A little pressure from the rank and file union members should have some effect.

The last stewards' meeting was very well attended. Keep it up, Brothers, for these meetings are important.

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see the light, it will be a sorry day for the Mauseths.

Well-organized labor unions do not have to stoop to gangster methods or employ gangsters to accomplish gains for their people. The logic of the matter is that gangsterism would be encouraged by irresponsibles who cannot appeal to the workers' intelligence, and by those who do not want organization.

If the Organizer would only refrain from telling the truth, the Mauseth-CIO splitters would be happy.

When Stalin jerked another knot in the crooked 'line' and the blind but faithful in America accordingly decided to put Lewis at the head of the organized labor movement, the Communist party had to pull a lot of literature off its bookstore shelves. They used to expose Lewis' record of betrayal in the United Mine Workers, but now he is O. K. We always were inclined to the opinion that no good use could ever be made of a rotten egg.

Who is responsible for the civil war in the labor movement if not the people who are now attempting to split organized labor? Should the established unions submit to the splitting operation without resistance? Do workers want their organizations to be seized and dictated to by the Stalin-Browder-Mauseth suppressors of democracy?

Bean is just another disrupter who hid his identity until he had sneaked into the labor movement. We know who he is now. Says he does not think one should be a member of organized labor at the point of a six shooter. Stalin uses rifles in the U. S. S. R.

We hear the splitters have been visiting the A. F. of L. workers employed by North Side Motor Co., at their homes with a bottle on the hip. If intimidation won't turn the trick, try hootch, and very likely, some honeyed promises. Any method is O. K. with the splitters. The main thing is to split.

The splitters had a hard time trying to give reasons why the machinists and mechanics at the Central Highway shops should desert their union, at a meeting in the Hamline hotel.

Up to this writing, nobody has been hauled out of the Moline plant in Minneapolis in a wheelbarrow for refusing to join the CIO. And they have not all joined the CIO either; in fact, increasing numbers are swinging toward the A. F. of L. machinists where they belong. These men will yet decide to have a real union.

What's happened to our old friend, the "People's Press"? We have been looking forward to our usual weekly laugh!

The Mauseth-Bean mass meeting heard all about gangsterism in the labor movement, a la CIO-disruptionists style. They threw no light on the Corcoran murder, however. It is strange that they could not even influence one's suspicions.

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When I ply my needle, trowel or pick
I'm a decent Shoney, Wop or Mick,
But when I strike I'm a Bolshevik
I'm Labor.

Find the Murderers of Pat Corcoran!

Pat Corcoran has been dead since November 17, but nobody is in jail for his murder.

Vern Simonson was brutally assaulted on December 2, but nobody is in jail for the crime.

Why have the criminals not been caught? We don't expect miracles. We are prepared to be patient—ON ONE CONDITION: THAT THE AUTHORITIES CONCENTRATE ON FINDING THE CRIMINALS. This they have not yet done.

There are two diametrically opposing points of view concerning the murder of Pat Corcoran and the assault on Vern Simonson. Every worker, every friend of labor, every decent man and woman, must try to grasp fully the fundamental difference between the two opposite points of view, and take their stand with the view held by organized labor.

The viewpoint of organized labor was embodied in the resolution, which we printed last week, adopted by the meeting of labor leaders gathered at the call of the Minneapolis Board of Union Business Agents. That view can be expressed in one simple sentence: ORGANIZED LABOR WANTS TO GET THE MURDERERS OF PAT CORCORAN, WHO ARE OBVIOUSLY ENEMIES OF LABOR, AND THEREFORE CALLS FOR CONCENTRATION OF ALL EFFORTS ON THE MAN-HUNT FOR PAT'S SLAYERS.

The other view is that of the enemies of labor! They try to pin the murder on "gangsterism and racketeering in the labor movement." Our enemies DON'T WANT TO FIND THE MURDERERS OF PAT CORCORAN. Because if the criminals were found, there would be an immediate end to the slander campaign. Our enemies prefer to have the identity of the murderers remain a mystery. First, because those murderers certainly came from the enemies of labor. Second, because only so long as Pat's murderers are not found, only that long can our enemies go on trying to pin it on the trade unions for which Pat lived and died.

