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PRICE TWO CENTS

Stop The Vigilante Raids

All Firms to Pay New Scale

Back Pay Will Be Received Shortly

With the completion of negoti-ations with the market employers which brought an agreement from the market to conform to the wage scale established for the transfer

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The amendment calling for 42½ cents per hour for inside workers and helpers and 52½ coats per hour for drivers effective to May 31, 1935, will go into effect as soon as the signatures are obtained. The back pay to September 15th will be given to the employees at that time. The amendment also calls for an additional increase of 2½ cents per hour to go into effect on June 1, 1935, and continue in force until May 31, 1936. There shall be no reduction in the present rate of pay if it exceeds the above specified minimums.

More Unfair Cleaners

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The Master Cleaners at 1312
Nicollet are now in violent competition with the unfair Progressive Cleaners for the record in operating under diverse and sundry names. The Master has added Bruch Cleaners, Levine Cleaners, and One Price Cleaners to their registrical name in order to confuse and One Price Cleaners to their original name in order to confuse the public with whom they are dealing. The records now show a substantial list of laundry and cleaning concerns which are operated by only two individuals and which serve as a cloak to conceal the vicious exploitation of labor in which the bosses indulge. The complete list now includes Master Cleaners, One Price Cleaners, Bruch Cleaners, Levine Cleaners, Progressive Cleaners, Economy, Snow White and Northside Cleaners. Watch these names and remember them for what they represent.

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We are informed that the proprietor of the Master Cleaners has made application to the City Council for license to open another cleaning establishment. We call the attention of the City Council to the infamous record of this concern and recommend careful consideration regarding such license. such license.

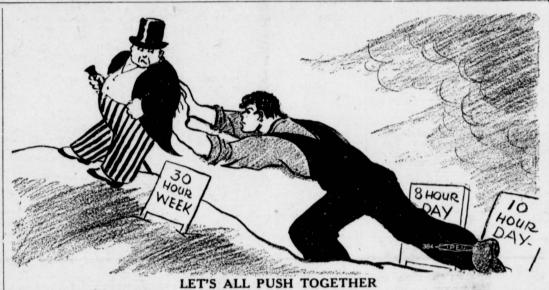
Valhalla Fair to Labor

During the recent strike an article was published in the Organizer stating that the Valhalla cafe, located at 105 Washington Ave. S., was opposed to Local 574. Subsequent investigations have disclosed that this charge was based on false information. We was glad to retract this statement based on laise information. We are glad to retract this statement with the announcement that the Valhalla employs union workers exclusively and is deserving of union patronage.

Hardin Caters to Unionists

The Colonial Warehouse is viothe Colonial Warehouse is vio-lently opposed to the union, but they seem to feel that they can tolerate the receipt of money gar-nered through purchases by union

Let's take a close look at these liquor stores to see who delivers to them and also to see who is delivering Wing cigarettes to the tobacco stores.



Union's Radio Time Cancelled by Bosses

Fargo - Moorhead Drivers Sue Station KGFK

On Monday, October 8, Miles Dunne was scheduled to speak to the citizens of Fargo and Moorhead over radio station KGFK. In advance of this date, complete arrangements had been made by Drivers' Local 173 to purchase the time and the speech had been written out for examination by the officials of the broadcasting company. The union had inserted paid advertisements in the Sunday and Monday editions of the Fargo Forum announcing that a speaker would be on the air to address the public on behalf of the workers employed in the milk industry.

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But when the union speaker appeared at the station as per schedule he was told by the manager that he could not go on the air.

When pressed for a reason, the manager could give none. He merely repeated over and over that the union could not have the time it had contracted for. He could find nothing wrong with the typewritten copy of the speech typewritten copy of the speech presented to him for examination. He could find nothing wrong but he continued his refusal. It is high time that organized

It is high time that organized labor began to take definite action to prevent such ruthless strangulation of the worker's voice in this "land of the free," and the union is beginning this action by bringing suit against the Red River Broadcasting Co. for damages incurred through the loss of funds expended for the broadcast and for the immeasurable loss incurred by the failure to appear on the by the failure to appear on the

by the failure to appear on the air.

In view of the broadcast manager's refusal to give the reason for stopping the union broadcast, it is a matter of speculation as to what the true cause is. In the interest of this speculation as to the motive for such an outright discrimination against the workers, we will examine a few facts about the milk industry in the cities of Farco and Moorhead.

The average wage paid to dairy employees is about \$17 per week. Some of them work as much as 72 hours per week, and most of them work seven full days per week. Although the price of milk has increased twenty per cent, the employees have received none of the added profits. Their wages remain the same.

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Building Trades Support Drivers' Union

Drivers' Union

The building trades unions have been instrumental in bringing a considerable number of drivers into Local 574. They persistently refuse to accept delivery from a non-union driver. It is with such loyal support as this that the drivers go rapidly forward toward their goal of complete unionization in the trucking industry. Local 574 appreciates this whole-hearted support, brother unionists, and is anxious to work closely with all unions to make Minneapolis a union town.

