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MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1938

Ten Thousand Attend Bill Brown's Funeral

On the **National** Picket Line

A general strike in the Detroit area has been threatened by labor brutality in a clash between pickets and police at the American paid their respects with flowers. Brass Company on May 25. The
Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers charge of arrangements, the futhe plant. On Wednesday last a fight broke out when pickets and strike sympathizers attempted to stop strikebreakers from being taken into the plant. stop strikebrea... taken into the plant.

About 600 union men and women and 175 police were involved in the fight, which lasted for about one-half hour. Police finally resorted to tear gas to disperse the unionists. Fifty-five persons, fourteen of them police, were injured, three seriously.

During the fight Homer Martin, president of the United Auto Workers issued a call to workers in the auto plants to assist the Hundreds responded Martin later stated that his union would support a general strike in protest to the brutality by the po-lice displayed in the Wednesday

Mayor Reading of Detroit conferred with Police Com-missioner H. A. Rickert. Following the conference he issued a statement to the effect that "action taken by the police was for preservation law and order" and that he intends to "continue to take such action as is necessary to follow out the policy of this administration set up when it came into office." In other words Mayor Reading intends to continue the present policy ers and scab herders.

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters won a victory last week when the Appellate Division of the New York Court reversed a decision of the lower court which would have compelled the IBT to submit its demand for union men on all highway trucks pulling into New York City to arbitration.

The suit to force the IBT to submit this issue to arbi tration was brought by the Highway Transport Ass'n. Inc. This Association is composed of Motor Freight companies, employing collectively about 10,000 drivers and hauling foodstuffs into the

The Highway Transport Association, Inc., and the IBT are under contract, which expires in September of this year. The (Continued on page 6)



Who Killed Him?

Patrick J. Corcoran was murdered by unknown persons on the night of November 17, 1937. The Minnespolis Teamsters Joint Council offers a reward of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS for information leading to the apprehenmation leading to the apprehenconviction of the mur-

Unions Send Scores of Wreaths

A partial list of the floral offerings sent to Bill Brown's funeral is published below. Besides the scores of unions sending leaders, in retaliation for police wreaths and blooms, hundreds of union leaders will speak. The Muindividuals and organizations also sicians Union will furnish a vocal-

Union, a CIO affiliate is striking neral received more flowers than

Mrs. Brown and Local 544 give For Election thanks to all who sent flowers.

The list of unions follows:

Yellow Cab Benefit Assn. Local 20498 Mpis. Bartenders Local 152 Local 346 Bidz. La. Union Local 563 Laundry Dry Cleaning Drivers Local

Laundry Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 23
United Garment Workers Local 25
Unholeteres Union Local 61
Plumbers 15
Local 221
Drivers 554, Omaha
Third Ward F-L Club
Warehouse & Inside Workers 20216
Electrical Workers 292
Furniture Workers 1859
Truck Drivers 383
Bakery Drivers 409, St. Paul
Gen. Drivers 120, St. Paul
Gen. Drivers 120, St. Paul
Gen. Drivers 546
City & Sanitary 664
City & Sanitary 664
Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees 82
Local 958
Twin Cities Carpenters Distr. Council
Cabinetmakers 1865
Carpenters Local 7
Div. 1150 Amalgamated Creyhound bus Employees
Employees

Mpls. Labor Review Marble & Shopmens 91

C. L. U.
General Truck Drivers 846, Duluth
Circular Distributors Union BB-10
Employees of Geo. Date Transfer Co.
Mpls. Bill Posters No. 10
Private Chauffeurs 912
Members National Tea Local 544
FWS 544 nographers 17661 to Salesmen 1420

Over His Resting Place

A huge wreath, from the union that he loved and served so well, marked his final resting place.

Business Agents to Honor Bill Brown

Business Agents, at its meeting Thursday noon, June 2, will hold a special memorial for Bill Brown. The decision was taken at the last meeting of the Board

Miles Dunne will preside as chairman. Farrell Dobbs and other

292 Boards Adopt By-law

Final details of the propos Teamsters Joint Council No. 32
Union Board of Business Agents
Linway Organizations
Steamfitters Local No. 32
Robblinsdale Sewing Project No. 4541
Paint Workers Union Local 1983
Milk Drivers & Dairy Union, Jocal 471
Hotel & Restaurant Employees Local
The election proposals agreed election procedure for Local 292 were ironed out at a joint meeting

to by the advisory boards had been previously elaborated with the co President M. J. Boyle. They follow the proposals previously rec ommended by the General Execu tive Board and adopted at the May 19th general membership meeting, except for a provision dividing certain officers between the Inside and Utility branches.

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will determine the date for nom-inations and elections for that us Employees

Employees of Armstrong Transfer Co.
F. W. S. 644, Unity House
Painters 386

Amalg. Assn. Str. Ry. & M. Coach
Int. Union of Operating Engineers 341
Int. Union of Operating Engineers 342
Int. Union Operating En

Holding up of the proposals adopted by the May 19th general membership meeting was necessi-Marble & Shopmens 91
Gas Workers Union
Franklin Creamer,
Business Agents of Machinists Union
Mylis. Star Drivers
Bakers Union 222
C. L. U.

Gas Workers Union 222
Unions such as 292 with branch

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Full text of the proposed bylaw to govern the elections ap-pears elsewhere in this issue.

Embalmers Union 20868 Machinists 382 Stenographers in Local 544 office Local 264, etc., etc.