It is obvious that only the viewpoint of organized labor can lead to success in the search for Pat's murderers. To get the criminals, you have got to make up your mind that you will concentrate on the hunt for them.

Every conceivable device is being used by our enemies to derail the hunt for Pat's murderers into a slimy attack on the memory of Pat and the integrity of his unions. Let us cite an example which can be verified by scores of labor officials. Last February, when the alleged threat at revolver-point was made by unknown persons against Detlaf Wieck, he and his friends—the Bean-Mauseth-Smith crowd—reported it the night it allegedly happened, to the Central Labor Union meeting. AT THAT TIME THEY MADE NO REFERENCE WHATSOEVER TO PAT CORCORAN. Nor did they ever, in Pat's lifetime, attempt to link him with the incident.

But now Pat's dead. He can't speak up and defend himself. So Detlaf Wieck, in his testimony at the coroner's inquest, introduced an entirely new detail, invented for the occasion: He said that his alleged assailants told him: "We're Corcoran's boys."

We shall be blunt. Detlaf Wieck, in saying this, acted as the mouthpiece for an attempt to brand Pat Corcoran as an employer of gangsters, and by so branding him to discredit the unions for which Pat lived and died. Motivated by interests alien and opposed to organized labor, the Bean-Mauseth-Smith gang are attempting a body blow against our trade union movement. In doing this, they open the road for the Citizens Alliance. As times get worse, the bosses are irked by the successes of the unions. Yes, this slander campaign against the unions, if at all successful, will immediately be followed up by an open bosses' attack on the economic gains of the unions.

Thus the search for Pat's murderers, the full concentration of all efforts on this search, is also the most immediately necessary step to prevent an attack on wage scales and conditions by the enemies of labor.

"Red-Baiting" and the Unions

Reprinted from Wisconsin Labor

(We here re-print an excellent article on "Red-baiting" appearing in "Wisconsin Labor" for 1937, the yearbook of the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor.)

In this age of phrases people are likely to become predisposed to accept almost any exaggerated or distorted meaning of a word or utterance without regard to its true definition. Acceptance of such deceptive phrases constitutes an imposition upon our language and upon the people who use it. We are reminded of our assertion, made after close study, that communist adherents have taken the reins of the CIO chariot and are directing the present campaign of that irresponsible group aiming to destroy the American Federation of Labor. Immediately the cry of "red-baiting" was raised. The term was once used in the sense of unwarrantedly attacking the "reds" or "radicals." Even these latter terms have lost their original meaning and are now employed to designate irrational persons or destructive movements. "Red-baiting" formerly was understood to convey a charge of constant interference with the right of free thought if that thought was liberal or radical, and with the privilege of subscribing to a philosophy if that philosophy departed from the status quo. The misuse of the phrase is due to a dishonest attempt of spokesmen of the "reds" to elicit sympathy by distorting its real meaning and blurring its clarity.

So well have they succeeded in creating confusion in the minds of thousands of people that "red-baiting" has taken on a new significance. Formerly, when someone attacked liberalism or radicalism unjustly and assailed the right to an opposing opinion or principle, the term "red-baiting" was applicable. Today, you mustn't express a contraopinion. You mustn't criticize what seems to you a fallacious program, an untenable position or an unsound philosophy. No longer may you comment adversely upon any of the tactics employed by those who have assumed the title of "reds," however undemocratic, illogical, unreasonable or destructive their course of action may seem. You mustn't do it—unless you want to run the risk of being charged with "red-baiting." According to the communist understanding, as evidenced by their loose charges of "red-baiting," anything that is said and done in its name must pass as sound and fury.