Help Wanted? Call At. 3773

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If you require a driver for any kind of a truck in any line of business, if you need a yard man for your coal yard, if you need a worker with experience on the fruit and produce market, if you need a helper, if you need a furniture packer, if you need ice, if you wish to hire a truck and driver, if you need help of any kind, call the Drivers, Helpers and Inside Workers Union, Local 574, at 225 S. 3rd St., phone Atlantic 3773. You will find the most efficient help available.

Retail Clerks Open Campaign for Wages

BOR RESEARCH LIBRARY

Meet October 22 to Begin Formulating Demands

No one has given much thought to the poorly paid workers who serve as clerks in the far reaching to the poorly paid workers who serve as clerks in the far reaching retail industry. That is, no one except the clerks. They have scratched along as best they could on a miserably low wage for a long time. Too long a time they now believe. With workers all about them springing into life to form unions and present a united front against the employers to obtain a wage increase, it has come to the minds of the retail clerks that they too can well afford to follow the same course.

Go into any retail establishment and look about you. You will see on every hand workers, both women and men, who work long hours and receive little pay. Workers who spend practically the entire day on their feet, rushing here and there at a mad pace in an effort to please the fickle public which they must serve efficient-

SUPPORT ORGANIZED LABOR

Accept deliveries from union drivers only. Do not buy gasoline from non-union station attendants. Insist that none but union mechanics work on your car.
Make the store clerk show his union card. Eat your
meals in union restaurants. Buy clothes made by union garment workers and sold by union clerks. Furniture delivered by a union driver looks better and wears longer. Have your laundering done by union cleaners. Milk delivered by a union man has more cream. A sign painted by a union painter gets better results. Is your ice man a union man?

Scab ice cream sours your stomach. It is dangerous to ride a street car operated by a scab motorman. Non-union coal won't keep you warm. A Liberty cab will get you there late. A scab moving man will break your dishes. A UNION WORKER IS ALWAYS RE-

Wherever you go, whatever you buy, demand union service. Demand a paid-up union credential. Never patronize a concern which is being picketed or bannered or is on the unfair list.

BE A MEMBER OF ORGANIZED LABOR. SUPPORT THE UNION MOVEMENT. BE A REAL TRADE UNIONIST AT ALL TIMES AND IN ALL PLACES.

MAKE MINNEAPOLIS A UNION TOWN!

Vandals Raid **Book Store**

Today Communists. **Tomorrow Unions**

Who is it today who mouths sweet phrases about the glorious American Constitution, about the People's Rights, about Law and Order? Without exception, it is the clique of reactionary, laborhating bosses and owners, and their bands of thugs and dupes whom they buy or fool with their gold and their grotesque hypocrisies.

Early Tuesday morning the Workers Book Store on Third Street between Hennepin and Nicollet was illegally broken into by vandals, by minions of "Law and Order." Furniture was overturned and smashed, pamphlets were torn up and scattered over the floor. But you will please note: in their patriotic ardor, these robbers were yet not above stealing the small supply of cash in the store. Nor were they above taking with them every book in the shop. Several score of expensive volumes were stolen.

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When the proprietors of the book store came down to open up at 8:30 Tuesday morning a sorry

at 8:30 Tuesday morning a sorry sight met their gaze. In the window was a crude sign:
 "modern
 Boston Tea Party
 NO REDS
 Wanted in Minneapolis"
 Inside the shop all was confusion and disorder.
 "Modern Boston Tea Party!"
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Country Wide Jobless **Demonstration Called**

Unemployed to Appear at All Relief Stations Nov. 24

Five years of economic crisis with its attendant unemployment have wrecked the lives of millions of workers, and the coming sixth winter promises to be the most miserable of all. Millions are on the brink of starvation, forced to subsist on the deplorable relief pittances. Unless the unemployed are well organized to combat the "welfare" boards, the relief dole will be slashed even further and with this action will come an attempt to reduce the wages of those who are working.

As a result of a conference of representatives from unemployed organizations throughout the nation, a nation wide relief demonstration has been set for November 24. At this time the jobless will appear before every relief station in the land to present demands for better allowances, and the demands will also be presented to the authorities in Washington.

The demands call for increased relief allowances to be paid in cash, public works on the basis of the 30 hour week at \$30 per week, unemployment insurance, the right to organize on public works

right to organize on public works jobs, recognition of unemployed representatives by relief adminis-

representatives by relief administrators, disability compensation on public works projects, and the turning over of all war funds for unemployment relief.

To plan the action in Minneapolis, a conference of delegates from all working class organizations, employed and unemployed, will be held in the County Commissioner's room at the Court House on Saturday, October, 20.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

Hungarian Miners Win Death Strike

Threat of General Strike Forces Victory

An event is transpiring in Pecs, Hungary, which is throwing a glaring light on the mass misery of our working class brothers abroad that even the boss press writes

our working class brothers abroad that even the boss press writes of it with horror.

Twelve hundred miners have entombed themselves 1,000 feet underground, in the subterranean corridors of a coal mine. Five days and five nights they have remained in the darkness, the dampness, the cold—without food or water. They say they will stay there until they die.

