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Supplemental Help Will be Continued

BUZZA WORKERS FIRM RANKS WIN THEIR DEMANDS

Settlement Brings Wage Raise for All Workers and Sets New Minimum Scale

Signed Agreement Is Reached After One Week of Fight by Militant Pickets

Driving their way through all opposition with ranks as solid as granite, workers at the Buzza company Tuesday scored a smashing victory when they returned to the plant under the terms of a signed union agreement guaranteeing vast increase in wages and a vast betterment of working conditions in the plant.

The settlement of the strike at the Buzza company is one that holds real significance for the Warehouse and Inside Workers Union. Organizing of the workers was in itself a job that seemed surmounted by obstacles that were extremely difficult to overcome.

The Buzza plant was the scene of one of the most vicious speed-up systems ever used in this part of the country. The infamous Manet system had been introduced by the company several years ago. A whole staff of trained efficiency experts were constantly on the job clocking operations, speeding up the workers and at the same time continually recommending lower piece-work rates. It is not untrue to say that in this particular place of employment the speed-up of the workers under the Manet system had reached 100 per cent efficiency.

After the organization drive of (Continued on page 3)

COUNCIL AIDS IN LOCAL 275 DRIVE

Tea and Coffee Drivers Union Launches Campaign for Reorganization

Tea and Coffee Drivers Union, Local 275, has launched a real campaign to unionize all of the tea and coffee drivers employed by local companies. This union which has lain more or less dormant for some time, is being activated under the direction of the Teamsters Joint Council. Due to the fact that all members of Tea and Coffee Drivers executive staff are employed in the industry, Teamsters Council will lend to that organization the assistance of a full time organizer.

Wives and families of union men, particularly those in the driving crafts, can lend great assistance to Local 275 in their organizational drive. Housewives everywhere should ask their tea and coffee driver for his union card and insist that he show it. Officers of the union announce that next month they will have a union button which will make identification easier.

Scott Gets Nod From Ward Club

At the Tuesday meeting of the Tenth Ward Farmer-Labor Club, the endorsement of the Executive Committee of the club for the post of County Commissioner, was tossed into the discard. The committee had endorsed Louie Boerbach. The Tuesday membership meeting of the club went on record for Alderman I. G. Scott by a vote of 98 to 22.

Sewer Project Is Struck by Unions; All Work Halted

Monday noon the entire Minneapolis end of the interceptor sewer was shut down by a strike which was called for the purpose of jurisdictional rights on this job. The interceptor, which is a WPA project, has been claimed by two unions.

Local 563 and Local 363 shut down this project which puts out of work approximately 500 men as part of the metropolitan sewer project. City and Sanitary Drivers Union report 20 of their men affected by the strike.

LUND EMPLOYEES STILL STRIKING HASTINGS PLANT

Employer's Attempt to Beat Union Recoils On Own Head

The plant of the Lund Manufacturing Company continues to be struck by Furniture Workers Union in Hastings. Union organizers who are in charge report that the union continues to gain strength steadily as worker after worker, who were formerly members of the company organization continue to come to union headquarters and sign applications.

The owner of the plant continues to maintain his stubborn, anti-union attitude and defies the union to bring him into any sort of negotiations. The entire working class population of Hastings has rallied behind the strikers and are furnishing them with food and support, both moral and financial. Pressure is being brought to bear on union-fighter Lund to compel him to re-open the factory with union help. Strikers assert that they are prepared to close down the company indefinitely.

MASS MEETING HEARS F. DOBBS

The Sunday mass meeting at Albert Lea called for the purpose of celebrating the victory of the workers there was held in the city auditorium instead of the courthouse square due to inclement weather.

About a thousand were present which included delegations from Minneapolis and from surrounding towns. The automobile caravan which had been organized by the Minneapolis Teamsters Joint Council Local 32 was called off when the Saturday evening victory of the workers was reported.

Reports from organizers of the auto parade indicate that a thousand would have made the trip had not the plans been changed.

Among other speakers at the mass meeting were Sander Genis of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and Farrell Dobbs of Minneapolis General Drivers Union.

Taxi Drivers Local Go to Council Meet

Taxi Drivers Local 125 as well as members from Cab Drivers Section of Local 544 attended a council committee meeting Monday on the question of changing the location of downtown cab stands. The committee took no formal action.

The Tight-Rope Walker



North Central Council Aids Duluth Drivers to Organize

Under the direction of the North Central District Drivers Council, Duluth and Superior General Drivers Unions are making gigantic strides forward and it will only be a short time before both cities are completely unionized insofar as the driving crafts are concerned. The Duluth union, General Drivers Local 346, set an example for the rest of the driving unions in this territory to shoot at.

In the space of a few months they have grown from a membership of 150 to over 800. Thursday night a mass meeting was held in Duluth for the driving crafts which packed the large auditorium. Representatives of the North Central District Council were on hand as well as George Lawson, Secretary of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor.

The meeting was addressed by Farrell Dobbs and Pat Corcoran, both Minneapolis driving crafts unionists and both officials of the District Council. Forty-eight workers were enrolled as members of the union at the meeting and encouraging reports were received by committees engaged in organizational work.

In Superior officers of the District Council found the situation equally good. Drivers are flocking into the union in a way never experienced before. Two more full time organizers have been added to the staff of the Twin Port cities driving unions as the demand grows for organizations and settlement of grievances. Superior and Duluth unions have both established their own officers where a full time staff is maintained.

Dobbs and Corcoran were able to assist in the preliminary negotiations for a settlement of the drivers strike on the Kelly Howe Thompson company, wholesale hardware concern. One hundred and twenty-eight members of Local 346 are out at this place.