Our conception of democracy has suffered no revision to accommodate a fleeting situation. To subscribe to a philosophy is the right of every person. If in pursuance to that philosophy tactics injurious to others are employed, quite another question

First Strike at Big Loop Store



Over eighty per cent of the 120 employees at the Standard Clothing company, 6th and Nicollet, are on strike under the banner of Retail Clerks Local 1086. The strikers are demanding union recognition and wage increases. The struggle is particularly significant because it is the first strike yet to be called against a major loop store. Pickets have been completely successful in discouraging customers from entering the union-hating concern.

arises. In the latter case moral as well as legal rights may be at stake.

A cause or a principle that cannot survive honest criticism should diagnose itself to ascertain its ailment. An effort that cannot stand the test of scrutiny should forthwith be abandoned.

Hudson Elected by NCDDC To Fill Pat Corcoran's Place

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agreements to the beer and soft drink bosses, and are now in negotiations with the Korkshire Creamery, local branch of Morrell's.

Emanuel Holstein, NCDDC representative, will remain in Sioux Falls for the rest of the winter. He and Harvey Flint, member of Local 749, were in Minneapolis Sunday for the North Central Council executive meeting. They report that negotiations at Watertown, South Dakota, are at a standstill for the present.

Mason City Negotiating

The General Drivers Local 828 of Mason City, Iowa, is now negotiating with the Iowa State Brands Creamery for those drivers formerly employed by the Billman Motor Express, a company recently purchased by the Iowa State Brands Creamery. Drivers at Armour & company are also negotiating, demanding the regular Twin Cities wage scale. A special meeting of the coal and lumber section of Local 828 was held Wednesday night, December 8. Larry Davidson, who is spending most of his time in Mason City, attended the NCDDC board meeting in Minneapolis on Sunday.

He reported that General Drivers Local 845 of Albert Lea is now negotiating with the lumber and coal industry. A contract was ratified at a special section meeting of the union held last week. Frank Johnson, secretary of the Local, is being assisted by Davidson in the negotiations.

Western Minnesota

Clarence Schwab, Council organizer, has been spending most of his time with drivers' locals in the western part of Minnesota. Last week he met with the milk dealers of St. Cloud; the Land o'Lakes management in Hutchinson, etc. On Friday he met with the dairy employees in Red Wing, who will shortly become part of the General Drivers movement in that town. Roy Phillips, secretary-treasurer of the Watertown Drivers Local 277, was in Minneapolis last week on union matters.

On Saturday, December 11, negotiations for creamery and produce workers in Litchfield, Hutchinson and Benson will be carried on in Litchfield, with the assistance of Schwab.

North Side Motor Votes for I. A. of M. For Union Agent

The result of the vote taken at the North Side Motor Co. was that the International Association of Machinists has been designated as the representative of the employees of the shop. The vote was taken in accordance with conditions of a legal agreement entered into by the firm, the International Association of Machinists and the CIO organization which has been picketing the place of business for weeks.

Picketing is to be immediately discontinued by Mauseth's splitters under penalty of \$50 per day for each day of interference with the business of the firm after the vote was taken.

The so-called strike at the North Side Motors was the result of the CIO policy of calling strikes by a minority of employees against the better judgment of the majority. In this case discharge of an employee, which was later shown to be justified, was the excuse for the strike. The violence which took place was instigated by the CIO element attempting to drive the workers off the job by force.

Frameup Flops; Drivers Freed

Thomas Larkin and Herbert Yates, organizers for General Drivers Local 120, were free men again on Monday, when assault and battery charges against Larkin and disorderly conduct charges against Yates were dismissed by Judge Clayton Parks in St. Paul municipal court.

The attempt to frame up our union brothers was part of the campaign, still going on, to smear the drivers' unions as thugs, plug-uglies, gangsters, etc.

When the charges and arrests were made, the employers' press prominently displayed the stories. But when the phony case against them collapsed, the fact got little space in the press.

There is still some justice around here. Charges are made and flung around and published in the press, but when our enemies have to make good their charges by producing evidence in court, their frame-up flop.

Independent Truck Chatter

Nary a word about the non-appearance of your chatter column in last week's issue. Evidently a dash of new life is needed, otherwise the old bones better be dragged off for burial. Anyhow Mickey overlooked presenting our copy until after the deadline. Always blame it on somebody else. Alibi Ike, that's me.