WHY? Because, "rather than suffer the slow pangs of death by starvation (to which they are condemned by their princely weekly wages of \$2.00), we will commit suicide by smothering ourselves."

The wives and children of these miners are prevented from joining the workers only by the clubs of the police.

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But why such desperate actions? What manner of men must the bosses be that the workers must resort to such means? Perhaps the miners have made exhorbitant demands on the bosses. But no, the men are asking only for "\$3.50 a week—about 58 cents a day." And the bosses? Just the regular type. Bosses are the same the world over. "The mines are owned by the Danube Steam Navigation Co., in which British interests are heavily invested."

"We are determined to die—forget about us—goodbye to the children—send down 345 coffins." These are the last words of the men underground, the miners engaged in the "Strike of Death."

The village of Pecs, all of Hungary, the workers of Europe—all are growing tense and electric as hour succeeds hour, and still the bosses refuse to meet the demand for "\$3.50 a week." Premier Goemboes, a tool of the foreign interests, grows more frantic. He sees the social soil quake beneath the feet of the government. And yet he is afraid to move—because "British interests are heavily invested."

In this situation you see the tragedy of Hungary; the tragedy

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In this situation you see the tragedy of Hungary; the tragedy of workers everywhere, wherever the bosses rule. But behind a tragedy such as this in which these twelve hundred miners are involved—by now their number is possibly ten hundred—or eight hundred—lies yet a greater tragedy—the most colossal tragedy of all.

Here is the greatest tragedy—that the workers, comprising 80 per cent of the population of every nation, do not rise up in their might and smash the tiny but powerful handful of bosses to whose greed is subjected the lives and the happiness of the immense majority. But our day is coming majority. But our day is coming.

(Ed. Note: On Tuesday morning word comes that the bosses have capitulated before the threat of a protest general strike, and have granted the wage increase for which the miners struck. The miners have come to the surface, many of them dying and crazed.)

constitution and every law naturally expires at the end of the average life. If it be enforced longer, it is an act of force, and not right.—Thomas

PATRONIZE ORGANIZER ADVERTISERS

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Reasonable Rates by Hour or Day

24 Hr. Service

Peter Watzek D. V. M. VETERINARIAN

99 Glenwood Avenue

Slop for the Jobless

When a worker is forced into the ranks of the unemployed, he is automatically reduced to a stat-us where anything is good enough for him. At least that seems to be the attitude taken by the proces-sors of relief supplies.

An unemployed worker recent-ly received a piece of meat from a relief station which had not even had the entrails removed. A which would turn the stomof the most hardened of in-

dividuals.

The union is investigating this matter, and somebody is going to regret their careless attitude about the health of the citizens of these United States who are on the relief roles, not of their own choosing, but in spite of their anxious desire to obtain work.

From Lyons, France, comes the following item: "Seventeen bodies had been recovered today from the Sain-Bel mine where a large group of miners were trapped by explosion and fire. The death toll was estimated at 30."

All over the capitalist world it is the same. The workers are snuffed out eevry day by the score. The Rocke-fellers live to a ripe old age on their comfortable estates.

PAY YOUR DUES PROMPTLY

To a Nine-Inch Gun:

Whether your shell hits the target

or not, Your cost is five hundred dollars

a shot.
You thing of noise and flame and power,
We feed you a hundred barrels

of flour Each time you roar. Your flame is fed

With twenty thousand loaves of bread.
Silence! A million hungry men
Seek bread to fill their mouths

again.

Justice consists in the compliance with custom in all matters of difference between men. This is in accord with the definition of the Roman law. Some of our ancestors had the habit or custom of eating their dead parents, so, by proving the precedent or custom, we can prove that cannibalism is just.—Carter.

WEAR YOUR UNION BUTTON

They are slaves who fear to

For the fallen and the weak; They are slaves who will not

choose
Hatred, scoffing and abuse
Rather than in silence sink
From the truth they needs

must think.
They are slaves who dare not

In the right with two or three. -James Russell Lowell

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Vandals Raid 3rd Street Book Store

(Continued from page 1) What a cowardly travesty was this act of hooliganism on the revolutionary Tea Party of the 18th cen-

Now this Workers Book Store in Minneapolis happens to be run by the Communist Party. There are many workers in this city who are out of sympathy with the Communist party. But it would be a short-sighted policy indeed to abstain for this reason from registering a vigorous protest against this vandalism. Such actions must never go unchallenged. For it is always the practise of tions must never go unchallenged. For it is always the practise of hoodlum vigilante bands to continue their vicious practises—IF THEY THINK THEY CAN GET AWAY WITH IT. Today they will strike at the Communists—the next day the trade union halls. If they think they can get away with it, these vigilantes would like to terrorize every worker, every liberal minded per-

worker, every liberal minded person in the city.

BUT THEY AREN'T GOING
TO GET AWAY WITH IT. Today every worker in Minneapolis
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day every worker in Minneapolis should come to the support of the victims of this indecent roving band of vigilantes. If these cowards want action, want a fight, they will get it. The responsibility now rests squarely upon their own shoulders. They will have to take the consequences of their cowardly act of destruction.