The Minneapolis Board of Union

The election proposals agreed

Tonight's utility branch meeting

The Last Time Bill Left the Hall



A few of the workers who thronged the Drivers Hall and the surrounding streets Saturday to pay their last respects to the fallen president of the General Drivers Union. Members of the union executive board bore their friend to the hearse. George Parrish, called on Mrs. Leslie Turnham and presented her

U. S. Labor Mourns carry on the principles for which Bill Brown stood, to make a better world to live in.—Holiday Association of Montana, Rodney with a check for five hundred dollars. The ITO Section had raised this amount at a special benefit the union building. There was silence in the union headquarters and the greets as For Bill Brown

cut the United States, and hun-brother's family.-Drivers & Helpdreds of wires and letters from ers Local 779, Lexington, Ky. unions everywhere continue to flow into Local 544's headquarters, expressing the deep sympathy and sorrow of unionists at our loss.

Brown .- Mpls. Building Trades

From Fargo

From Austin
We feel the shadow of your bereavement and extend our heartfelt sympathy .- Mr. and Mrs.

From Rockford, III. We feel that your loss is our

oss. Our hearts go out to you in mutual grief .- Local 325, Rock ers Union.

From St. Paul

Pulp, Sulphite & Paper Mill Workers Union extends its sympathies to your organization at the loss of your sincere president, William Brown. Those of us who knew him realize the blow his death has dealt the entire labor movement. The movement has lost a real leader faithful friend. - Elmer Meinz, president, Local 264.

From South Dakota

Please convey to the family of Bill Brown my heartfelt sympathy in their loss .- Roy Phillips, organ izer, South Dakota Federation of

From Texas

Antonio, Texas.

Sincere sympathy for you and his family relative to the tragic death of the president of General Drivers Union Local 544 saddened labor throughten the United States and him to the United States and the United States and the United States and him to the United States and the Unite

From Des Moines

We are all very shocked and gamate grieved to learn of the death of Louis.

and we share your sorrow at the loss of our friend and brother, Bill pathy in the loss of our militant leader, William S. Brown, His advice and assistance to this organi zation was greatly appreciated Our deepest sympathy. Please Paint Makers Local No. 1083, let us know time and place of furming Local Twin Cities.

From Negro Workers

Negro workers admired Mr. William S. Brown for his impartial co-operation and true friendship. We, also, mourn his loss Wilmoth E. Bowen, Local 1083

From Detroit The Brown tragedy was an aw ful blow to us .-- G. C., Auto Work

From Akron

We were very much shocked The St. Paul Local 264 of the ulp, Sulphite & Paper Mill Work-Brown's death. It's a tough blow to the labor movement .- B. J. W Akron. From Sioux Ci ty

The members of Local 383 deep-

ly regret the loss of the brother William Brown, and sympathize wholeheartedly with his im family and Local 544.-Ralph Johnson, Local 383, Sioux City.

From Steel Workers Hope the strength of your movewill not be impaired. SWOC, South Beach, Connecticut From Billings

We have just learned of the tragic death of Bill Brown and My deepest sympathy to Mrs. wish to extend our sincere sympathy and let you know we mourn by Local 544. I am still yours if with you the loss of one who has Brown and the family, and also pathy and let you know we mourn to Local 544. I am still yours if with you the loss of one who has you need me.-Bob Hawn, San contributed so much to the cause of labor. We pledge ourselves to

Halls and Streets Filled by Workers File Through Main Hall All Day Saturday

to Pay Final Respects to Fallen Leader-Miles and Vincent Dunne Deliver Funeral Speeches — Two-Mile Procession Follows Body to Last Resting Place

Ten thousand union workers silently wound their way to the Teamsters Headquarters on Saturday to pay their last respects to the fallen President of the General Drivers

Union: as brave a man as ever wore a led his men into battle.

All day Saturday, working men and women climbed the three flights of stairs to the big third-fleer auditorium where the body lay, banked by three hundred great wreaths sent from unions throughout the Northwest.

**Squads of union stewards with white arm-bands acted as ushers, directing the flow of mourning men and women past the body,

\$500 Check

To Turnhams

men and women past the body, which lay in state from 10 a. m.

When the last rites got under way at three p. m., all the halls in the great building were filled, and thousands stood bareheaded in the streets nearby. A dozen loud-Independent Truck Owners Section of General Drivers Local 544, headed by Axel Soderberg and Miles, Vincent Dunne Speak

Miles, Vincent Dunne Speak

Carrying out Bill Brown's oft-expressed wish, Miles and Vincent

dence hold last north for the family of the late Brother Turnham.

Farrell Dobbs, secretary of Local 544's executive board, has cal 544's executive board, has began:

mournful event in the proper comyour Ways and Means Committee | all. I am almost at a loss to community | all. I am almost at a loss to community | which is the sense of personal loss. Men mour-near event in the proper comprotect the best interest of the way and efficient manner this but seldom.

Son of the Workingcla "Bill was born in the direct pov-

and sorrow of unionists at our loss.

A few of the wires are reproduced below:

From Omaha

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Bill and to 544 in the loss of their loved one. Drivers Union Local 554, Omaha.

Building Trades Council

We extend our deep sympathy

Brown As much as we would like to be in Minneapolis Saturday, it will be impossible. All our sympathy to the family of Bill and to 544 in the loss of their loved one. Leo Quinn, Drivers Union Local 554, Omaha.