Nomination and Election

A fully representative slate of candidates for office were nominated at last Thursday's meeting. Attendance was excellent; well over two hundred members were present. Election of officers will be held at the January meeting. Polls will be open at 7 p. m.

Curt prophecies the heavy hand of the law will thrust its forbidding weight down on the most successful of I. T. O. projects (via the Attorney General's office).

So Let's Call Him Red!

He says that his name must not be mentioned any more in this column. His former employers refuse to hire him any more because they see his name in the Organizer so often they believe he must be one of those so and so big shots from the Union. Can you tie that one? Perhaps in the future we had best refer to him by an alias.

Christmas Work

As a result of the personal efforts by Mr. Camp and Mr. Zander with the Local representative of General Farley, a considerable group of drivers and trucks from No. 544 were sworn in for the Christmas rush.

A new group of drivers composed of dump truck and building material men will soon be called for regular monthly meeting.

BAKERY BLAB

By A. M. Ogren

This column is going somewhat educational this week.

First, I think a word should be said about the "Stop Gangsterism in the Labor Movement" meeting held last week. As I see it, this meeting was held by the opposition to Minneapolis Labor, inasmuch as the reactionaries supported it and the boss press played it up big. Though some of the group profess to encourage "unity" in the movement, they are the very ones doing the most to split the union ranks. Far from being liberal or progressive, such moves are positively reactionary, and must be recognized as such by labor.

We understand a certain man at Paramount Pies is going on an extended involuntary vacation.

S. J. Palmer, the big butter and egg man over at Excelsior, came to grief last Friday when he attempted to put half a hog into his truck, found the door too narrow, and drove off reluctantly, leaving Mr. Hog behind.

Ray Rainbolt, business agent of the Ice and Coal Drivers, will be the busiest guy in town the next couple weeks. He has been assigned the role of Santa Claus at the annual Christmas Party given for all the kids of Local 544. Last year the party drew a crowd that over-ran the building, and more than one thousand are expected this year.

Yellow Notes

They say Denn is just wild about working the day shift. How about it Dann?

An antique collector stole Duncan's auto last week.

Warehouse Workers Strike Montgomery-Ward Plant

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not sign union contracts, Local 20297 discovered last week, in a letter from the Central Labor Council of Oakland, California, that the Montgomery-Ward unit in that city has signed a working agreement with Retail Clerks Union Local No. 47. Just as M-W changed its mind in Oakland, so the strikers are determined that they can change its mind in St. Paul.

The Citizens Alliance crowd in St. Paul, twice beaten recently—in the drivers strike and the laundry struggle—is becoming desperate, and is carrying on a steady campaign designed to weaken and discredit the strike. The St. Paul Daily News has already begun to shout about "Dunneism," about the strike being ineffective, etc. Strikers anticipate a revival of threats on the part of the Ward management to move out of town; of a "back-to-work movement" engineered by Ward through its company union; of an intensification of the present campaign against what the labor-haters call "labor violence," etc.

Will Meet Tricks

The Warehouse Union, however, is prepared to deal with a firm hand with all such tricks. It is determined to stay out until its reasonable demands are met, and until Montgomery-Ward signs with the union in St. Paul as the company has in Oakland. Local 20297 calls upon all workers to aid in the strike by reporting for picket duty at Strike Headquarters, 1609 University Avenue, and by giving material support. Daily strike meetings are held at 3:30 p. m. in strike headquarters under the direction of the Strike Committee of Twenty-four.

A very fine spirit of cooperation is being shown between the Taxi Section of Local No. 129, the Taxi Section of Local No. 544 and Taxicab Drivers Local No. 125 in harmonizing the demands of their tentative contracts with their employers. The continuous display of this cooperation will terminate with increases in pay and better working conditions for all.