One more point. Probably some reader will wonder how a place in the heart of the city could be illegally entered and vandalized without the police interfering. The police are always conveniently elsewhere when such acts as this against the working class are transpiring. The police aren't hired to protect the workers. The function of the police is to protect their masters, the bosses.

Another episode of "Law and Order" has taken place in Minneapolis, comparable to the "Law and Order" shown by Bloody Mike Johannes and Mayor Bainbridge on Third Avenue that afternoon of Bloody Friday.

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If the police will not stop the plundering of the workers by these lawless vultures, the workers will.

STOP THE VIGILANTES!

Law grinds the poor and the rich men rule the law.—Oliver Goldsmith.

CRYSTAL Co-operative Cleaners and Laundry

100% UNION

Not Union because of this strike, but built by Union Labor, controlled by Union Labor.

3108 Penn Ave. N. CH. 4488

"Red" GOLDEN'S CAFE

100% UNION "Bozo" Wolf's Orchestra Dancing Every Night Washington Ave. at Plymouth

2833 Central Ave. GR. 1572

Geo. Wachsmuth

UNION MEAT MARKET

For Quality Meats and Service Phone Us — We Deliver

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Cigars of Quality "La Lunda" and "3-C" Cigars

Understand the Boss Press

During the last week, the boss papers have been devoting mil-lions of words to the capture of a man who kidnaped one baby. The kidnapping and killing of the Lindman who kidnaped one baby. The kidnapping and killing of the Lindbergh baby was, we admit, a horrible and senseless deed—and rightly to be condemned by all people. But exactly such deeds as this are inevitable under a system such as we have in America; a system where gross inequalities of wealth exist, where individual greed is cultivated, from the press, the pulpit, the schools.

Now during this same week it happened that an explosion and fire took place in a mine in Wales. This explosion and fire was the fault of the mine owners, who criminally neglected to provide proper safety devices. It has been officially stated that 260 miners were killed in this dreadful mine fire. Two hundred sixty workers snuffed out without a chance!

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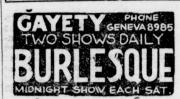
Here, say we, is a subject worth millions of words. Here is a subject exactly 260 times as important as the kidnapping and killing of the Lindbergh baby. Here is a disaster that cries to the heavens with a voice of infinite sorrow. But you won't catch the boss press giving this news, involving the lives of 260 members of our class, more than a few lines.

Workers! The labor press is weak NOW. Few are the papers and periodicals that voice our interests. So most of us are dependent on the boss press for day-to-day news. But as we read the boss press, let us understand why certain news is played up to the shies why other news

why certain news is played up to the skies, why other news is hidden away among the want ads. Let us interpret everything the boss press dishes out through the eyes of our class, not theirs.

"If you want anything for your car-see one of the boys"

Hork's Auto Parts 1500 WASHINGTON AVE. N. Cherry 4242



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High School SUITS

Sizes 28 to 38

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Newest Collegiate models, fabrics and shades. TWO TROUSERS; 1 and shades. TWO TROUSERS pair Regulars; 1 pair Zippers.

Boys' Suits, \$5.85 1 Long & 1 Knicker All Wool Sport Models

Sizes 8 to 15. Beautiful shades and patterns. Formerly priced to \$9.85. Choice \$5.85.

Boys' Knickers, \$1.29 Sizes 6 to 14, in tweeds, cheviots and cassimeres.

Another Limited Offering

O'Coats While They Last, Choice

Well made, stylish all wool O'Coats. Newest models and shades, including Blues and Oxfords. Many worth to \$17.85. Choice, \$11.85.



10 WEEKS TO PAY



. . and your money back if you can duplicate my values anywhere!

Space in My

Enlarged Store Means: -Bigger Volume!

-Better Service! -Greatest Values in My History!

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Suits, O'Coats T'Coats \$ 10.85

Outstanding Suits

Double and single breasted sport backs, conservatives, etc. Pure virgin wool fabrics, artistically tailored. Oxfords, Blues, Browns, Grays. Tailored for style and long wear! All sizes!

Big, Warm Overcoats

Newest fabrics and styles! Mel-tons, boucles, fleeces, etc. Shorts, regulars, longs and extra longs, all sizes.

Smart Topcoats

Hand tailored EZY-Swings, Rag-lans, Wrap-arounds, Form-Fitting. Single and double-breasted. All sizes, all shades!

Sport Togs for Less!

Scotch Spun Slacks

Hundreds of them—a reg-ular \$5 value, special

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Zipper Jackets

Genuine Suede Leather; also all wool Meltons, special

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ZIPPER JACKETS of waterproofed Suede Cloth. A most exceptional value at

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Corduroy Slacks Collegiate models! Here is the "guaranteed lowest

price in town. \$2.25

My 3-Way Pay Plan Fits Every Purse.

Cash, Charge or Budget-With 10 Weeks to Pay



Exploitation Becomes Board Recommends Science to Employers

Silent and Absent Partner Role Planned for Workers

The Minneapolis Civic & Commerce Association has organized an Employer-Employee Committee with employees as silent and absent members in good company union style. It is publishing, minus the union label of course, a weekly bulletin based on the study of personnel management, a high class name for schemes trying to make the workers think that they and the bosses are just one big happy family. But no amount of bosses' propaganda can make us forget that, since profits are made from our toil, employer and em-ployee co-operate in the same fashion as lemon and lemon-

squeezer.