Building Trades Council

We extend our deep sympathy

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From Paint Makers

We extend our heartfelt sym
Touts Owners

I am sorry to hear about Mr. Brown. My sympathy to the union. My heart goes out to his family. He started driving a team of horses, at six dollars a week. From then on, Bill Brown knew no rest.

"Bill was not a saint. He was a very human and a very kindly person. His virtues transcended whatever faults he had. Once you knew him, you saw in him the real man he was underneath.

"In this life there are people who walk through it and see the hard life of the workers. there are who see the truth and are resentful; but they take out their resentment in muttering in darkened rooms. A minority of those who see have courage a divine spark and principles. Instead of shedding tears, they deem it their task to go out in the arena of struggle and right the wrongs they see about them. There is a minority of men like this, and Bill Brown was such a man. He saw the terrible inequalities of life and felt it was his task to help change things.

"The bosses hated Bill Brown The workers loved him. Brown fought the best kind of a fight he knew how. The General Drivers Union and the whole trade union movement took great strides forward because of Bill's work. He did the things he wanted to do He brought a measure of comfort ers. Were there a Valhalla, where the great champions of the working class gathered, there would occupy one of the highest seats among those who fought for the cause."

After a muted song by a quar-

Bill often expressed the hope that Miles and Vincent

platform. A section of the beautiful floral offerings are

Fulfilling Bill's Wishes

From Clothing Workers

Sincere sympathy for you and

gamated Clothing Workers, St. brother's family.

Make Minneapolis a Union Town

New Pact Won by 544 Lumber Workers

Dealers, hereinafter referred to as bitrarily charge employees for any the Employer, and the General loss or damage Drivers and Helpers Union, Local No. 544, A. F. of L., hereinafter s covering wages and by the Employer. to be bound by the following terms

1. The Union shall be the sole representative of those classifications of employees covered by this agreement in collective bargainshall be no discrimination against any employee because of Union or non-union affiliation. This shall not be construed as a closed shop

2. The Employer recognizes the business as may from time to time

convention or serve in any capa-city on other official Union busi-(a) When a job becomes op-

4. The Employer agrees not to enter into any agreement or con tract with his employees, individually or collectively, which in any way conflicts with the terms and provisions of this agreement

The Employer agrees that all conditions of employment relati to wages, overtime differentials vacations now in effect, and gener al working conditions shall be naintained at not less than the highest minimum standards in ef-fect at the time of the signing of this agreement and the conditions of employment shall be improved wherever specific provision mprovement are made elsewhere

6. In the event that the Em ployer wilfully violates the provisions of the foregoing paragraph or wilfully violates any of the pro visions elsewhere in this agreeme relating to seniority rights, wages tials and vacations, any back pa such violation shall be paid by th Employer at the rate of two times the standard straight time and overtime rates, if ordered by nego tiations under Article 7. No complaint will be acted upon unles filed within thirty (30) days of alleged violations

Any controversy arising over the interpretation of or the adher ence to the terms and provision of this agreement shall be submit ted to the Employer in writing by negotiation between the Union and the Employer. If the controversy cannot then be settled, it shall be referred to a Board of Arbitration composed of two representatives of the Union, two representatives ing on both the Union and the

8. The Union and the Employer of proven sickness or injury shall agree that there shall be no strike not result in loss of seniority June 7, a list of all delinquent means of peaceful settlement of any controversy which

the owner-driver of a truck, motor cycle, passenger vehicle, two or four-wheel trailer technical truck as a single phone call on Sunday and Monday.

Our picture-taking chaufference in the control of the phone call on Sunday and Monday. four-wheel trailer, taxicab, horse- charges and a settlement of the sure took some swell pictures Satdrawn vehicle, or any other ve- case shall be made as provided un- urday at the funeral. hicle used for transportation pur- der Paragraph 7.

general working conditions for In-dividual Truck Owners shall con-form to the schedule which shall from time to time be announced the Union and the Employer agree by the Union, and the Employer, that if the minimum wage, hour to prevent violations of the agree- and working conditions, of the

er shall have seniority standing agreement, the agreement shall only as a driver. The vehicle shall prevail and the employees of the Individual Truck Owners certified at the bottom of the seniority list by the Union shall be hired.

13. The Employer agrees that 24. The maximum work if any employee is required by the shall not be in excess of 45 hours. employer to wear any kind of uni-form, same shall be furnished and one-half shall be paid for all time maintained by the employer free worked in excess of 45 hours in

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15. Should the Employer rereferred to as the Union, agree the premium on same shall be paid

16. The Employer a his best efforts to secure prompt surance carriers, as required by the Minnesota Workmen's Compensation Act.

17. Seniority rights shall pre vail. A list of the employees ar ranged in the order of their senspicuous place on the job.

18. Any controversy over sendesignate a Job Steward or Job this list shall be referred first to Committee to handle such Union the steward before being referred to the Union.