With only two weeks until Christmas, all Taxi Drivers are looking for a good snow storm and cold weather that will increase their business. If the present weather continues much longer most of our Christmas dinners

The Gas Log

By Bill O'Connell

If any of the boys at No. 2 Holder ever commit suicide, it will be by hanging. A scaffold was erected there about 3 years ago, seemingly for that purpose, and is still on the floor as a grim reminder.

On second thought, perhaps it is better to let the builders have first honors. The boys at No. 2 believe in justice.

Bill Thompson took advantage of the holiday and weekend to visit relations living out of the state.

O'Donnell of the Meter Reading Dept. is developing a new farm some 80 miles north. We can expect a Farmers' Union in the near future, as from reports he is already beginning for a sit-down strike.

Old-timer Ed Shaw is looking on the sunny side of life. He is talking of wintering in California.

Henry Walker does not talk much about his fishing and hunting trips. He brings back the evidence. How much does evidence cost this year, Hank?

Walt Bratlund and Joe Puritan have a new scheme for getting ducks next season. All you need is a screen camera showing hundreds of mallards happily feeding. When the ducks are decayed down, you give 'em the death ray and rake 'em in.

will consist of a can of pork and beans.

Despite the various arguments that are put forth against a daily wage for the Taxi Drivers, the facts still remain that their daily earning capacity is still a gamble. This situation has existed for so many years that some are of the belief that it cannot be corrected. It can be corrected by a firm display of determination in our negotiations on our next contract. Let's all stick to our demands of \$4 per day and put our jobs on a legitimate basis as compared with jobs in other lines of business.

Picotte broke his good record of abstinence over the weekend.

UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

Lodge 382

Lodge 382, I. A. of M., meets the second and fourth Fridays at 8 p. m., at 501 East Hennepin.

Lodge 1313

Lodge 1313, I. A. of M., meets the second and fourth Thursdays, at 501 East Hennepin.

Lodge 1037

Lodge 1037, I. A. of M., meets the first and third Thursdays at Olson's Hall, Hopkins.

Local 664

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

Local 1086

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

Petroleum Drivers

The Petroleum Drivers will meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

Federal Workers

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

Local 289

Retail Drivers—First Thursday. Wholesale Drivers—Second Thursday. Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday. Cake and Pie—Third Thursday. General Membership—Fourth Thursday.

Local 1859

General Membership—Dec. 1. Casket Industry—Dec. 14. Clark Section—Dec. 15. Local 1859 Executive Board—Every Friday night. Local 20481 Membership—Dec. 17. Local 20481 Executive Board—Dec. 6, Dec. 20. Twin City Stewards—Dec. 13, Dec. 27.

Local 20316

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

Ice, Coal Drivers Meeting Schedule

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

Private Chauffeurs

The Private Chauffeurs will meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

Local 292

Inside Section—First Tuesday Radio Section—Second Tuesday Shopmen's Section—Second Wednesday Utility Section—First Thursday General Membership—Third Thursday Seniority Board—Every Monday Utility Advisory Board—Every Tuesday General Executive Board—Mondays preceding first and third Thursdays Inside Advisory Board—Alternates from G. E. B. Examining Board—Second Wednesday Utility Stewards—Wednesdays preceding first and third Thursdays

Local 131

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

Local 125

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

Local 544

December, 1937
Friday, December 3—Job Stewards
Monday, December 6—Package Delivery; Department Store; Coal
Wednesday, December 8—Market; Wholesale Liquor
Sunday, December 12—Wholesale Grocery, 10 a. m.
Monday, December 13—General Membership
Thursday, December 16—Tent & Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 a. m.
Friday, December 17—Job Stewards
Sunday, December 19—Over-the-road Drivers, 11 a. m.
Monday, December 20—Building Material; Furniture Stores
Wednesday, December 22—Excavating; Sand & Gravel
Monday, December 27—Spring Water
Tuesday, December 28—Taxi Drivers; Night Drivers 1 p. m. Day drivers 7 p. m.
Seniority Committee meets each Friday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 1
Grievance Committee meets each Tuesday and Friday at 7 p. m. in Hall No. 2
Executive Board meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m. in Staff Room
Thursday, December 23—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug