

Arbitration Boosts Wages

A. F. L. Asks 30 Hr. Week

Unions Must Fight to Win This Demand

The American Federation of Labor in convention at San Francisco Monday pledged all of its power to establish the five day 30 hour week in American industry. Without a dissenting vote and with great cheers and enthusiasm the convention endorsed the resolution which places the entire organization on record for the accomplishment of that task. The resolution calls for a five day 30 hour week with no pay reductions. It calls for legislation which will establish this desirable condition of labor.

The trade unions of America can gain this demand in only one way and that is by adopting a policy which militantly presses the employers on every front. The unions must be consolidated and built into mass organizations including all the workers employed in a given industry. To petition or lobby for legislation without the backing of powerfully organized unions ready for action means to fritter away valuable time chasing a will-o-the-wisp. The cause is a worthy one and well may the workers in all unions redouble their efforts, strengthening the movement for the five day 30 hour week.

Labor Unions Move To Be Rid of Parasite

Progressive Cleaners Have No Right in Business

Many chiselers have been uncovered through the activities of organized labor in seeking to improve working conditions, but it remained for the Progressive Launderers and Cleaners, located at 228 East Hennepin, to provide the acme in chiseling, cheating, and downright sweating of blood out of the workers. The owner of this swindle-shop has discovered and put into practice every known tactic in the art of cheating grossly and deliberately under pretense of fair dealing.

In the first place it is impossible to determine legally who is the owner. The business has been signed back and forth among the members of the family so many times to avoid payment of lawsuits and judgments that it is impossible to find a legal owner. The boss refuses to pay even the NRA minimum wage of 14 cents per hour and has resisted all attempts of the NRA to force compliance. He holds back the workers' pay (such as it is) as much as three and four weeks and fires them if they have the temerity to ask for it. The Progressive (what a sacrifice to progress) employs no union help. If a worker joins the union he is fired at once and without ceremony.

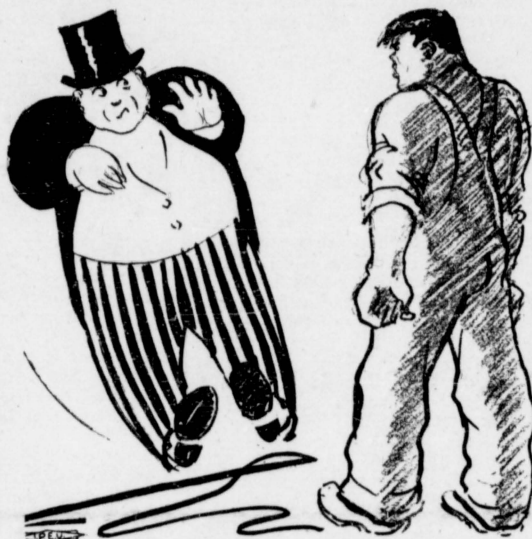
The delivery trucks are operated under several different names as a precaution against lawsuits and public indignation. The principal names used besides the Progressive are Economy, Snow White, and North Side Cleaners.

All unions are directing their attention toward a finish fight against this sweat shop. All purchasers of laundry and dry cleaning service are urgently requested

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OPEN-SHOP



UNION-SHOP

Toward a Bigger and Better Union

The bosses, who never tire of propagandizing the workers to prevent their uniting, are still seizing every available opportunity to sow dissension in the ranks of the union. They watch with hawklike vigilance for signs of discontent among the workers and raise a great hue and cry on the slightest pretext. They even go so far as to manufacture grievances which they spread among the men through the medium of their stoolpigeons. These tactics must be defeated. **Every thinking worker will see through them and speak out against them.**

Several months ago, the bosses went to Washington by the trainload and wrote up a batch of codes. Among other things, these codes pretended to establish a fair wage for the workers, but the workers had nothing to say about what it should be.

Unorganized, the workers found themselves subject to every whim and fancy of the boss. They received varying rates of pay, all of them low, and most of them very, very low. The boss had all the privilege and the workers had insecurity. They were judged by the infamous merit system.

To furnish evidence of these deplorable job conditions, it is only necessary to point to the hundreds of workers who joined the union when Local 574 opened its organization campaign. The workers in the different companies and in the different industries were surprised to learn that they were all enjoying the same miseries. They began to realize how much they had in common. After a complete examination of existing conditions, they drew up demands for better wages, better working conditions, and job security. The workers wanted a more healthful life for themselves and their families. They wanted better food and adequate clothing. They wanted to correct those conditions which made their jobs unnecessarily unpleasant. They demanded that the "best" minds, who rule over their destinies, guarantee them some security.