3. The Employer agrees to have first preference on the job, grant the necessary time off without pay and without discrimina- ent assignment of employees in the tion to any employee designated various classifications of work shall by the Union to attend a labor not be disturbed in any manne

for any reason in any clasby this agreement it shall be bulletined by the employer. All employees in the order of their seniority cept or reject this job without jeopardizing their present or future seniority standing. Thirty (30) days Lumber Grader and shall be allowed for the former job. Any controvervided under Paragraph 7

of the agreement. last employee hired shall be shall be the first rehired, teed a 40-hour minimum weekly provided however, that wage at the rates set forth herein. settled as provided under to the various classifica- provisio

accordingly. (c) Where there is an obvious out-of-town checks discrimination against a various classifications of 1939. work, the Employer shall make the necessary adjust-

20. Any employee member of of the Employer, and a fifth neu- the Union desiring a Leave of Abtral party selected by majority sence from the job shall securive of the first four. The major- written permission from both the written permission from both the ity decision of this Board of Ar- Union and the Employer. Failure bitration shall be final and bind- to comply with this provision shall Employer in any controversy so lority rights of the employee involved. Inability to work because 8. The Union and the Employer of proven sickness or injury shall

21. Proof of drunkeness or disshall be considered grounds for discharge. The Em-9. No employee shall be dis- ployer may prefer charges against charged for refusing to go through an employee for alleged violation of properly posted working rules of properly posted working rules of properly posted working rules of something over the which do not conflict with any of weekend. I didn't receive a single Owner" shall be construed to mean the terms and provisions of this

poses.

22. New employees shall be
11. Unless otherwise indicated within the articles of this agreement, the rates of pay, hours of (30) work days. Seniority shall

The Warehouse Union is having a golf tournament Sunday, June 5, at Westwood Hills. Their president to

ient. 12. The Individual Truck Owndiffer from eniority standing. Only business absorbed shall be placed

any one week, and double time

The Minneapolis Retail Lumber 14. The Employer shall not ar- shall be paid for all time worked ers Jack Herman, pilot, and Russ on Sundays, on New Years Day, Wenell, ace hurler, and their next-Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor to-unbeatable teammates will show Thanksgiving Day, and you a good game anytime.

> to work employees shall be guarclaims by their compensation in- anteed a minimum of four (4)

26. The senior employees in their classifications shall be the lar hours except in cases of emergency or where it is clearly unavoidable. There shall be no favoritism shown to junior employ-

gency or where it is clearly impractical, no employee shall work vertime until all employees he seniority list have worked the full quota of regular hours.

onstrued to mean the operator of truck, motor cycle, passenger, norse-drawn vehicle or any other rehicle used for transportation purposes and shall also include employees engaged in delivery service on foot or bicycle or by sim-

29. All employees shall be paid

n full each week.

30. The following shall be the minimum rates of pay in the various classifications of work. Classifications Rates of Pay Drivers .70c per hour

employee to qualify on the Hardwood Graders 80c per hour new job or return to his Regular Yard Labor 60c per hour In the performance of their dusy ever the qualifications of ties, no restrictions shall be placed an employee to handle a on the handling of lumber and oth-

31. No driver shall be permitof the agreement.

31. No driver shall be permitbecause of lack of work or
because of lack or because of lack or because of lack or because of lack or bea because of lack of work or unless so authorized by the Em- short trip Saturday a. m

the first laid off, and in re- available daily for a period of six in the lake this trip. turning employees to work the last employee laid off and not employed shall be guaran-

33. Lumber yards agree to close work requiring a special at 1 o'clock P. M. on Saturdays. one night you didn't attend? skill is involved any contro- When for any legitimate reason it versy over the application is necessary to carry on work be-of this provision shall be youd 1 o'clock, all labor employed after 1 o'clock shall be paid dou-Paragraph 7. The necessary ble the regular rate. Coal departsignment of employees ments shall be exempt from the ons of this clause.

exchange rate charged for cashing

This agreement shall be in full senior employee under the force and effect from June 1, present assignments to the 1938 to and including May 31,

With the Limousines

brother the other day. Bill certain ly helped us over a lot of hurdle in building our union. We are go

members will be read. members take notice. Attend this meeting and see that your name is NOT on this list.

All chauffeurs must have gone

work, overtime differentials and general working conditions for In-

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By Curly & Lunde port of baseball, don't fail to see Wenell, ace hurler, and their next-

25. Employees shall receive full Chiff Rollins is playing go-between pay for all time spent in the service of the Employer. There shall be no split shifts. When called be no split shifts. When called the wants of his guinea-pigs. These entertaining little animals do not believe in birth control.

TAXI TOPICS

O. B. Hanson has been driving first to work the full weekly regu- days two months now. The cause of all is a little pot-bellied guy called cupid armed with a quivver full of arrows

> We can't help but wonder if Benny "the dog catcher" Rachel is capitalizing on his experience

> Will some of you boys donate uniform caps to be worn by the company executives when, as and if, they start at the depots, etc. Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Iacono, baby girl. We have no in-

> formation but believe all concerned are doing nicely, as we saw Sammy on Seventh Street with a big smile on his face. That strange moaning you hear in the evenings up and down the

> avenues is caused by crying Willie bewailing the fact that his present crop of "whiskers" will not permit him to hold a day shift. In case you need any pointers

on fishing or outboard motors, before getting seriously involved in see Buck Chambers. He has quired a new motor that is a dan an employee to handle a on the handling of lumber and oth-job shall be settled as pro-er materials because of above clas-he gave at the garage.

two to nothing, favor of big Char 32. Employees required to be lie. Strange to say they didn't fall

What would give you a more "all gone" feeling than to know that your name was called at your neighborhood ba

the national capital claims taximen of U. S. get twenty-four mile lion in tips a year, waiters and demanding the same points cover-waitressee four times that sum. ed in the telegram was passed by 34. The Employer shall pay the gypped by the meter and the pubic, sober and otherwise, the re- Federal Workers Section. Cop maining figure divided by all small to the individual.