Like the farmer who is glad to keep his mule free from flies and give him a bedding-down of clean straw in order to get more work out of him, the bosses favor good out of him, the bosses favor good treatment to the worker when it is profitable. They tell each other, "Conserve the health and safety of employees . . . the cost of which would be more than offset by less loss of time from sickness, better physical fitness to the working force, increased output, improved product, and a reduced labor turnover . . Courteous and considerate treatment of every employee is a policy which costs little if anything . . such a policy yields larger returns in good will, interest in the welfare of the company and earnest service than any other investment in vice than any other investment in fair dealing an employer can

make."
Realizing that labor is the real source of all wealth, and that the much-boasted-of "brains" of the capitalists consists of getting the most work possible out of their workers, they say, "The competition of the future between employers in the same line of business will be between the efficiencies of their respective corps of cies of their respective corps of employees from the manager to the lowest paid workman on the force."

Of course, the bosses would like to do right, but, "Admittedly there are many employers in Minneapolis who, under present business conditions, can do little if anything more than pay the minimum wage prescribed by their respective codes." And those who want pie in the sky bye and bye will be pleased to learn that the bosses counsel one another, "Seek as a goal for the future even better working conditions than can now be provided..."

The bosses, however, are not ignorant of the true nature of capitalism for they admit, "He (the employer) controls the jobs, and therefore the conditions of employment on the job... He is in a position to secure and utilize more expert advice in dealing with the problem ... He has wider freedom of action ... The employer, as owner and operator, controls in the final analysis the conditions of employment to safety and hours of labor ..." Only until the worker, as owner and operator, controls the conditions of employment, will he be able to do more than beg for better conditions or gain small concessions by costly struggle. Until that time, the bosses can continue to taunt us with such statements as, "If you cannot co-operate with your employer as an earnest, silent partner in the business, find an other one with whom you can." Just try and find the other one! The entire company union plan back of these bulletins is apparent when they tell the worker, "He must not wilfully or maliciously damage or injure the property of his employer—nor boycott him by inducing or attempting to induce others not to patronize the business of the latter—nor coerce, oppress, intimidate or use violence for any purpose or reason upon a fellow employee." It cuts into profits to have workers fight for better conditions; and the bosses would rather pay off their "silent partners" in ways which will leave them controlling conditions of employee."

them controlling conditions of em-ployment and rates of profit.

MAKE MINNEAPOLIS A UNION TOWN

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Raise in Initiation Fee

At the next membership meeting on Monday, November 12, a recommendation will be submitted by the Executive Board to increase the initiation fee from \$1.60 to \$5 on December 1 and from \$5 to \$7 on January 1. The board will also recommend that the dues be increased from \$1.60 to \$2 monthly on January 1,

In view of the gains which Local 574 has made for its members, and to protect the members who fought the battle from those who care to share only in the victory, the board feels that this action should be taken by the member-

Union's Radio Time Cancelled by Bosses

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same in Fargo and Moorhead as
it is in the twin cities, the twin
city milk dealers pay the farmer
more for his milk. The lowest
wage paid to a twin city dairy employee is \$32.50 per week. The
average wage in Fargo and Moorhead is \$17 per week. In the twin
cities the dairy employees are well
organized and work under a union
contract with the employers. In
Fargo and Moorhead the milk employers refuse to deal with Local
173, which organization represents the large majority of their
employees.

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There has been an increase of 30 per cent in the cost of living since June 1, 1933. The milk companies of Fargo and Moorhead have been very careful to live up to that part of the New Deal which calls for an increase in commodity prices, but they have ignored just as carefully that part which calls for an increase in wages. To them recovery means added profits to the milk companies, an increase to the general public in living costs, and lower wage values to the dairy employees.

In the light of these disclosures it becomes obvious that it was the milk companies who prevented the union from addressing the citizens of Fargo and Moorhead and the farmers who produce the raw milk for this community. The milk companies cannot afford to have the public acquainted with the true facts about the manner in which they are exploiting not only their own employees but also the farmers and the consuming public.

To protect their sacred profits

their own employees but also the farmers and the consuming public.

To protect their sacred profits and to safeguard their "constitutional" right of exploitation, the milk dealers will resort to every known tactic to combat the organized workers. They have already begun an active campaign to organize vigilante committees to terrorize the workers. The boss press has consistently refused to give the union any publicity, and now the workers know that the radio is not for their use.

Soon the hue and cry will ring forth that all red-blooded Americans must rally to the support of the principles for which our ancestors fought at Concord and Lexington, "For the sanctity of private property. For that freedom of individual action upon which our glorious country is founded. To protect the nation and the constitution from 'reds' and 'radicals'." And what will all this terrific clamor be for? To protect the milk companies of Fargo and Moorhead from the possibility of having to pay their employees a living wage. A wage which will increase the buying power of the dairy employees and bring benefits to the people. EXHORBITANT PROFITS STORED IN THE COFFERS OF THE power of the dairy employees and bring benefits to the people. EX-HORBITANT PROFITS STORED IN THE COFFERS OF THE MILK COMPANIES BENEFIT ONLY A HANDFUL OF PERSONS. INCREASED WAGES IN THE HANDS OF THE WORKERS WILL BENEFIT ALL.