These demands were presented to the bosses—the same bosses who now pretend to be so solicitous over the welfare of the workers—and the bosses turned them down completely, turned them down without even a hearing. The workers called the bosses' bluff with the only effective weapon they possess—the strike. After a

bitter struggle, the bosses signed an agreement only to begin violating it before the ink was dry on their signatures. A second and even more bitter struggle was fought before the bosses came to the realization that they were dealing with a determined force and that they must make an agreement and live up to it. The outcome of the struggle brought only a partial achievement of the original objective, but this does not mean that the entire objective is impossible of attainment. It proves conclusively to the workers that the bosses will yield only after a vicious struggle but **they can be made to yield.** A partial victory today heralds a more complete victory tomorrow.

The workers have won a more adequate guarantee of security through the provisions for seniority rights and the protection against discrimination. The minimum wage scale has been increased to a point which provides an actual leveling of the rate of pay in all the industries involved with the minimum wage much higher than the NRA code minimum in all cases. A guarantee has been written in to prevent any attempt to make the minimum wage serve as the maximum wage also as the bosses do under the NRA. Those workers who have been fortunate enough to receive more than the newly specified minimums are protected from pay cuts. There are very few who fall in this class but it is important that those who do are fully protected.

What the union has actually done is to make it possible for the workers to write their own code to replace the ridiculous labor provisions in the NRA codes. Every member of the union has gained—some more than others—but all have gained. The circumstances of the large majority of the members have been improved greatly. A closer bond has been welded between the men who produce for the profit of those who exploit them. As this bond grows closer, the degree of exploitation will lessen.

The immediate task of the union is to consolidate its positions, gain new strength, and prepare for the next step. **Stay in the union. Bring in those who remain outside. Do your part in helping to enforce the agreement.**

BUILD A BIGGER AND BETTER UNION!

Transfer Men Get More Pay

New Wage Rate Ret- roactive to Sept. 15

The arbitration committee will meet the market employers Friday, October 12, to arrange the wage schedule for the market workers. The steering committee elected from the market section of the union meets with the arbitration committee Tuesday to discuss the demands.

The completion of arbitration with the employers in the transfer industry has brought an agreement from all companies involved to increase the minimum rates of pay.

The drivers are to receive not less than 52½ cents per hour from Sept. 15, 1934, to May 31, 1935, and not less than 55 cents per hour from June 1, 1935, to May 31, 1936.

Helpers, platform workers, and inside workers are to receive not less than 42½ cents per hour from Sept. 15, 1934, to May 31, 1935, and not less than 45 cents per hour from June 1, 1935, to May 31, 1936.

All members of Local 574 work-
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Tool and Die Makers Strike for Overtime

Auto Mechanics Continue Strike Preparation

Tool and die makers at the Continental Machine and Tool Co., located at 13th and Washington South, are on strike for the reinstatement of a worker who was discharged for refusing to work overtime without receiving the time and one-half pay differential provided by the code. The strikers, members of the Machinists Union, are led by Herman Hussman.

These militant workers are to be commended for their courage and determination in refusing to submit to the unfair practices of the boss. They are deserving of solid support from all union workers.

Meantime, the auto mechanics, who are also members of the Machinists Union, continue their efforts to negotiate an agreement with the garage owners. The executive committee has held one meeting with a group of owners and there appears to be some hope of peaceful settlement. Like all other employer groups, the garage bosses have practically no organization due to the wanton campaign of cut-throat competition which has been carried on constantly in an effort to garner profits in a sluggish market. Once again we find the workers taking the initiative in restoring some semblance of order in a chaotic industrial setup.

The auto mechanics are making a sincere attempt to arrive at some workable agreement with the employers, but just to be protected in the event that negotiations break down, the preparations for a strike go forward with great efficiency.

An arrangement has been worked out to provide 30 to 40 special service garages, manned by union workers, and operating without profit, to serve the public of the twin cities in the event that a strike becomes necessary.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

The National Picket Line

On Monday morning seamen in all important seaports along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts went out on strike. Picket lines were established around piers in many cities. On Tuesday, 2,000 wireless operators on American ships struck, demanding abolition of the 12-hour day, pay increases, vacations with pay, and recognition of the American Radio Telegraphers' Association. Last Friday all stewardesses of the S. S. Virginia, one of J. P. Morgan's boats, walked off the ship. They left, they said, because after watching life-boat and fire drills at sea they felt they could not trust their lives on the vessel. This marine strike, once it gets into the swing, may easily dwarf the famous Pacific coast longshoremen's battle of last summer.