Officials of the union declare that Marshall Wells company, a concern similar in character to the Thompson company, is the next firm on the list where a union agreement will be secured.

Groff Paper Plant Tied Up by Union

In the middle of last week the Groff Paper Company, manufacturers of paper specialties, who were recently organized by Warehouse and Inside Workers Union, Local 20316, was struck by the workers upon the company's refusal to enter into negotiations with them for the signing of an agreement.

Owners of the Groff Paper Company have stubbornly refused to listen to the demands of the workers for reforms in working conditions. Thirty people are employed by the Groff Paper Company.

Wis. Alumni to Hold Card Party

The YWCA, Twelfth and Nicollet Avenues, Saturday, April 10, will be the scene of a get-together card party of the Minneapolis Alumni of the University of Wisconsin Summer School for Workers in Industry.

Several kinds of card games will be played, refreshments will be provided, and the admission is 25 cents. The affair will start promptly at 8 p. m. All alumni of the Wisconsin summer school who reside in Minneapolis are urged to attend and help make the affair a success.

Labor Stirs on Country-wide Front as Workers Everywhere Present Fighting Unions to Boss

As Country's Working Classes Demonstrate Power, Employers Move to Bind Hands of Militant Unions

The Giant, Labor, after a long sleep, began to shake himself awake about three years ago. The Giant, Capital, unable to understand why the methods used in years gone by to throw Labor back into a state of somnambulism, have failed, shudders and looks for a new method.

In Lansing, Mich., where Governor Murphy has been meeting with Lewis and Chrysler for almost two weeks, 1,000 workers from Detroit, impatient at the long delay, demonstrated on the steps of the capitol. So loud were their cries, and so lusty their demands that they broke up the meeting within. Tonight, April 5, radio reports announce that Mr. Chrysler is going over a proposed settlement with his board of directors, and Mr. Lewis is likewise conferring with the UAWA board of strategy. Possibility that the strike may be settled very shortly is indicated.

GAS LIGHT CO. IS ORGANIZED

Two Months' Campaign Brings Almost Every Worker into Union

Employees in the Minneapolis Gas Light Company have about concluded their drive to unionize all workers there. A whirlwind campaign of two months has resulted in bringing almost every worker employed by the Gas Light company into the union.

At a meeting held Monday, April 5, which almost filled the large hall at the downtown Eagles, many workers from the gas producing plant of the company became members of the union. It was reported at this meeting that very few workers in any department were now not members.

The meeting was addressed by Miles Dunne, editor of the Northwest Organizer, who talked on the value of union organization and who then laid down specific steps that should be taken by the organization in drafting and presenting to the company a union contract.

A meeting was called for all committeemen from various departments in the company for Tuesday night. This committee will meet at Drivers Hall, 257 Plymouth Avenue, for the purpose of preliminary discussion in regard to wage scales.

The meeting was also addressed by H. H. Schultz of Local 292 and Alderman Miller of the Tenth Ward.

FEDERAL SECTION WINS A VICTORY FOR UNEMPLOYED

Welfare Board Grants Demand of Federal That Aid for WPA'ers Continue

Supplemental Help in Form of Groceries Not to Be Taken from Workers

Federal Workers Section of Local 544 Tuesday morning achieved one of the most significant victories in the history of the organization. After a campaign covering six weeks time the Board of Public Welfare was finally forced to grant the demand of the Federal Workers Section that supplemental aid, which had been granted as a temporary concession during the winter months, be made permanent and continued.

The securing of a continuance of supplemental aid is no empty or paper victory for the Federal Section. The organization has secured a real, tangible gain for the workers that they can eat and put on their backs. In short, it means all WPA workers whose families number three or more will be granted an additional \$9 each month or the equivalent in groceries.

Only those who have attempted to eke out an existence on the wage of \$60.50 per month out of which it (Continued on page 3)

Employer Controlled Paper Speaks of Attack on Hall Two Days Before the Event

Sheet Tells in Detail of Plan to Smash the Union Picket Line and Jail All Striking Workers

As an aftermath of the struggle that took place in Albert Lea Saturday, an amusing bit of information has come to light that is proof positive that Albert Lea employers deliberately conspired to provoke a riot situation and long beforehand took steps to assure that the deputized strikebreakers would be victorious in their clash with the union pickets.

For quite some time employers in Albert Lea have busied themselves attempting to form an organization of their employees which traveled under the name of Albert Lea employees' labor association.

Having all the earmarks of the company union and functioning in every case to the benefit of the employers and in opposition to the real union of the workers it nevertheless had assumed a position of some importance among workers there.

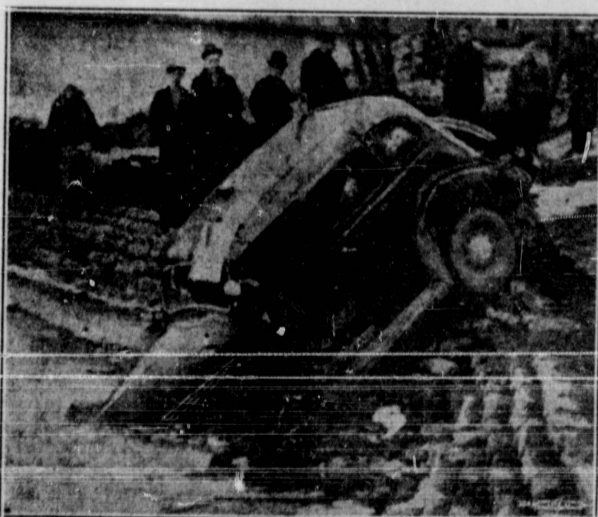
Prior to the strike of the workers of the American Gas Machine Company, the company association made desperate attempts to stem the rising tide of organization in the two plants of the company. Finally, the workers of the bona fide union took actions in their own hands and struck the plant. Militant and determined picketing established the fact, for the employers, that the factories could not be opened with the usual methods.