The boys with radio sets in their cabs have a distinct advantage when baseball and football games are broadcast. The drivers tune in for the enjoyment of the game for the Federal Workers Section. 'break." Next we'll want twopicked up any place.

See where we have another amateur G-man in our midst. Clyde Sagle who drives opposite last week, maybe he can get old "Judge" Harlan to try the case.

nose to the point where he's out pricing mustache cups.

If promised a large gallery "Dingy" Hall wil oblige and perform his favorite stunt. This conform of executing a fast "U" turn, Josiah Baker, well-known labor Josiah Baker, well-known labor business on April 11. Our picture-taking chauffeur meanwhile picking a hanky off the attorney in southern Minnesota, ground with his teeth.

Austin Union Trial To Start May 31

Austin-The trial of John Winpell has been postponed unti Tuesday, May 31. The trial grow Tuesday. Let's all come down and out of charges of malicious mis chief, inciting to riot, preferred

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Mass Rally Asks WPA Job Increase

With the third-floor auditorium in the Drivers Hall packed to the doors last Wednesday night, speakunion movement talked in support of the fight to increase the Minnesota WPA quota from 60,

Speakers included Miles Dunne ecretary-treasurer of the Teamsters Joint Council; County Com-missioner I. G. Scott; James Bartnion; Walter Frank of the Buildg Trades Council; Al Hanson of e Board of Estimate and Taxa on: Carlos Hudson of the North west Organizer; and Ed Palmquist of the Federal Workers Section.

Fight is Necessary The crowded hall necessitated

s use of loud-speaker equipment o that all in the audience could ear. Speaker after speaker was nthusiastically cheered as poke in support of increasing the In a militant talk, Walter Frank drew salvos of ap-plause as he lashed out at the vpocrisy of so-called American democracy" and warned that nent would force from the poliians the releif aid that is so esperately needed

Wire to Lundeen

Karl Kuehn, the last speake troduced a motion that the following wing telegram be sent to Senato rnest Lundeen. By unanimou

SENATOR ERNEST LUN-WORKERS FILLING BIG

RIVERS HALL RESENT WPA CUT WHILE NEED SHARPLY RISES. UNEMPLOYMENT BEN-EFITS MOSTLY CONSUMED STATE RELIEF FUNDS FORE HADOW REPETITION CHICA GO, CLEVELAND CRISES. FUL SUPPORTED TONIGHT BY PRACTICALLY ENTIRE LOCAL ABOR MOVEMENT WE ASK IMMEDIATE INCREASE A NESOTA'S WPA QUOTA ONE HUNDRED TWEN HOUSAND NONMILITARY JOBS UNION WAGES.

Signed: Federal Workers Section

CLU Endorses The same evening a resolution Deducting all the times we get the Central Labor Union. The resolution was introduced by the will be sent to the State WPA workers in the game seems pretty office, President Roosevelt, Harry Hopkins, Governor Benson, and the entire Minnesota delegation in congress

Last week saw another victory nd slip over just in time for the fighting to establish the policy of Hennepin. Last week the St. Louis Park Welfare Board, after a sharp passage of word with FWS representatives, Ed Palm- has been blown sky-high. quist and Roy Orgon, agreed to establish the policy of supplement tation. Workers with large fam filies in this community can now Kenny Bronson has cultivated apply for and get an addition to the hirsute adornment under his nose to the point where he's out budget adopted for Hennepin

> has been retained by the defense. manded, and Judge Karl Finkkeln burg from Winona will preside.

> The sheriff and local cops have testified the union members had done nothing wrong during their stay in the scab store.

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ulation of Minneapolis contin to live in homes that were "models" two generations ago.

built of brick or concrete, generously exhibiting the use of steel and glass. Only a few scattered in Minneapolis, and they are in the ten and twenty thousand do lar class. At least three-fourths primarily of wood. And since their average age is over twenty-five their frames long ago having be-

Lack of Water, Etc. shiny white kitchen, spacio

Austin Labor Drives Back Open Shop

ken last week when Austin liquor had recently expired.

A strike of bartenders was him to show his union button. labor-hating Employers'

ocal bosses, according to the re actionary Austin Herald, 100 per cent in favor of the open shop and ready to fight for its

The Herald and other vicious anti-union elements have been conducting a vigorous campaign "break." Next we'll want two-way radio so the calls can be clients with large families in rural this town, one of the best-organized small communities in America. With the signing of the liquor

The fact that four union leaders spoke before the employers Mon day night may have had something to do with crashing the open-shor campaign. The union speakers Roy Franklin, Howard Ollman, Joe outlined briefly and effectively the position of organized labor in the present struggle, and pointed out the individuals and large firm behind the union-smashing cam-

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DRINK KATO BEER

How Minneapolis

20% of the homes in this ward

the City Planning Commission con

it must be pretty bad.

vere unfit to live in. And when

Thirty-six percent of the Third

ward homes, according to the same

authority, are equipped only with

stove heat, 18% have no baths,

41% were constructed before

third ward includes an area in

which 82% of the dwellings are unfit to live in.

Or First Ward

Well-there are 125 families in

rage; 386 families without gas;

190 families have no electricity. Your ward is pretty bad, brother.