Deps on the Spot

State police patrolled the town of Bridgeport, Pa., textile town, as angered strikers threatened to lynch five special deps who shot into their picket lines, killing one worker and wounding several others.

Bus Strikers Still Out

The strike of the Chicago bus drivers, now in its eighth week, still goes on, and our brothers continue their militant picketing. There is every indication that the bosses will give in before the week is over. Last Saturday the union attempted to get an injunction in circuit court to protect their picket lines and organizational activities against the murderous attacks of the police and gunmen which have been hired by the Chicago Motor Coach Co. to terrorize the strikers.

Who Uses the Troops?

For 12 weeks the workers in Rome, Georgia, have been conducting a militant and successful strike against the foundry bosses. But not now. Last weekend the bosses, working through Judge Maddox, requested the national guard. Five hundred guardsmen, six infantry companies and General Camp's infamous "flying squadron" marched on Rome and scattered picket lines at the muzzle of machine guns. The strike is broken. Once again, the bosses have resorted to the military to break a strike.

A Sample of the Textile "Victory"
In Philadelphia, at the Lees Woolen Company, one young textile worker was killed and hundreds of men, women and children were gassed and beaten during the recent textile strike. But the textile strike was called off and William Green, A. F. of L. head, said "It is a great victory." How hollow is the victory is shown in Philadelphia this week. The regional labor board has ruled that 619 workers at the Lees Mills are to be blacklisted; that is, "are not to be rehired until conditions warrant."

Spanish Workers Storm Heavens
Incomparably the most important news of the week—to workers all over the world—comes from Spain. There, all over the nation, the workers and farmers have joined hands in a solid united front and called a general strike. The general strike has been turned into an armed uprising, and the Spanish wage-slaves are trying to turn the uprising into a revolution against their masters. On Oct. 1, the Spanish government collapsed, all ministers resigning. On Oct. 4, last Thursday, the general strike was called by a

united front of the Trotzkyites, the Socialists and the Syndicalists, and the workers went into action, storming the soldiers' barracks in Madrid.

Martial Law

Military law was immediately proclaimed by the Lerroux government, and the entire country was churning with bloody turmoil. Six cities were captured by the workers, including the vital town of Eibar, manufacturing center for firearms. The boss government began attacking the workers with artillery and airplane bombardments; it passed a law ordering the immediate murder of all revolutionists. Industry and transportation was paralyzed all over the country.

Workers Alliance Sets Up Catalan Republic

On Friday the workers declared that the great Catalonia territory was a republic, independent of the rest of Spain. The government dispatched three navy cruisers to the northern battle zone. All newspapers, postoffice and telegraph offices, and schools are closed down. Barricades were thrown up in the streets of all cities.

Government Recalls African Troops

The government, growing desperate, immediately issued orders recalling all Spanish troops in Morocco. Saturday morning government troops captured the airport at Barcelona and started a bombardment of the city. A heavy military censorship was clamped down on all press dispatches. On Sunday the government announced the revolution was over. But the workers no longer believe in the boss government. On Monday the fighting was more furious than ever. Fascists, royalists and all wealthy citizens placed themselves at the disposal of the government to fight off the threat of a WORKERS government which would end for all time their "right" to exploit the workers and farmers of Spain.

Tuesday morning the boss press in America announced that once more the reactionary government in Spain had the situation well in hand. But the Spanish toiling masses may yet have a last word to say. Workers in America must study all the news dispatches from Spain, and see for themselves precisely how all social forces align themselves with either the bosses or the workers. Success to the Spanish workers will be a smashing victory for workers all over the world.

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Transfer Workers To Get More Pay

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ing in the transfer industry should now be receiving pay per the above schedule and they should receive back pay for the time worked at the old wage rate since Sept. 15, 1934. Report any violations of this to union headquarters.

There shall be no reduction in wage rates which are in excess of the above minimum. In a few concerns it has been the past practice to pay some workers more than the newly established wage minimums. These wage rates are not to be reduced. Violations of this rule should be reported immediately.

The arbitration board checked carefully the code provisions for hours and overtime wages and agreed unanimously that the code provided for overtime payment at the rate of time and one-third after eight hours in any one day and for all Sundays and legal holidays.