Some time in the early part of last week, in complete agreement with Sheriff Myre of Freeborn county, employers decided on the strategy of assembling an army of deputized farm boys, pool-room loafers and the usual riff-raff found in a town of that size. Plans were laid to not only attack and disperse the picket line but to gas and capture the union hall in order to completely demoralize the union.

Their scheduled attack was made as planned. The picket line was attacked, hundreds of pickets were arrested and the union hall was broken into and smashed. This occurred on Saturday morning. So far, the strategy planned by the employers and sheriff carried 100 per cent.

However, they did not reckon with the temper of the working class in Albert Lea and surrounding towns. What occurred there in the afternoon and evening is history. The workers recaptured the town, recovered their (Continued on page 3)

And So Into the River



Climaxing two hours of fierce fighting, this police car was dumped into the river at Albert Lea Sunday by enraged striking workers.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

FEDERAL SECTION WINS A VICTORY FOR UNEMPLOYED

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was necessary to feed, house and clothe a family, can know what a tremendous victory has been gained by the Federal Section.
The action was taken at the Tuesday meeting of the board when a committee report recommending the granting of supplemental aid was signed by the following six members: Mayor Latimer, Mrs. Storey, William McGaughren, Alderman Nelson, Dr. Herbolzheimer and Alderman O'Brien.

The one dissenting vote against the adoption of the report was our old comrade, "friend of the masses," I. S. Joseph. In a fiery oration on the question of the adoption of the report Joseph said that he would "take the issue to the courts" and promised that there would be a real fight made on the question.

Appearing before the board was a committee of the Federal Workers Section consisting of Goldman, Palmquist and Orton. The Federal Workers Section is to be congratulated for the splendid and worthwhile victory they have been able to bring about.
A struggle for the adoption of this additional aid will be made throughout the rural sections.

With the Laundry Workers Union

Members of Local 183 and their friends are getting ready for the big doings, namely, the Third Annual Installation Dance and Musical Program which will be held Friday, April 9, at the South Side auditorium. The various committees are very active and they guarantee every one a good time. A musical program of songs, instrumental solos and tap dancing has been arranged. A tasty lunch and refreshments will be served free. Berglund's six piece orchestra will render old-time and modern music. So get out your fineries and prepare for a good time. Let us all meet and be merry!

The decision of the Arbitration Board in the case of Martin Johnson vs. the Flour City Laundry was a 100 per cent victory for the union. It established a ruling that no partnerships or stock purchases engineered or contracted by an employer and employee for the purpose of avoiding the terms of our agreement pertaining to seniority rights, wages and hours, no individual bargains of this or any other nature will be permitted. This is a warning to all whether a chiseling employer or a worker who wants to buy himself a job, that the officers of Local 183 will not permit anything of this kind to happen. We call upon all our members to inform us as soon as possible of any information of violations of any terms in our agreement because that is the only way we can safeguard the interests of our members.

We are sorry to learn that Brother Tony Denardo of Gross and Kronick's is on the sick list again.

Good News! Workers employed in the rug and furniture cleaning industry: a closed shop agreement is ready and will be signed by the time this paper goes to press with the American Rug Laundry Company, one of the largest in the state, establishing workers rights, seniority, shop steward system, and a substantial increase in pay for every one employed there. Congratulations!

We wish to take our hat off for Brother Claire Johnson, able and energetic business representative of Laundry Drivers, Local 131, for the way he's going at it and the success he encounters in his undertakings. In a short time there will not be a laundry driver in our city who will

Duluth Drivers Sign Up Members

As we go to press comes the news that Duluth General Drivers Union has taken another real stride forward in its drive to unionize all head-of-the-lake drivers. Organizer Smith reports that Monday all drivers, helpers and platform workers in Duluth fruit houses joined General Drivers Union. Tuesday the entire crew of Marshall Wells company also came in. A union contract has been presented to Marshall Wells company. Action is expected on it soon.

JANITORS UNION ORGANIZED FOR ACTION ON JOB

Starvation Wages Are Paid to Janitors and Operators in Downtown Buildings

Over 700 janitors, elevator-operators, starters and cleaning women have been signed into Local 26 of the Building Service Employees Union in a move to organize some of the most thoroughly exploited people in the world.

In an effort to raise the shamefully low wage standard of this group of workers, consisting mostly of very old men and women, Local 26 has made some real organizational advancement. Men and women who come under this classification of work are signing up in veritable flocks.

These workers, whose wages run from as low as \$30 to \$70 per month, have no provision for wages or working hours. Some of them are working as many as 100 hours in a single week and at a miserably low wage scale.

Local 26, which is conducting this organizational drive, is chartered under the Building Service Employees International Union and is affiliated to the American Federation of Labor.

Like organization in the Air-Loc plant, for which an agreement was signed two weeks ago, this drive among janitors, elevator-operators, starters and cleaning women strikes at one of the most criminally exploited groups under the present system. The very old and the very young have always been the bosses' delight to deprive of everything they possibly can simply because they have always been able to get away with it.

Both young and old stand together with the rest of the trade union movement in Minneapolis and with their combined strength establish their own wages and hours and reap for themselves a decent standard of living.