Eighty-five families have to use

outside toilets . . . and that doesn't mean a toilet outside the room, but

Relief Heads

Herman Auferheide, state relief

administrator, was asked last week by five city and public wel-fare board officials whether the

\$750,000 allocated for the coming

year, beginning July 1, by the state to the city for relief, could

Aufderheide stated that "relief

needs will be met as they arise,'

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Occasionally a contractor, for advertising purposes, builds a model home in Minneapolis. It has everything. It stands as a perfect example of what the average worker latestands as a perfect example of what the average worker call example. It has a population of about 45,000. In 1934, accordance of about 45,000. In 1934, accordance of about 45,000.

er's wife, after feasting her en

efficiency, must go home to cook

homes in this city, there is no run-

mechanical devices to do the work.

Lack of Housing

neapolis has increased by leaps

and bounds in the last score of

years, low-cost housing has crim

From 1929 to 1937 the popula

half a million inhabitants; but dur-

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nally lagged behind.

ion grew from 380,000 to

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sanitary convenience. Lavender tile bathrooms adjoin practically every room. In short,

So great is the generosity of the washer, electric refrigerator, electric stove and many other mechanontractor, that any worker and ical appliances. But many a work his family may inspect the model ome, for the small sum of 25 vious eyes upon all this beauty and cents, provided he does not linger too long, and refrains from soil-

Workers and Model Homes But the "model" home is a mod- ning water at all, let alone any only in name. For no homes are built after its example. The Eighty percent of the homes in overwhelming majority of the pop- this "modern" city do not have

The "model" home is usually es are built of these materials of the homes in this city are built

grew, the more workers were crowded into the already outmo-

Austin, Minn,-The back of the Ole Ogg, official of the Milk be instead used up in a six-month on-smashing campaign was bro- Drivers Union Local 471, who has been missed around the union hall dealers disregarded the boss united recently, was in St. Mary's hospifront, broke ranks and signed a tal recovering from an appendec-closed shop contract with Local tomy. The operation must have locate funds on a 12-month basis.

478. The new part is practically been quite serious because Ole told He pledged himself practy to draw dentical with the contract which a visitor he dreamt he was stand- on all funds available. ing before St. Peter. Pete asked

called late in May. During the strike all bars were closed down. job next week. At present he The night previous to the sign-ng of the closed shop pact, the tion had met at the Elks Hall. All

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The Story of Bill Brown's Life and Work

A Humble Son of the Working Class, He Served it Nobly and Loyally

The story of Bill Brown's life parallels the develop-ment of truck transportation in Minneapolis and the North-west; it is the story of the development of that militant, honest and hard-hitting unionism which has become famed throughout America.

Bill Brown was still a young man when he died. He

was only forty-one. Bill was born May 4, 1897. By the time he was thirteen years old, his life was already the hard lot of so many millions of American workers. He had to quit school and go to work as a bread-winner for his family.

All his working life he spent in the war did not tend to make any

Central Labor Union.

The Depression

The teaming crafts in Minne-

organizer of the Minneapolis

signed his job at Swiller's.

need, were laying up tinder for the tremendous social explosions that were to break out during the

Minneapolis. In the early years, easier the job of organizing the up to the time he was twenty-two, he worked for several of the old shopmen's strike of 1921, also lost. established transfer firms of this In 1924 the American Federacity—at Igoe, Metropolitan, and tion of Labor, as a national pollater at Landry and then Skellet. icy, cleaned out the "reds," actu-

A "Working Stiff" ally ousting the progressives from many union locals and central laand wiry, guided a team of horses bor bodies, and thereby still fur around the then-unpaved streets of ther weakened the Minneapolis

Bill, 7 Years Old



Bill Brown, seven years old, a typical kid with a head full of fun and mischief.

tensely interested in the growing of mechanical transport, Bill managed by hook and crook to learn how to drive a truck.

Driver for Swiller's

work for the Swiller Transfer company, a job he held for thirteen years, until the day he took over the duties of organizer of the Teamsters Joint Council "Most of his time with us he

pent as a driver," remembers Michael Swiller, "Sometimes I would ask him to help in the office. He was a good worker, willing and capable." "I never had an argument with

Bill Brown," recalls the son, Morris Swiller. "He was a fine man. After he took over the job of or ganizer for the union, he still came in to see us. He always of in here like an old friend." Saw Life Clear

As a child in his teens, Bili Brown saw quite clearly that the world of our day has the cards stacked against the workers, and that the only hope for those who toil for wages is to organize for struggle. He early joined the union of his craft—the General Drivers Union Local 574. Old timers say that young Bill took his union with dead seriousness. The men must have respected him even then, for at the age of 23 he was chosen overwhelmingly to the post of union president, the job he held

That was back in 1920. Bil continued to drive a truck for Swiller's. Three years later, in 1923, he married.

A Tough Job Under Bill's leadership several early attempts were made to organize the growing number of truck drivers in the city, but to no The 1916 drivers strike, smashed by the bosses, had left the union in a much weakened position. There weren't more than dues-paying members during the long hard years following that

The vicious wave of unionmashing and psuedo-patriotism

Fifteen Years Ago



movement. That year Bill Brown Fifteen years ago, Bill borrowed the boss's truck and took his family and all the relatives on an outing into the country. Bill is seen in the middle, with cap on head. and a man named Gray represented Local 574 in the Minneapolis

In 1929 the Minneapolis teaming crafts laid out a program to strengthen unionism in the driving whereby the constituent unions of but they kept seeing fights they strengthen unionism in the driving whereby the constituent unions of the driving industry. But along came the depression and knocked the plans in creased the per capita to that hard to organize organization. new workers. It is in times of up-

apolis, working against the current, gradually built up their strength. In June, 1932, the then

speaking almost nightly, seeking to arouse unions and union leaders don't know who he was, yelled, 'Hey, there's a fink here, starting Teamsters Joint Council, Leo Mewas chose the post. Bill Brown was chose the post, and restended his interest and restended his int

Big Plans

than anyone would have thought possible in the richest country in small group got together, planned 'em,' and the crowd so an organization drive in the coal against the deputies. These teeming mil- yards, and got the approval of the lions were living in the direst Teamsters Joint Council.