The exact wording of the amendment to paragraph 8 in the strike settlement of August 21, 1934, follows:

Each firm agrees to pay effective September 15, 1934, and until the 31st day of May, 1935, not less than 52½¢ per hour to truck drivers, and not less than 42½¢ per hour to helpers, platform workers and inside workers as defined in the August 21, 1934 agreement; and to pay for a period of one year from June 1, 1935, until May 31, 1936, not less than 55¢ per hour to truck drivers and not less than 45¢ per hour to helpers, platform workers and inside workers.

The hours and overtime rates provided by the respective codes shall apply. In figuring overtime, it shall be based on rate of wage covered by this agreement.

It is understood that the minimum wages herein specified do not apply to boys temporarily employed on small package delivery trucks.

It is further understood that no wage rates in excess of the minimums above specified will be reduced.

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Open-Shop Coal Boss Makes Bid for RR Workers' Trade

The L. W. Northfield Coal Co., located at 2542 Central Ave., is making an attempt to build a profitable business through the patronage of the railroad workers. If he hopes to succeed in this, Mr. Northfield will have to mend his ways.

His record with organized labor is a sorry one. An active member of the Citizens Alliance, he fought the union bitterly in the coal strike and actively opposed Local 574 in the May and July strikes. He will not tolerate a union button in his coal yard.

Local 574 appeals to the union railroad workers to be on the lookout for labor-haters of this stripe and to insist that the driver who delivers their coal have a union button.

Workers Club Meets Oct. 16

The Provisional committee will present a draft of the declaration of principles and the by-laws of the Minneapolis Workers Club at the next meeting which will be held at 8 p. m. Tuesday, October 16, at the Pythian Hall, 43½ South 4th St., second floor. All members are urged to attend to participate in the election of officers.

Visitors are cordially invited. The only requirement for membership is a sincere desire to learn more about the workers' movement.

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Read the Crime News and Forget Your Troubles

First it was the dashing bandit Dillinger, now the sullen Bruno Hauptmann, reputed kidnapper of the Lindbergh baby, latest contribution to a Roman holiday, crowding off the front pages of the capitalist press such minor items as the textile strike, arms inquiry, NRA steel sell-out, and similar stuff calculated only to disturb the working class.

Accordingly, the Hauptmann mess has been served up to the public in all its luscious details, the bewitching Anita Luxemburg, Mrs. Hauptmann crooning a cradle song to her tiny baby, Hauptmann as Don Juan, Hauptmann the monster, Hauptmann snarling at his captors.

Newspapermen are snatched from off their routine prosaic tasks, and converted into the dashing sleuths we see in moving pictures. No expense is spared; not a crink, not a drunken panhandler with a Hauptmann story to tell, but is given an eager hearing. A howling mob dashes through the corridors of the Bronx County courthouse, trampling innocent victims, making mince-meat of youthful assistant D.A.'s, pouncing menacingly upon the witnesses. They are reporters hunting interviews, with anyone, about anything, so long as it connects with the Lindbergh case.

All this lunacy, all the slobbering details, the sob and sex angles, the general hysteria, is carefully prepared, well in advance of its release, anticipated and even manufactured.

First, because it sells papers; second, because it is part of a deeper purpose.

Sensation Made to Order
Flatly, the capitalist press prints news—is forced to—but welcomes sensation with opener arms; in fact, with obvious and almost comical relief. How gratefully it turns to the Hauptmanns, and the latest American Tragedy! The crimes of Sir Basil Zaharoff are exciting and dramatic enough, but Pretty Boy Floyd furnishes less dangerous copy.

Who, in sober fact, is the world's most dangerous criminal? Who is your real monster, thirsting for human blood, greedy, insatiable? Hauptmann? Even if he is guilty of a dozen such crimes, horrifying the world, he is a petty amateur in crime as compared to any church-going, philanthropist arms manufacturer.

Fargo Drivers Ask Increase
Demands have been presented to the milk companies by the Fargo Drivers Union. Thus far the employers have refused to enter negotiations for an agreement with the union and the situation is becoming very tense.

An open fight appears inevitable, and class lines are being drawn with the entry of the workers into the union and the attempts of the bosses to form vigilante committees to combat the workers.

With honesty, courage, ability, and a just cause to bolster their morale, the Fargo workers will defeat the strike-breaking agents of the bosses if a fight comes. And come what may, a union will be built and sooner or later the bosses will have to recognize and bargain with it.

Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital and deserves much the higher consideration. — Abraham Lincoln.

Philadelphia.—"Andrew Jackson, accused of bootlegging, must spend six months in jail for besmirching the name of a great president. The sentence was imposed by Judge Joseph Kuhn."

Theodore Dreiser, American novelist, speaking over station WEVD, takes labor's side: "War is a racket," he says. "War has not benefitted the masses of the population in any age."