Tell them that you saw their ad in the NORTHWEST ORGANIZER. not be wearing a union button. More power to you, Claire. You can always count on our co-operation.

The office force was kept busy every minute of the day for the last two weeks in placing members on jobs, taking care of the many complaints that were registered, and signing up many new applicants, and reinstating many of the old members who are now back working in the industry again.

The entertainment committee was successful in engaging a master musical artist, Brother Tony Denardo, formerly of Gross and Kronicks, who won several silver cups with his concertino over in Italy. Also Everett Lindberg of the Mill City who will render us with one of his famous old time norwegian Polkas, and Harry Brown who will render several vocal solos.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE LOCAL 183

Labor Stirs on Country-wide Front as Workers Everywhere Present Fighting Unions to Boss

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on Sunday. Very shortly thereafter the strike was settled.

In Kansas City, the workers at the Ford plant were dissatisfied with the method of lay-offs. Over 300 men had been laid off during the past year. Many of these men were talking union pretty strongly. Most of them had many years of service, some as high as 24 years. A charter from the UAWU arrived about two weeks ago. With no elected officers, but with about 1,400 workers in the union out of a possible 2,500 workers, they staged a sit-down strike last Friday. Sunday's paper carried the story of the settlements. All men are to be returned to their jobs without discrimination, no further discrimination is to be practised because of union affiliation. The union was not recognized. However, this was not made an issue, probably because of the youth of the union, and its lack of co-ordination as yet.

At Wilmington, Del., the renewed threat of a general strike stirred the town when 500 workers went on a sympathetic strike in support of the truck drivers last Saturday. Last week 3,600 workers were out.

At Hershey, Pa., the workers in the Hershey Chocolate Co. plant evacuated the plant after more than a week, under an agreement with the company to negotiate the differences. A strong picket line was set up immediately. Not so long ago Hershey Chocolate was much press-agented as an ideal place for workers.

In Minneapolis the end of the Buzza strike was announced on April 5. Meanwhile, the bosses are trying frantically to find a method of tying the hand of labor. They have used the injunction so much against sit-down strikers that the word "injunction" has come to seem almost synonymous with the words "sit-down strike." In many state legislatures bills are being introduced making the sit-down strike a felony. In New York, the Washburn Bill, now being debated in committee, goes so far as to make dealing with a group of employees by an employer in a strike which has been termed "illegal" by the Commissioner of Industrial Relations, a felony, and punishable by law.

Among other things reactionary, this bill would put power into the hand of an Industrial Commissioner to determine the legality of a strike. It would make arbitration compulsory under law. It would make unions an impotent servant of the state government. In New Jersey, Governor Hoffman has brought down the disapproval of thousands by issuing a ban on sit-down strikes. Likewise, the governor of Texas has banned this type of strike. Even Minnesota now has a bill in committee which would make a sit-down strike a criminal in the eyes of the law. In Washington the issue is receiving much attention from the lawmakers. A movement is under foot to regimentate Labor and bring all unions under the supervision of the Federal Government.

In the south, the CIO announces the beginning of a concerted drive in the Textile Industry. In the north, it is likely that the first move against the Textile Industry will come at the American Woolen Mills plants all over New England. In the central section of the east the first moves

will be made in the rayon and celanese plants, and in the hosiery mills. In the southwest the oil and refinery workers are organizing. The UAWU announces that its membership has overreached the 300,000 mark. The steel unions are growing daily. All over the country new unions are being brought into existence. Old charters, long dust laden, are being taken out and brushed up. Workers in every category are coming into unions in droves. Some strikers have been reported which had no organization behind them at their inception. Organizations and application for charters came after the workers had already struck.

The Giant that is Labor is awake. Like Sampson, he will soon be shaking the very foundations of the enemy's cast. Let there be no Delilah!

ALBERT LEA GAS WORKERS WIN IN STRIKE STRUGGLE

Two-Week Sit-Down Strike Ends in Clash Between Union and Deputies

Climaxing a day of bitter warfare, a truce was reached late last Friday night between the American Gas Machine company in Albert Lea and striking workers in that plant. The clash between union pickets and 200 deputies marked the crisis in the two-week sit-down strike in the gas machine company there.

Beginning with an attack by Sheriff Myre and deputies on the Clark street picket line, events in the strike moved swiftly to their logical and stirring conclusion. When Clark street pickets were herded into jail by the sheriff and his aids, the other strikers on the Front street picket line were called back to the union headquarters.

Following the arrest of pickets the sheriff and his gang of deputized labor spies, slugs and thugs, proceeded to the union headquarters where an attack was made with tear gas bombs and guns.

After an hour's struggle, exhausted by intense activity in a hall filled with smoke and gas, the union members, outnumbered ten to one, were forced to leave their headquarters and were herded into the city jail with the rest of their fellow workers. Among them were J. Voorhees of Austin, Leo Koski of Duluth, Dave Peterson and Ray Hemenway of Albert Lea. The number of men arrested and jailed was close to 100.

Reinforced by workers and sympathizers from neighboring towns, and encouraged by messages of solidarity from the Teamsters' Joint Council and other union and labor organizations, a crowd of about 2,000 began their counter-attack on sheriff and deputies by smashing up the office of American Gas Machine Company, running a police car into Fountain lake, overturning and burning a truck used to carry scabs into the town and then marching on the jail

Spick and Span Notes Local 131

Your business agent just collected \$45 for George Friedlund from Waldron's.

The American Linen Drivers signed up 100 per cent this week. That makes 60 new members since the first of March. Two more weeks will see the last non-union driver in the fold. That goes for solicitors as well.