1934, the anniversary story of which recently appeared in the Northwest Organizer.
Bill has told the story of the

ampaign among the coal drivers: "For some reason or other the Teamsters' Council gave me the job of organizer, so I decided to work with a few men in the union who knew how to organize. They were the Dunne boys, who were working in the coal yards at the time, and Carl Skoglund. Conditions were lousy, and there was plenty of sentiment for the union. When the bosses threw our demands into the waste basket, we went to the Teamsters' Council for permission to strike. I said, 'Hell, if we lose, we're no worse off than we were. This is no union we've got now anyway, but if we win it will be like a red flag to a bull. The workers will come to us and industry. So they gave us permission . . . " (Quoted by Charles sion . . . " (Quoted by Walker, "American City.")

The success of the coal strike did send the workers flocking into Local 574. Two months later there were 3,000 of them organized. Many organization meetings were held throughout the city. One, at dressed by Bill Brown and Governor Floyd B. Olson. The temper of the audience was unmistakable. They were sick to their bones of the "lousy" conditions in their in dustry, and were spoiling for a fight to better their mode of life.

The May Strike The story of the May, 1934, strike has also been retold in these pages on the fourth anniversary.

Bill hadn't been in his new post "I went down there with a body, thus building up a fund for long. You know the market-well, imagine sixty thousand people in turn, generally, that workers become aggressive, take new heart, gain confidence, and become ripe for uniquism.

Then, late in 1933 and early there . . . 4 copie upon the roots 1934, the economic upturn started—ard the upsurge of labor that, eras. Everybody waiting for the for uniquism. double the size of the organized near where it started. Somebody union movement in the United brought a crate of eggs or toma-Bill was active in these years, store. And a little blond feller, I

everything in the place. Somebody Signed his job at Swiller's.

Unemployment

Capitalism in America was reaching the lowest point of the post-1929 depression. More millions of workers were unemployed than anyone would have thought. 'em,' and the crowd swept forward story with his usual zest-he loved ceeded to mobilize the entire local "A picket captain yelled, 'Some days.

Bill's Sons, Raymond and Richard



Bill had two young sons—Raymond, age thirteen, and Richard, age seven. Bill was very proud of his boys.

an hour there wasn't a cop to be that the Citizens Alliance was "That was enough. They busted seen on the streets of Minneapolis. chiseling on the May settlement. verything in the place. Somehody About six o'clock I rode down Thousands of workers will never Hennepin Avenue—about fifteen forget the preparations for that blocks from the market—there big strike—the third strike of the

to reminisce about those great labor movmnet. Early in July a

ards, and got the approval of the eamsters Joint Council.

The Coal Strike

The drive was climaxed by the paccessful coal strike of February, but the crowd went after them. In another strike, due to the fact of the packed and the complete surrounded in another strike, due to the fact of the packed and the complete surrounded in another strike, due to the fact of 15,000.

a tribune of the people, was particularly effective that night. It feil to Bill's lot, as president, to read the resolution of the evening which concluded: " . . . that as a united body the unions accept the challenge of the Citizens Alliance and proceed to a common victory."

Bill knew how to present that resolution dramatically. With unparalleled enthusiasm, the crowd went for it. When he called for rising vote, setting Wednesday as the deadline, every last worker n the building sprang up.

This is not the place to retell

the story of the long July-August always wanted now blooming all strike, nor of the smashing union about him.

Suffice it to say that Bill Brown stirring times that tried men's Drivers Union consolidated, Bill souls. In jail or out-he was ar- continued on as president of the rested and flung in the stockade with other leaders and pickets— zation throughout the Northwest, Bill never swerved from his pur- his services as speaker and organ-

gatherings can ever forget the in telling of the assistance Bill mass meetings following the shoot- gave them in building their oring in the market, or the nightly ganizations and winning coneetings at the Parade Grounds, tracts. where from ten to thirty thousand As much and probably more where from ten to thirty thousand workers gathered under the trees to hear strike leaders explain the day's events and prepare for the morrow's struggle? Bill was present at every nieeting. His appearance at the microphone was always the signal for enthusiastic and all the signal for enthusiastic and all the signal are strictly as and all the signal are strictly as and all the signal for enthusiastic and all the signal are strictly as and all the strictly as a strictly as a strictly as a strictly as and all the strictly as a str

piest days of his life; to see the worker's sorrows and his triumphs.

Working for the Movement

The strike won, the General movement. Since his death literal-Who that aitended those great ly scores of unions have written

the signal for enthusiastic applause.

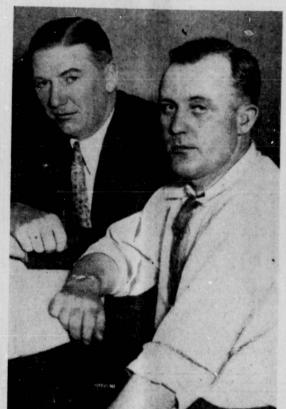
Those must have been the harders of the manywood. He was a worker first, last and all the time, talked like a worker, understood the worker, shared in the

Bill Speaking



Many tens of thousands of workers throughout the Northwest heard Bill Brown speak. He was one of the most popular orators of the present-day labor movement. Above he is seen in a typical speaking pose.