The greatest truth uttered by politicians is, "We view with alarm." The greatest falsehood, "We point with pride."

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Set the newspaper hounds truly on the Du Pont trail and they will uncover as choice a mess as ever the late lamented Graphic or the Mirror printed. And the boys have the talent to dramatize the stuff, too, if they so desired.

To Make the Workers Forget
Never mind the alibis: The boys only want to sell their papers; they'd print news but the public isn't interested. The interest in the Hauptmann case is genuine enough, but still not to a degree to satisfy the press. They must magnify this interest a thousand times, dinning the public ear until it can hear nothing else. Strikers must abandon the picket lines to discuss the Hauptmann clues; workers must forget that they are hungry in their absorption with the job of examining every inch of wood in the Hauptmann garage.

It is not true that there is only one thought in the public mind; that nothing else is discussed in the home and public places; that there is only one issue before the world, that the world has stopped and the Depression suspended, merely to see Hauptmann go to the electric chair. The newspapers are merely trying to give you that impression.

Dinty Moore Turns Scab
Witt's Market House, the home of the "Dinty Moore" corned beef, continues its campaign of fighting the union. Mr. Witt, who fought to the last ditch after the May strike in an effort to deny his drivers the right of collective bargaining and union representation, has now evolved a new means of attack upon the rights of the drivers who had been in his employ. Not satisfied with the petty sniping against them which had been carried on constantly, the House of Witt has fired the union help, stored his delivery equipment and turned over the distribution of the sales of meat and groceries to the non-union Hatch Package Delivery.

Witt's business has been built up principally by labor patronage. What success has been achieved by this firm must be credited, in large measure, to working men and women.

In considering the question, where to buy meats and other table necessities? workers should take into account the attitude of this business house towards the matter of union organization.

We know of only one way to express ourselves in this connection. "Dinty Moore" has become a fink.

Cudahy Cuts Off Relief
Not content to rob Frank Cheswick of an opportunity to work for a living, the Cudahy Company has gone out of its way to prevent him from getting city relief. These labor-haters are fighting desperately to defeat the union, but they cannot succeed. The fight will continue until Frank is back on the job.

Don't forget to ask your butcher if he handles Cudahy's products. Puritan is the trade name.

North Side MCCW to Elect
An election of officers will be held by the North Branch of the MCCW at its meeting next Thursday, October 11, at the Labor Lyceum, 6th and Irving Avenues North. All members are urged to attend.

Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends—life, liberty and pursuit of happiness—it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it.—Thomas Jefferson.

News and Views

Who is this gazabo out in Robbinsdale who kicks about his granddaughter distributing the Organizer? Lay off, Frank.

Happy's athletic club has a new radio. We're right on the job, Happy.

Natives living along the Orinoco River in South America eat dried mud balls in their soup. Here is another argument for the bosses to use against giving the workers a raise. We have some of the finest of mud here in Minnesota.

Another thing we need is more men like George Frosg.

The "Driver's Club" has been officially opened. Ray, Tommy, and Si at your service, fellows.

Sam "McGee" Fredericks is reported to be angling for the honor of being 574's official torch singer. And it seems that Oscar Gardner wants to do a fan dance.

We are told that our good friend Mike went duck hunting recently and every duck he got was shot in the back.

What do you make of this, Watson? Happy Halligan has blossomed out in a new suit.

We are ferreting out the true facts about the 'Frisco strike and will be prepared to publish them in an early issue.

Does your alderman need to be put in his place? See Thore Ahlquist.

The unions are not falling for that "industrial peace" gag? Who wants to make a truce with hunger?

Here's real news! They have removed the weights from Harry De Boer's leg. The doctor says it won't be long now.

Ray Dunne wants to know if there is a cobbler in the union who can talk up the holes in those summer model shoes he wears?

Another prominent labor figure was seen in Freddy's the other night. How come?

An address book was found at the Smoker. If the owner does not call in three days, the finder will begin to use it.

Don't forget to demand a union driver on your coal deliveries.

That little curly headed fellow that came up third was no man at all.

Ole Shugren has become a regular tightwad since he got that blood from Sandy MacDonald.

Society note: Attendance at union meetings will soon drop off as the time is rapidly approaching when the drivers will be off to Florida to spend the winter at golf and deep sea fishing.

Fashion note: The coal heavers are setting the vogue for ebony tinted eyelashes this winter. The Scotch cap will also be popular—worn at a rakish angle over the left ear. Out at the Fuel Distributors, the boys are setting the fall mode with chic blue or red bandanas pinned on the upper bosom. Gloves with red cuffs will be quite common.