And, if the workers are forced

Winger's Garage

505 E. 24th St. Kinds of Repair Work Done by Experts 100% UNION SHOP

When Out for a Good Time Stop at

FRANK'S PLACE 1428 7TH ST. S.

Retail Clerks Open Campaign for Wages

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ly if they are to retain their jobs,
such as they are. Go into the department stores, the "five and dimes," the grocery store, the hardware store, any retail establishment; there you will see them, toiling, perspiring, worrying, and unorganized

Out of this turmoil there have Out of this turmoil there have arisen a few aggressive souls who dare to dream of a new and better day. Who have come to the realization that very little comes to him who waits but much can come to him who goes after it. They have ceased to dream and have begun to plan. Out of these plans will come organization for plans will come organization for the retail clerks, and out of orplans will come organization for the retail clerks, and out of organization will come better wages, shorter hours, and improved working conditions. The road to this achievement will not be a smooth one. It will be strewn with many obstacles. But the road can be traversed. Others have successfully made their way and so can the overworked clerk who gives so much and gets so little in return.

Today, Local 702 of the Retail Clerks is a small organization, but it has rooted itself in a very large field. It needs only two things, militant leadership and a well thought out program, to win success. The leadership is already coming to the front, and the program is now in the making.

Every retail clerk in the city of Minneapolis should be present at the next meeting of Local 702 on Monday. October 22. The meeting will be called to order at 8 p. m. at the Labor Temple, 614 First Ave. N.

into open struggle with the milk

into open struggle with the milk employers, the forces of the police and even the governor's national guard will be used against them. Vigorous attempts will be made to terrorize the workers into submission. Why? To protect the employer's profits. To guarantee him security in his exploitation.

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drivers at 1 p. m.
Laundry drivers—first Wednes-

day.
Transfer workers—first Friday.
Retail workers—second Friday.
Petroleum drivers—third Fri-

day.

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American History for Workers

Workers! Study the history of the United States. Learn the methods the bosses have used to enslave us for the past 200 years; learn of the heroic battles that have been fought by our class, the mistakes we have made, the advances we have won.

In the 1830s, our class was fighting for the 10-hour day. Following is a declaration against the workers by the Master Carpenters of Boston (the Citizens Alliance of 100 years ago): "We cannot believe that this project for the 10-hour day has originated with any of the faithful and industrious sons of New England, but are compelled to consider it an evil of foreign growth and one which we hope and trust will not take root in the favored soil of Massachusetts." You see, the "Red Scare" is thus at least 100 years old.

Injunctions against labor first came into prominence in the great railway strike of 1877, and again in connection with the mighty Pullman strike in Chicago in 1894. An injunction is "a bill or writ issued by a judge of a court ordering some person, corporation, or combinations of persons to perform a certain act or series of acts or to refrain from doing a certain thing or certain things.'

Samuel Gompers, one of the founders of the American Federation of Labor, said in 1886: 'The answer to all opponents of the reduction of hours of labor could well be given in these words: 'that so long as there is one man who seeks employment and cannot obtain it, the hours of labor are too long'.

This is absolutely right. Today workers all over the nation must agitate for the 30-hour week. And if this move doesn't absorb our unemployed brothers and sisters, we'll fight for a 24-hour work week. And if the bosses don't give it-!

The first revolutionary labor organization of national proportions and influence in the United States was the Noble Order of the Knights of Labor, founded at Philadelphia in 1869 by Uriah Smith Stevens and other local garment workers.

The Knights of Labor believed in public ownership of all public utilities. They advocated co-operative institutions for the production and distribution of goods. Their motto was: "An injury to one is the concern of all."

Probably the greatest struggle led by this typically American group was a strike for recognition and higher wages against the Gould railway system in 1885.

The first American workers' society was organized in 1785 in New York; the first labor union was probably that set up by the Philadelphia shoemakers in 1792; an early strike was that led by the printers of Philadelphia against the bosses in 1886; the first closed shop agreement was reached in 1794 between the cordwainers society in Philadelphia and the bosses.

The first "Central Labor Union" organized in Philadelphia in 1827. In that year the carpenters were on strike for a 10 hour day. All organized workers in the city came out in support of the carpenters by calling a sympathetic general strike. Out of this interest in the strike came a city-wide union of unions called the "Mechanics' Union of Trade Associations."

Following is a list of abusive epithets used by the bosses in the 1840s against these men who had the courage to demand justice for the workers: "Levelers," "Mob," "Rabble," "Dirty Shirt Party," "Tag, rag and bobtail," "Ring streaked and speckled rabble." "Anarchists," "Infidels," and "Communists." Sounds like a current edition of the boss sheet in Minneapolis: THE SATURDAY PRESS.