Your business agent wishes to express the appreciation of this local for the splendid co-operation of Mr. Latz of 183 in obtaining a closed shop agreement with the American Rug Laundry, also for the assurance of team work at any other time that may be necessary.

Our president, W. N. Burnham, is riding around in a new car.

Laundry Drivers Get American Linen Men

Local 131, Laundry Drivers Union, scored heavily this week when they compelled the unionization of all drivers of the American Linen Company.

This laundry was the last to stand out against the organizational drive of Laundry Drivers Union. Organizer Johnson reported that the drivers from this company joined Monday.

to demand justice for their fellow workers.

Emissaries of the governor reached the jail shortly before the crowd of protesting workers. The mass demonstration, coupled with orders from the governor to release the victims of ruling class conspiracy, succeeded in opening the doors of the jail. Governor Benson declared the actions of the sheriff and deputies to be a "high-handed" and "brutal assault" and an "outrage." He said that the public officials were "guilty of a most flagrant denial of civil rights."

After an address by Joe Voorhees, who was sent from Austin early in the strike by the Central Board of the IUAU to assist the local leaders in their plans for struggle, the assembled workers marched jubilantly down the whole length of Broadway carrying Voorhees on their shoulders.

Marching back to the shambles of the office of the gas machine company, Voorhees addressed the crowd briefly and departed to take part in the negotiations. Carl Nilson, representing the General Drivers Local in Austin, who has also been active in the Albert Lea strike, then persuaded the assembled workers to allow the scabs, strikebreakers and deputies to leave the building peacefully. Then, in the words of the "Strike News," strike bulletin for the Albert Lea workers, last week, "the vanquished mercenaries of the conspirators fled out through the lane opened by the crowd... sealing the victory of the working class of Albert Lea."

Two Minneapolis labor leaders, Guy W. Alexander of the Electrical Workers, Local 292, and Sander Genis of the Amalgamated Garment Workers, were asked to assist Governor Benson in his efforts to bring about a truce. During Friday afternoon and evening, they took part in conferences with company and union officials as well as with the governor.

Truck Owners Raised In Columbia Heights

As a result of the fight waged by Independent Truck Owners in Local 544, the wage scale for these workers has been raised from \$1 per hour to \$1.50 per hour in the village of Columbia Heights. This means an increase of 50 per cent in wages for this classification of drivers. This satisfactory increase was brought about through union pressure applied by members of the local.

Watt Notes

By J. J. Kitowski
Brother Phillips was on the sick list last week, but is up and at them again.

The B. A. attended a meeting at the St. Cloud division last week and they voted to join 292 unanimously.

Brother Stonestrom of the overhead department is back on the job, a little mix-up on seniority.

The boys in the meter department have pinned a union button on the new men who have started to work there.

Remember—Meeting for the Utility Section of 292 Friday, April 9, at 257 Plymouth Ave. N., 3rd floor.

St. Croix employees have all joined 292.

The dance given by the Blooming-ton club had all the earmarks of the picket line out at Riverside plant.

Your writer had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Bartholoma who is having the Women's Auxiliary meeting at her home Wednesday afternoon. Don't forget, ladies, 4314 Penn Ave. N.

Your writer had a meeting to attend to Sunday morning but failed to be there. "Over sleeping."

The dance held on Lake street at the Arcadium was successfully held at Brother Gilbertson's home. Slightly mixed up or what?

BUZZA WORKERS FIRM RANKS WIN THEIR DEMANDS

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Local 20316 which brought all of the workers into the ranks of the union, a contract was drawn by the workers involved and presented to the company. This brought from the company an outright refusal to deal with the union or make any sort of wage or hour concessions.
After futile attempts to negotiate the workers struck Tuesday, March 30. The plant was closed and employers declared that they had voluntarily ceased operations. A continual picket line was maintained around the factory, strike headquarters was opened at Dupont and Lake where daily strike meetings were held.

Saturday it was indicated that employers were willing to talk business with the union and a series of meetings lasting from Saturday until Monday night when an agreement was reached between union representatives, the strike committee and officials of the company.

The agreement brings about a flat 10 cents an hour increase for all workers at the Buzza company. It raises the minimum hourly rate of women from 30 to 40 cents and boosts the men's scale from 45 to 55c. The agreement calls for union recognition, seniority, and established a 40-hour work week.

The union demanded and secured two days pay for all strikers when the union declared that the first two days of the struggle took the form of a lockout by the employer for which the workers were not responsible.

The settlement affects approximately 350 workers.
A number of liberals have just discovered that the only thing wrong with American capitalism is the power of the Supreme Court. This theory was promptly endorsed by the Communist party—and consequently had to be abandoned.

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But when I strike I'm a Bolshevik
I'm Labor.

Action Versus Words

No better demonstration of the real difference between working class organizations and chasing after reformist legislative will-o'-the-wisps could be found than in what took place Tuesday in Minneapolis. Over in St. Paul a group of people, labeling themselves the People's Lobby, descended upon the State capitol at the legislative chambers whose avowed purpose it was to compel the legislature to pass certain reform pieces of legislation proposed in the Farmer-Labor platform.

The People's Lobby, organized with a great fanfare of trumpets and rolling of drums, proposed that by force of their numbers they would so impress both sections of the Minnesota state legislature that the whole program of reform legislation would be passed. There is little question but that the People's Lobby, if not organized by the state executive office, had at least the complete endorsement of that branch of the state government.

One does not have to seek far to find the reason for the apparent collaboration between the capitol march and the executive office. So ill-advised has been the legislative program adopted by the convention and vastly amplified later that despite a preponderant majority in the lower house of the state legislature the legalizing seems doomed.