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to remember these names and the vicious record behind them.

The Master Cleaners at 1312 Nicollet continue their refusal to pay the union scale. The proprietor admits boldly that he counts on chiseling down wages to undersell his competitors. No trade unionist can condone this unfair practice.

The meeting night for the Laundry Workers Local 18005 has been changed from Thursday to Wednesday of each week. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 225 S. 3rd St., 8 p. m.

Colonial Light Bulb Club

William Hardin is sponsoring the formation of a "Light Bulb Club" among the union workers at the Colonial Warehouse. Membership is compulsory. The only requirement is that you be a member of Local 574. The union drivers are detailed to the delivery of small cartons only which go to widely separated addresses. The object being to make it impossible for the truck to earn operating expenses. A neat little job of building up an incompetency charge under the "merit" system.

Schedule of Meetings

Full membership meeting—second Monday.
Coal workers—first and third third Monday.
Market workers—fourth Monday.
Taxi drivers—fourth Tuesday, day drivers at 7 p. m. and night drivers at 1 p. m.
Laundry drivers—first Wednesday.
Transfer workers—first Friday.
Retail workers—second Friday.
Petroleum drivers—third Friday.
Building material haulers—fourth Friday.

These meetings will be held regularly each month per the above schedule. Special meetings will be called whenever necessary.

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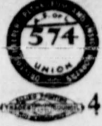
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A. F. of L. Convention Makes Poor Progress

Need for New Leadership Clearly Demonstrated

Union organization for the vast underpaid and overworked mass of American workers has again been relegated to a minor place in the national convention of the American Federation of Labor at San Francisco. The delegates to this convention, dominated by, and in the main made up of, highly paid officials from the international unions, have again failed to bring forward a program which will revamp the outworn structure of the craft union system.

With the antiquated machinery of craft unionism breaking down wherever, and whenever any real strain is placed upon it, the ultra-conservative and reactionary heads of the Federation, who gain whatever inspiration they have by looking backward, have occupied themselves with trivial, second and even tenth-rate matters. While living standards go down with dizzying speed, these leaders talk of "rules of righteousness." In the very shadow of the terrible smashup of the textile strike, Green, friend of Gorman, says: "Why not try the conference room first, and save all the waste?" While the great automobile industry remains unorganized, the bosses fighting savagely any attempt at unionization, the leaders in a national convention talk of "labor peace." The steel industry remains in large measure an open-shop desert. The employers insolently defy the unions and the government agencies which dare to suggest collective bargaining. Yet, the A. F. of L. convention listened "with sympathetic understanding" to Francis Perkins, sent to the convention by President Roosevelt to urge A TRUCE.

As the annual delegated gathering draws to a close, it becomes increasingly clear to active workers and close students of the movement that a barren conclave is being concluded. The great struggle of the workers in a faltering and sick industry finds but scant reflection in its councils. No longer can those who consider themselves progressive within the trade unions look to the "old and trusted" forms and policies. To do so is to invite disaster. To rest contented with what is, means to fall into perfect step with those who find smug security in the knowledge that change comes only with great difficulty and few can be found to accept difficult roles.

As the convention ends, a new year of work confronts the unions of the A. F. of L., the single mass organization of the workers of this country. New thousands of workers, never before enrolled in any working class organization, will come to them for protection. These new workers want benefits. They will demand action. They seek leadership. Clear thinking union men will, in spite of the present policy, find the means within the movement to give this leadership, organize the necessary action, and secure for these new workers some of the benefits of union organization.

To discharge this responsibility requires that the active workers in the union learn the lesson of the San Francisco convention. There were gathered men who, for the most part, have long ago accepted the conventional viewpoint of the apologists for the present social system, the system of private ownership of industry which has brought the people of America face to face with starvation and want in the midst of riches which are concentrated in the hands of the few. A social order which functions for the banker, for the industrial magnate, for the bondholders and against the worker, against the farmer, against the poor.

A new leadership, with a new outlook and a new policy of organizational change to meet the new demands of the times, must be evolved from within the unions.

Workers must, in order to live the lives of free men, secure for themselves, through their union, a bigger place in industry. More pay, shorter hours of labor and greater industrial control will be obtained only if the unions make an about face and blaze new trails out of the wilderness into which we have been led by the bankers and bondholders.

Capitalist politics is a racket rooted in the greed of the few and the credulity of the many.