Socialists in America early made their appearance. These men were followers of Fourier, a Frenchman and a Utopian Socialist. Prominent men of that day, 1840, moved by the misery and poverty of our class, took up Fourier's teachings; among them were Horace Greeley, Charles Dana and John Whittier. Earlier, in 1825, Robert Owen, another Utopian Socialist, came to America and founded a colony at New Harmony, Indiana.

Begin your study with Simons' "Social Forces in American History."

The Rubber-Hose Convention

(Reprinted from the Nation) Those who are following the developments in the Lindbergh case may have been given pause by a special story appearing on the front page of the New York World - Telegram. Hauptmann, says the author, has not been given the "conventional third degree." The World-Telegram was "informed today" that there has been "no rubber hose" and "no modernized physical torture for

been "no rubber hose" and "no modernized physical torture for him;" the case is too important and the "authorities" are afraid to jeopardize it by methods which might prove a boomerang.

It is nice to know that Hauptmann has not been passing his days in a torture chamber. We were not, however, aware that the "authorities" had been in the habit of admitting that a rubber hose and other "modernized physical torture" were "conventional" and used as a matter of course upon suspects less in the public eye. We were under the impression that the police department vehemently denied that it ever resorted to such methods, which are, of course physical torture in the police department in the police of source physical torture in the police department wentered to such methods, which are, of course physical torture in the property of the physical torture in the property and the property of the physical torture in the property and the property of the physical torture in the property of the physical torture in the property of the physical torture in the physical son that the police department vehemently denied that it ever resorted to such methods, which are, of course, plainly illegal as well as indefensible on any grounds whatsoever. Who are the "authorities" who now casually admit that as a special favor Hauptmann is being granted the protection which the law prescribes for every accused person no matter who he may be? What do Mayor LaGuardia and his new Commissioner of Police think of their statement? Does not the Mayor owe it to himself as well as to everybody else to seek an explanation? Unless, of course, he too regards the beating up of prisoners as a "conventional" proceeding to be dispensed with only in cases where there seems to be some danger that the mistreet

too regards the beating up of prisoners as a "conventional" proceeding to be dispensed with only in cases where there seems to be some danger that the mistreatment of the prisoner may come to light and thus jeopardize the state's case against him. We note that an article in the New York Law Journal warns the police that confessions obtained by third-degree methods have no legal standing. Would it be necessary to issue such a caveat if the legal profession were not well aware that these brutal and extra-legal methods are "conventional"?

Oddly enough, however, we seem to make up for our brutality to unknown persons by a surprising tenderness toward those who have wealth or position, and if we treat—or mistreat—the suspect as though he were proved guilty, we sometimes treat the guilty as though they were really innocent. Consider, for example, the case of Bernard Marcus, the convicted president of the defunct Bank of United States, who has just been transferred from Sing Sing to the far more comfortable quarters of Wallkill, where, so a dispatch to the New York Times informs us, "every effort is made to avoid the nsual prison atmosphere." The transfer was not recommended by Warden Lawes, and it seems a bit odd that Marcus should be lodged in a prison "built as a place to rehabilitate young first offenders and to protect them against association with hardened criminals." Perhaps, however, it will seem less odd when it is noted that among the other "young first offenders" housed at Wallkill are Leonard Tweed, convicted of stealing \$200.000 from Westchester County; Harold La Polt, convicted of fatally beating Mrs. Edna Leavitt in his Greenwich Village apartment.

Joint Council Asks Removal

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By unanimous vote the Minneapolis Teamsters' Joint Council No. 32 has gone on record as opposed to the company union formed recently at the Liberty Cab Company by reopening the charter of the old taxi drivers' local, No. 125. The secretary of the Council was instructed to forward complete information to the International regarding the history of the Liberty Cab owners in the local trade union movement and to demand that the charter of Local 125 be revoked at once.

The Council also requested Brother Gary, a member of the executive board of the International, who was present at the meeting, to make the same recommendation to the board.

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WEAR YOUR UNION BUTTON

Labor Looks at the Press

George Dayton speaks through a Tribune advertisement: "Bisiness is good in Minneapolis. With the exception of July and Aug ist (a small loss of volume due to local disturbances) business as gone ahead since last November. Dayton's is happy to be a part of Minneapolis, happy to be able to serve the people of this community to their satisfaction."

So the Dayton Company's business has become so bast that they have to print advertisements telling how good it is. You're a part of Minneapolis all right, Mr. Dayton, a part that the workers will never forget. As to those local disturbances and your desire to serve the people, we can only assume that you refer to the "best" people and not to the "rabble" of workers which you tried so hard to put down.

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sand dollars reward has been offered for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who
murdered Arthur Lyman, Pet r
Erath and Howard Guilford."

We wonder if the stage
hands and musicians formerly with the Shubert Theater
could use some of that back
pay they have been waiting
for?

Choice headlines of the weel: Chicago Teachers Get Checks of Time; 16,846,322 Jobless Now Re-ported in U. S.; Price of Bred Goes Up One Cent a Pound.