While the People's Lobby were beseeching senators and representatives, attempting to influence them, the Federal Workers Section, a real bona fide organization of the working class, was engaged in a different and more worth while enterprise. This organization, recognizing the futility of attempting to bring about real lasting economic reform for the workers through the medium of legislation, had long before started a campaign aimed towards putting more food in the mouths of WPA workers, more clothes on their backs, and a chance to enjoy some of the better things of life.

While the People's Lobby sipped coffee and munched cake in the luxurious senate chamber, Federal Workers Section was making a demand on the Welfare Board that supplemental aid in the form of more food be given WPA workers who labor at \$60.50 a month, and the Welfare Board, knowing that this demand was backed not by an organization composed of a hodge-podge of bankers, business men, politicians, baritones and tenors, but by a militant economic organization of the working class composed of militant men and women whose only basis of organization solidarity was need, granted the demand and took action that will mean nine dollars more worth of commodities each month for the workers. United fronts of this, that and something else may bring forth oratory and verbal fireworks but real organizations of the working class secure the worthwhile, lasting reforms.

Chain Store Tax

One of the legislative measures proposed in the present session of the Minnesota state legislature, which apparently has the endorsement of the administration, and one that meets the solid opposition of General Drivers Union is that bill proposing that an excessive special tax be placed upon chain stores.

This bill, while it apparently meets the approval of those who have given it no analysis and is a sop to those who are exponents of individualism, is in reality not a piece of progressive legislation but actually one that is reactionary. To attempt by excessive taxation to stop the march of progress and turn the wheels of history backward is as futile and as foolish as the actions of King Canute when he bade the tide stand still.

General Drivers Union opposes the attempt to tax out of business the chain stores for a good and valid reason, and that reason, upon examination, cannot fail to win the approval of any thinking trade unionist. Today in Minneapolis every driver, every warehouse man and every inside worker employed by chain store distributors is organized into General Drivers Union and is working under signed union agreements providing splendid wages and decent working conditions.

Contrast this with a picture of that industry a few years ago when the rugged individualist, the corner grocer, served the food needs of the city. Union organization was then close to an impossibility. In attempting to unionize the grocery industry it was found that literally hundreds of little bosses employing workers under all sorts of conditions had to be contacted. To settle wages and conditions in one place of employment meant that this effort had to be duplicated hundreds of times.

Today one chain store employer can be dealt with for hundreds of employees and unions find it no more difficult now to deal with chain store owners for hundreds of workers than they formerly did for one. In short, the chain stores employ workers who are organizable. The old time individual owner did not. Today the industry is unionized. Yesterday it was not.

Who can say that progress has not been made? Who will say that progress has not been made in the right direction? We are opposed to any legislative act that attempts to destroy an industry where union people are employed at union wages.

Forced Arbitration

Those in the ranks of organized labor who months ago predicted that the bosses would attempt to stem the rising tide of mass action of the workers by forced arbitration are now seeing their prophecies come true. Editorials appear now almost daily in the capitalist press together with radio talks designed to mold public opinion in favor of government regulation in the controversies between employer and employee.

A gigantic amount of pressure is being brought to bear on public officials, from the president down, by Big Business in an attempt to "water down" the militant action of the workers against oppression.

The sit-down strikes of France were followed by government interference, so that now a strike is illegal in France. Nevertheless, strikes still take place in that country and it appears more than probable that any sort of legislation that may be placed upon the statute books in this country by the class representatives of Big Business will fail to stop strikes; rather, it will sharpen the whole class struggle.

To be sure, adverse labor legislation, whether it be local or national, is bad. However, it is not devoid of its compensations. It is certain to impress upon the minds of the workers

the fact that all courts are class instruments and though they father NRA legislation or forced arbitration laws, they are the tools of the boss class.

There can be but one road ahead for organized labor: a correct program and an absolute dependence upon its own numerical strength.

A Bed Time Story

That recent decision rendered by the Laundry Workers arbitration board was a honey. It involved a worker who was discharged for alleged inefficiency. This ruling rivals closely the famous King Solomon ruling of Biblical times in its uniqueness and quaintness.

The case in point deals with an old faithful employe, long experienced in the magical arts of the washing game and one who had virtually spent his whole life with dirty linen and soap and water. A hard way to serve the Lord; yet he served and well.

The employer concerned attempted to convince the board that the worker had become inefficient and was no longer worthy of hire. But be it said to the everlasting glory of all arbitration boards that this one was not convinced and ruled that the worker had lost neither the keenness of his eye nor the cunning of his hand. In short, he was as efficient as ever.

And was he put back to work? Ah! Does life run so smoothly? No, indeed. Like the maiden betrayed, who in lieu of wedding bells was given a bit of gold, the worker was sent into the cold, cruel world.

Keeping Step With 544

By Mickey Dunne

MEETING NOTICE

Wednesday, April 14, there will be the regular meeting of the People's Front, formerly the Central Labor Union. The meeting place is 18 North Eighth Street.

Albert Lea employers have found that smashing a picket line and keeping it smashed are two different things.

John Bosco, pressmen's tycoon, was a visitor at the Teamsters Joint Council headquarters Monday. It was on a matter of jurisdiction.

The Steno's Union has started a class in Business English. Not a bad idea judging from the construction of some letters we have seen.

Northern States Power section of Local 292 is holding a mass meeting in Drivers Headquarters Friday night.

Dobbs and Corcoran were in Duluth last week. They report that there are now over 800 members in the Drivers Union there.