Labor Looks at the Press

Headline of the week; JOHANNES GETS IDEAS ON TRIP. There's what we call "beginner's luck."

Senator Nye lets loose a bolt from the blue: "I don't know much about the ethics of European munitions makers, but I don't see how they can be as rotten as the ethics of American manufacturers."

Come, come, Senator. Whatcha doin', borin' from within? Don't you know that all American manufacturers are good Christians and believe 107% in the American constitution?

Advice for the unemployed, from a Minneapolis newspaper (bosses' propaganda sheet): "The end of a good roast always seems to taste better than the first slice. Perhaps it's because those tasty bits of brown outside slices that fall off in slicing and those juicy bites that one has to dig out from around the bones are actually the choicest part of the meat. It seems unkind to slight these juicy bits by treating them as scraps. In reality these so-called 'leftovers' make the foundation for many a delicious dish."

Now the MCCWers will know what to do with the ends of all those good roasts upon which they so lazily fatten.

How it's done, as reported in a Los Angeles paper: "Turning her big blue eyes upon the judge, Ruth Chatterton, noted actress, testified Thursday she lost 12 pounds the last week she lived with her husband. Two minutes later she had a divorce."

The boys in Olson's Resort should have tried that "big blue eye" stuff on the military court.

Ellsworth, Republican candidate for lieutenant-governor: "The people of Minnesota are losing their opportunity to govern themselves by majority, which is the very basis of representative government."

What he means is that the bankers are finding it increasingly difficult to govern the rest of the people—which, for the past twenty years or so, has been the basis of "representative government."

Dreamy Eyes, as reported in a New York release: "Wearing a white carnation in his lapel, General Johnson sat in a hotel lobby after making his New York farewell address—from a department store balcony. He twisted an empty cigarette package and stared into space. 'I don't see how the thing could have been done differently,' he said."

You might have tried taking the side of labor just once, General.

Item for unemployed patrons of the public library: "J. P. Morgan's famous library, containing some of the rarest and most costly book treasures in the world, was placed on the tax rolls at a valuation of \$1,665,000."

From New York: "New York City has completely reversed its former rating of 80 points physique and 20 points intelligence for members of the police force."

Here in Minneapolis the flatfeet must be rated 100 points physique and—you finish it.

The height of something-or-other: "Reward of \$5,000 for information leading to arrest and conviction of the slayers of Howard Guilford, weekly newspaper (?) editor, was offered Saturday by the Hennepin County chapter of the Minnesota Law and Order League, headed by Merrill Hutchinson."

Risky business, seems to us. You never know what you might learn.

A list of recent sermons, showing how our Minneapolis preachers adjust themselves to the spiritual needs of the masses in these times: Dr. Boddy, "The Music of Broken Instruments;" Dr. Mecklenburg, "A Day With Kawaga;" Dr. Riley, "She Men or Men Who Make Sissies of Themselves;" Dr. Dewey, "The Cross in a Garden;" Dr. Pierce, "What Direction Do People Go in Dancing?"; Gustaf

Johnson, "How May We Know If We Are Ready to Meet the Lord?"

Mark Barron, New York columnist: "Not only is the town crowded with Hollywood and European celebrities, but the '400' has returned to fall and winter in their favorite metropolis. . . They are trickling in on every train and liner, and as a result the well-knowns of the younger set are frequent guests at the more elegant stay-late places. It marks the reappearance, too, of white shirt fronts and ermine wraps—regal garnishes to the autumn scene."

Never forget this, worker. Under this present system, every ermine wrap means some worker's kid is starving, every Packard limousine means another family on the bread line. Once this is learned by all of us, the world is ours.

From a Montgomery, Alabama, paper: "The highest court in Alabama Thursday refused to reconsider its decision affirming two death sentences in the three-and-one-half-year-old Scottsboro case."

What an innocent-sounding sentence! And what a mountain of injustice, a sea of tears, it contains. The "Scottsboro boys," young negroes, are going to be hanged by the southern bosses for a crime they never committed. This is an attack on our whole class, and by mass protest we can stay the executioner's hand. Negroes are exploited by the boss exactly as whites are—it's all one to the boss. And we must feel the same way and unite, negro and white, to fight the bosses. PROTEST THE SCOTTSBORO DEATH VERDICT!

And along the same line is this item from Phoenix: "Authorities seeking a solution of the long dispute between oriental and white farmers in the Salt River valley were challenged Friday by a new series of bombings near the homes of Hindus and Japanese."