Rochester news item depicting the plight of a jolly good fellov: "Brigadier General Walsh, adjutant general of Minnesota, is at the Mayo Clinic undergoing treament for ulcers. The Minnesota National Guard head is not expected to return to his office for several weeks."

We resent this nasty slur on the quality of liquor served at the Minneapolis Athletic Club and the Minneapolis Club.

The Children's Hour, as writte up in a London paper: "Lloy George strode vigorously into the City Temple to welcome Rev Frederick Norwood, minister home from a world tour and totell the vast pathering there that in the future he is not putting hit rust in conferences or politiciant to save the world from the distant of another war, but in great clergymen."

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Lloyd George can have his great clergymen. We remember exactly how the great clergymen acted in the last war. The Organizer puts its trust in organized labor to save the workers from fighting in another war which ing in another war which would only be fought to in-crease the profits of the bosses.

Something Worth While:
"Members of the Minneapolis Association of Credit Men will hold their October dinner meeting Tuesday evening at the Curtis Hotel. The "inside" of labor will be discussed by Harold O. Hofstedt, principal speaker."

Hofstedt, a stool pigeon, was a buddy of the late lamented Howard Guilford. He learned his "inside" of labor in the "inside" of the offices of the Citizens Alliance in the Builders Exchange.

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Filling station attendants and

Filling station attendants-and the survivors of the Colorado min-ers shot down by Rockefeller's ers shot down by Rockefeller's gunmen twenty years ago—will be happy to learn that: "John D. Rockefeller, Sr., appearing to be in good health, arrived at his winter home at Ormond Beach, Florida, after a train trip from Lakewood, New Jersey. He was lifted off the train in a chair. He entered an automobile and was driven the mile and one-half to his estate."

Ninety-five years old is Rockefeller. This man has accumulated hundreds of millions of dollars from the sweat and grime of his slaves who toil in his mines, oil fields, factories and vast holdings. This man is directly re-

The North Branch MCCV meets Thursday, October 18, at the Labor Lyceum. Outside speakers will be present.

sponsible or the deaths of thousands of workingmen. thousands of workingmen, women an children. His latest crime against the working class is the Chaco war being four ht in South America to project his oil fields in

Daniel J. Tobin, International president of the Teamsters' Union, gives vent to a democratic outburst at the A. F. of L. convention: "We have 135,000 members without taking in the rubbish that has lately one into other A. F. of L. organizations in the last year."

Local 574 must take exception to President Tobin's remarks. Before the rest of the wording class, we apologize fo Tobin. We are ashamed of him. Local 574 is proud of its brother members who have come into the Teamste's this past year. And it also extends brotherly greeting to all workers who have en ered the A. F. of L. during he past year. Local 574 does not consider these new mombers as "rubbish." but considers them as brothbut considers them as broth-

Walter Winchell lifts up a cor-

Walter Winchell lifts up a corner of the sheet hiding the cancer of presert-day society: "Of all things! We just learned that various asy ums here "get rid" of insane people at the rate of 500 a month 'because the asylums are overcrow ed!"

If c'ery worker knew the truth of what takes place in this country in such institutions is prisons and insane asylume, and especially the calloused treatment shown to defenseless persons, these institutions would be ripped, brick by brick, from their found tions.

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From Detroit we leave that

From Detroit we learn that:

"Fifteen thousand workers were laid off at the Ford River Rouge plant to lay (Oct. 10). This cut the fore in half and reduced production to 800 cars a day."

The t's good business, Henry. I se the working man as long as you can, then fire him. To hell with his wife and children, eh, Henry! Let 'em starve—there's always plent more where he came from But if the workers in Detroit were organized, you wouldn't get away with this.

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The ditter truth, a recorded in a Was sington pape. There is evidence in the figures to show that the New Deal has been anything but destructive of the profit system. Thus the net profits of 407 corporations for the first six months of this year, as offered by the Fe leral Reserve Bank of New York, totaled \$385,000,000 as compared with \$75,000,000 in the first x months of 1933 and \$19,000,000 in the first x months of 1933 and \$19,000,000 in the first x months of 1933 and \$19,000,000 in the first half of 1932.

The two groups of reporting industries had a loss on their capital . . Mr. Richberg believes too a any industries took advantage of their opportunity to get together outside the anti-trust laws and assure themselves a profit." laws and assure themselves profit"

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We think too many industries took advantage of the wo kers to assure themselves of a juicy slice of that \$385,000,000 profit. Do you see what the bosses are doing, workers? They are climbing out of this depression on our shaulders, leaving us deeper in the mud than ever. It is up to us to organize and fight for higher wages: all of us. for higher wages: all of us, workers in every industry must do this. MAKE MINNE-A OLIS A UNION TOWN!

Jesse ones, chairman of the Recons ruction Finance Corporation:
"I wan to emphasize that it is the desi e of the directors of this corporation that leniency be granted to borrowers and . . . that they will be granted extensions, where desi ed, for as much as five years from January 31 next."

New, this is the kind of cedit the great industrialists and bankers can get—because it is they who own the government.

vernment.
Picture, if you can, a orker getting a five-weeka five-day extension on a 50 loan or a \$50 purchase at HE has made. Do you