Wednesday, April 14, there will be a wasted evening spent at 18 N. 8th St. I guess, I guess, I guess.

The Milk Drivers' office is now open on Saturdays.

The People's Lobby looked like a C. P. convention.

Now watch the bill pass... into the ash can.

Cab drivers are squabbling over cab stands.

America Linen Drivers are all in Local 131 now.

The ending of the Buzza strike came on Tuesday morning as the girls marched into the factory singing "Solidarity."

The driving crafts are opposed to the Chain Store Tax. We have the workers in chain stores and chain warehouses organized under union contract and drawing good union wages. Workers in so-called independent stores are still unorganized for the reason that it is almost impossible to organize them.

There is now a real union box lunch company in Minneapolis. Patrons there.

Fred Nelson of the Milk Drivers passed away last week.

Wells-Lamont workers will hold a dance in Drivers Hall Saturday night. Attend and help support their fight.

A RECORD TO SHOOT AT
The CIO has shown a poor face in Minneapolis. The only place they have exhibited any activity is among workers who are already organized and working under union agreement while there are still thousands totally unorganized.

City and Sanitary Drivers are now operating under their new wage schedule.

Dobbs and Corcoran were in Mankato Monday night.

Tea and Coffee Drivers Union are staging a real organizational campaign among coffee truckers. Ask for their union card.

WHY, MR. LUND
The owner of the Lund Mfg.

ALL PROJECT WORKERS — ALL DIRECT RELIEF CLIENTS
Attend F. W. S. MASS MEETING
FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 8 P. M., AT 257 PLYMOUTH AVE. N.
A report on the Victory on Supplementary Aid will be given. Plans to consolidate the gains made will be presented.

Newsboys Work to Form a New Union

Minneapolis newsboys, who have recently concerned themselves with organizing themselves into a union, report that success is rewarding their efforts and that a charter from the American Federation of Labor has already been applied for.

Several meetings of the group have been held where a number of applications have been received. Plans are being made now for a public mass meeting for all news vendors in the city. The date will be announced later in the columns of the Northwest Organizer.

Power Company Hits Out at Local Union

Last week the Northern States Power Company instituted a move which can be construed in no other manner than as a direct and open attack on the union. By an official proclamation of the company the Interior Wiring department was abolished and duties ordinarily performed by workers in this department will be taken over by city employes.

This particularly refers to crews that maintain street lights. Affected by the move are three officers of the union who are also members of the advisory board of the Public Utilities Section of Local 292.

Friday night Retail Clerks Union, Local 1986, held an organizational meeting at Drivers Hall, 257 Plymouth Avenue. At this meeting a committee was set up between the two camps that are contending for membership among retail salespeople. The committee is to bring in a report at the next meeting.

Retail Clerks Hold Organizational Meet

Retail Clerks who are organizing steadily in Minneapolis will hold a mass meeting and rally Tuesday, April 20, at Norway Hall. This organization, which has been growing by leaps and bounds, is determined to unionize all retail clerks in Minneapolis and is aiming particular attention at retail salespeople employed in department stores. Labor conditions are particularly bad in most places of employment and workers there are eager to become members of the union. Further details of the April 20 mass meeting will appear in these columns.

Block Workers Still Are Out on Strike

Employees in Minneapolis cement plants, who are all members of General Drivers Union, Local 544, and who have been on strike against cement block factory owners for the past two weeks, report that it appears that a settlement of the existing difficulties is near. With the building season at hand, the demand for blocks has increased to the extent that owners will probably be forced to settle quickly.

Employment Service To Begin in Drivers

Machinery has been getting into motion for an employment service in Local 544. This service is being established for the benefit of all those who are out of work or on withdrawal cards, and will function for the purpose of getting employment for all union and former union men who are considered in good standing. It is expected that this department of Local 544 will be really ready to go by the end of April.

Local 1859 Strikes At Warren Shade Co.

Furniture Workers Union, Local 1859, struck the plant of the Warren Shade Company last Friday. Controversy at the shade company was due to the fact that low wages and bad working conditions have not been rectified by the owners. Local 1859 is demanding a written union agreement with the company. About 40 workers are involved.

Janney Semple Hill Workers Organized

Officials of Warehouse and Inside Workers Union report that union organization at the Janney Semple Hill company is completed and now no non-union workers are employed there. An agreement has been presented to the company by the union.

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

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Jack Stockman who was called to his reward March 29, 1936. Quick and quiet came the call. His sudden change grieved us all. A sudden change in a moment fell; not even a chance to say farewell. In silence he suffered, in patience he bore, until God called him home to suffer no more. Sadly missed by Mrs. Stockman and Billie Lou.

F - L Central Is Condemned by 4th Ward Club

The controversy raging over the council appointment to fill the vacancy in the county commissioners' ranks brought sharp action by the Fourth Ward Farmer-Labor club last Thursday when that organization passed a resolution condemning the action of the Hennepin County Central Committee for its attempt to interfere with local autonomy of ward clubs. The Central Committee had formerly attempted to endorse a candidate for the post.

LABOR... Looks at the Press

Fun Among the Rotarians, from Beloit, Kansas: For a joint meeting of the Rotary Club and Business and Professional Women's Club, Rotarians with beefy ankles dressed in skirts as demure valentines and for such there was an appropriate sentiment that bid fair to panic the audience.—The Rotarian.

Berlin news item: National student leaders today banned traditional old student songs, praising German wines and women. They are to be replaced with "songs of heroism."

I don't know what country today has less right to talk of heroism. A people that submits to fascism is not a brave people.