The bosses just hate to see the working class fighting among itself—whites fighting blacks, browns, yellows and reds, Christians fighting Jews, etc. I say the bosses hate to see this, you know. It makes it so hard for them to exploit us. Wake up, working man! Away with all racial and religious prejudices! Let us unite and face our common oppressor.

From Tokio: "Twenty-six miners were entombed in the collapse of a gypsum mine in Fukushima prefecture, north of Tokio. Rescue efforts appear to be futile and it was believed all the miners would perish."

You see, the bosses are the same the world over. They'll see the miners in hell before they'll spend a cent for safety devices in "their" mines and factories.

Today's Little Lesson: "A shiny 16-cylinder automobile was given to the Minneapolis police department Wednesday by Shreve Archer, president of Archer Daniels Midland Company. It was accepted by Mayor Bainbridge and then was parked in the police shop pending return of Chief Johannes from the east."

Keep it up, Johannes. Ten "Bloody Fridays" a year and you can start a Cadillac garage.

Two items showing how judges think: Wilkes-Barre—Judge William Valentine, sitting on the Robert Edwards trial, objected Wednesday to what he termed the "facial expressions" of Theodore Dreiser. The judge addressed Dreiser, who was sitting at a press table: 'I can not permit facial expressions in the presence of this jury.'

American democracy, as practiced in Wilmington, Delaware: "A procession of witnesses testified in United States district court Wednesday against the Weirton Steel Company that employees were afraid to attend union meetings and had to pay dues in secret lest they lose their jobs."

No Friends to Reward

The A. F. of L. has long pursued the policy of favoring no political party, setting up no labor candidates, but in general "rewarding our friends and punishing our enemies." This policy has worked year in and year out with uniform results—there are never any friends to reward.

The political candidates who gain office have found it expedient to maintain allegiance to the political machine which brings them to office. A machine financed and controlled by the bosses. Some politicians make promises to labor which they do not intend to keep; others do not even bother to promise. Occasionally some smiling demagogue comes along to slap labor on the back and make many promises. He creates a sensation by his glib statements and builds a false hope in the minds of the workers which keeps them muddled and confused for a long time. But he will not, he dare not, keep his promises.

The masses of labor have grown tired of this game. They are now prepared to fight the issues on the picket line rather than to depend on an election where the cards are stacked against them. If labor is to gain anything through the ballot box, it must revise its entire perspective regarding the qualifications for political office.

An Honest Search for the Truth

Last Friday Professor Wilson of Harvard told a group of three hundred local teachers of history and social science that teachers are not qualified and have no right to dictate the future form of society through the schools. He makes it very clear that they will not be permitted to put ideas of a new social order in the minds of growing youngsters.

The capitalist exploiters leave no stone unturned in their efforts to prevent the workers from learning their true position in society. Blundering along in their bitter struggle to delay the inevitable collapse of their miserable profit system, they guard jealously against the danger of being exposed in the institutions of learning. A very strict censorship is maintained over all textbooks and the teachers are watched closely to see that they do not deviate from the false position handed down to them by the capitalist authors.

With the rapid turn of events in recent years it becomes impossible for the Chambers of Commerce and Manufacturers' Associations to keep abreast of the times with textbooks which expound their theories and doctrines. As a stop-gap, they send out their agents such as Professor Wilson to lay down the line. "Take a middle ground in all subjects," he tells the teachers, "and avoid topics on which a hot dispute exists." They are told to follow this course until they are advised of the latest findings of the "experts." They are then to step forward fearlessly and champion these findings.

The workers have learned that the daily press gives them a distorted accounting of the news. They must learn further that the schools are also controlled by their exploiters. The workers must set up their own clubs and study classes for the examination of history and social science. Classes which permit the study of all theories and philosophies and leave them to stand or fall on the basis of their own merit. Classes in which all ideas receive a fair hearing in an honest search for the truth.

Five Men in a Sewer

Word comes from Columbus, Ohio, that five workers were killed when a rain soaked sewer in which they were working caved in, burying them alive. In Minneapolis, a worker was crushed to death in a heavy flywheel while working on top of a high tower used for distributing gravel. And we recall vividly the killing of our brother, Kenneth Weiner, in a concrete truck.

Here are seven men who gave their lives to the industries which do not even pay them a living wage. Gave their lives because the employers, in their eager desire to cut down operating costs to protect their precious profits, persist in refusing to provide safety devices for the protection of the workers.

To deprive the workers of a decent living in the interest of protecting profits is bad enough, but to deprive them of their lives for this same purpose is murder, the most cold-blooded form of murder.

The unions must fight constantly to eliminate this contemptible practice.