From an editorial in the Los Angeles Times: The inevitable result of too much spare time in the case of at least the majority of workers would be to steer them into the only diversions they know—pool, poker, drinking and petty agitation over fancied grievances. . . . It would be a tragedy to wreck the whole economic program for a few more "leisure hours"—that nobody would know what to do with.

The upph classes, while firmly convinced that THEIR leisure time is well spent, have no difficulty in convincing themselves that workers are, well—quite frankly—too stupid and coarse to benefit from shorter hours. It's all for our own good, of course.

New York news item: Seven defendants in the Manhattan restaurant racket case face the possibility of prison sentences aggregating 2,398 years and six months.

That's right, sock it to 'em. After a couple of hundred years in the jug, they oughta be reformed.

What's the six months for, anyhow?

Lloyd George tells how to keep out of war: "Failure of Great Britain to resist Italian imperialism in Spain and Ethiopia is endangering world peace."

Anyone who even pretends that capitalism can exist without war is bound to make a fool out of himself.

J. S. Bache & Co., a Wall Street house: "... It is going to be just as difficult to talk prosperity down

LOCAL UNION NO. 292 ELECTRICAL WORKERS' MEETING SCHEDULE
April 2, Friday—Wiremen's Advisory board, Office, 8 p. m.
April 5, Monday—Shoppers Organization meeting, Hall No. 4, 8 p. m.
April 6, Tuesday—Inside Wiremen's branch, Hall No. 2, 8 p. m.
April 7, Wednesday—Automotive Winders organization meeting, Hall No. 3.
Executive Board meeting, 8 p. m., Office.
The above meetings at 18 N. 8th St.
April 9, Friday—Utilities (NSP Co) branch, 3rd floor, 257 Plymouth Ave. N., 8 p. m.
April 19, Monday—General Membership meeting, 8 p. m., 3rd floor, 257 Plymouth Ave. N.
EXECUTIVE BOARD

MEETING SCHEDULE
Local 544
Thursday, April 1—Independent Truck Owners
Friday, April 2—Job Stewards
Sunday, April 4—Newspaper Drivers
Monday, April 5—Package Delivery; Coal
Wednesday, April 7—General Savings Men
Monday, April 12—General Membership
Wednesday, April 14—Market
Thursday, April 15—Lent and Awning
Friday, April 16—Job Stewards
Monday, April 19—Wholesale Grocery
Thursday, April 22—Transfer
Monday, April 26—Wholesale Drug
Tuesday, April 27—Taxi Drivers; Night Drivers, 1 p. m.; Day Drivers, 7 p. m.
SENIORITY COMMITTEE meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in hall No. 1.
GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE meets each Tuesday at 7 p. m. in hall No. 2.
EXECUTIVE BOARD meets each Wednesday at 9 a. m. in Staff Room.

MEETING SCHEDULE
Warehouse and Inside Workers Union, Local 20316
WHOLESALE UNION
Tuesday, April 6—Membership Meeting
Tuesday, April 13—Stewards Meeting
Tuesday, April 20—Membership Meeting
Tuesday, April 27—Stewards Meeting
Executive Board meets 8:30 Thursday

as it was to talk depression up." We may expect to hear Herbert Hoover any day now, telling us that Depression is Just Around the Corner. Newspaper editors could advise us to Frown Prosperity Away. But to tell the truth, we don't have to worry too much about the stability of the present "prosperity." Capitalism guarantees it a short but merry life.

Pravda, organ of the Communist Party of Russia, publishes the following after Stalin calls a halt to fulsome praise: "Florid sentences, sugary reports and immoderate applause dull the edge of Bolshevik vigilance and lead people to substitute drum-beating for daily work. Servility follows the trail blazed by conceit and carelessness."

Have you ever read Pravda on Stalin?
Or the Apostles on Jesus?
Washington news item: The U. S. State Department bowed today to the insistence of several unidentified leading powers that some of their secret diplomatic correspondence of recent years be kept secret.

I bet Washington not only bowed—it fell all over itself. An understanding between nations that has to be kept secret is bound to be rotten—for the masses of the two countries.

N. Y. Times item: Easter has proved a blessed season in which the force of pacification and good-will have been able to make themselves felt.

Sure, the Spaniards aren't fighting, they're just playing Run, Sheep, Run. Those Japs in China are merely tourists. The nations of the world aren't participating in the most monstrous armament race of all time, with war in mind—they're only preparing for the duck-hunting season.

J. Frank Norris, Detroit evangelist, gives the low-down on the sit-down strike: "Mahatma Gandhi with his pillow slip and Nanny goat is the father of the sit-down strike. Do the laboring people of America need to go to India for a solution of their problems?"

Okay, Norris, you've shamed us out of it. We don't sit down any more. We don't want to take anything from the Indians, do we, boys?

Official release of the Social Security Board: "All told, approximately 18,188,000 industrial and commercial workers are now protected by their state laws against want during future unemployment."

Don't YOU feel protected against want?

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

FEDERAL WORKERS SECTION MONTHLY MEETING
Friday, April 9; 8 p. m.
257 Plymouth Ave.
All WPA Workers and Relief clients invited

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.

Local 131 LAUNDRY AND CLEANING DRIVERS' MEETING SCHEDULE
Wednesday, April 7—Membership Meeting
Thursday, April 8—Stewards Meeting
Wednesday, April 21—Membership Meeting

MEETING SCHEDULE
Warehouse and Inside Workers Union, Local 20316
WHOLESALE UNION
Tuesday, April 6—Membership Meeting
Tuesday, April 13—Stewards Meeting
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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.