Bill With Floyd Olson



pages on the fourth anniversary.

Walker, in his book, quotes Bill Brown on the Battle of Deputy Brown on the Battle of Deputy pickets swept from the Minneapolis market district an army of special deputies and police.







Bill in the 1934 truck strikes, as thousands of workers remember him with his old white cap on his head, his collar open, and that wide grin on his face.

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Elections

Section 1. The officers of the local union shall consist of a president, vice president, recording secre-

tary, financial secretary, treasurer, and executive board of seven (7) members, and examining board

of five (5) members and a business manager for each of the two branches, namely, the Inside and

Branch Officers of Local B-292

and Utility branches, the following officers whose duties shall be to conduct branch meetings and assist

in caring for the affairs of the separate branches of the local union. The branch officers of the respective

branches of the local union shall be: chairman, vice

chairman, recorder, four advisory board members two examining board members and a business man-

ager. The advisory board shall be composed of seven members, the four branch elected members and the

branch chairman, vice chairman, and recorder. The elected local union president shall appoint the above

elected branch officers to their respective branch

pose of choosing or naming the above branch officers and candidates shall be held at least one week prior

to the nomination meeting prescribed for the local union as set forth in Section 13, Article 19 of the

Executive Board

Section 3. The seven elected advisory board members from the respective branches of the local

union are to be nominees for the executive board of

the local union, and the three receiving the highest number of votes out of each group of seven plus the president of the local union, who shall be elected by the membership of the local union at large, shall

constitute the executive board. In the event the elected president of the local union is among the

seven executive board candidates from either branch,

then the three nominees receiving the larger number of votes in that branch shall be elected to the execu-tive board exclusive of the vote given the elected

Local Union Officers

dent, treasurer, vice president, financial secretary and recording secretary of the local union are to be

nominated at the meeting of the local union when

nomination for officers are to be made, and the vice president and treasurer shall be members of the Utility branch, and the financial secretary and re-cording secretary shall be members of the Inside

branch. The president elected shall select appointees, such as, trustees, inspectors, press secretaries, sergeant-at-arms, etc., as equally as is practicable from the two branches of the local union.

Section 5. In order to have the better qualified members to examine applicants for membership in the local union, it is felt that better results would

be obtained by not requiring the two elected members of the examining board elected by each of the branch-

es to be candidates for office at the regular local union election, and the president to be empowered

to appoint an odd member to sit with the two mem-bers of the examining board from the Utilities branch

when applicants for membership in the Utility branch of the local union are being examined, and likewise

when applicants for membership in the Inside branch of the local union are being examined. The business

managers elected by the separate branches also shall not be required to be a candidate for office at the

regular election, and instead the president elected

shall appoint the business managers elected by the different branches to their respective elected branch

Judges and Tellers of Election Board

the local union are nominated at the regular local union meeting, there shall be nomination and election

for judges and tellers of the local union election. The nominee of the Inside branch and Utility branch re-

ceiving the larger number of votes shall be the two judges of the election board. The two nominees of each branch respectively receiving the next highest votes shall be the four tellers of the election board. The judges and tellers so elected shall be known as the election board and the larger transfer of the shall be known as

the election board, and shall conduct the local union election. No candidate for local union office shall

Eligibility for Election

Section 7. Due to the fact that there are but few members of the Utility branch of the local union

who have the required good standing to make them eligible for office in the local union, therefore, subject to the approval of the International office of the

local union, all members of the Utility branch of the local union in good standing since May 1, 1937, if otherwise eligible to vote and hold office in the local

union, shall be eligible for candidacy for office as

above outlined in the separate branches in the local

Section 6. After candidates for the offices of

offices as business managers

be eligible to the election board.

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Section 4. Candidates for the offices of presi-

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Regular or special branch meetings for the pur-

tion-2. There shall be elected from and by branches of the local union, namely, Inside

Utility branches of the local union.

Bar Notes

Local 346

The Grand Opening of head-

quarters has been set for June 13th. The celebration will start

at 10 p. m., and will continue from

cause our Local has the reputation

there "cat." Get there early be

beer drinkers. Refreshments as

down to the party.

free and when you close up shop Monday night, June 13th, come

The Red Feather cafe, on

come a food establishment. There-

fore Local 346, living up to its

part of the agreement between the

two Locals, has agreed to turn

to Local 458. Many of them are

charter members of our union,

and are very good unionists. We

hate losing these sisters, but we

annot go out of our jurisdiction.

The employees at Phil's Tavern

on Lake Street receive a week's

vacation with pay. We have no va-

cation clause in our contract at

present, but members need not be

too envious, because this will be

the first stipulation in our new

Dues must be paid on or before

the first of each month, according

to your constitution and by-laws.

Many of our members, particularly

the younger ones, are becoming

business agent does not like to

alternative than to suspend you if you become delinquent in the pay-

ment of your dues. You then have

to be reinstated by paying an ex-

Members, don't be lax or care-

less. If you leave a job, report to the office immediately. Arrange-

ments will be made for your case

We don't want to carry a lot of

dead wood. This would exhaust

our treasury unnecessarily. Let's

have a hundred per cent paid-up

Attention, Entertainment Com-

ittee. Let's get to work on our

picnic. A meeting has been set for Tuesday, June 7, at 3 p. m. We

want the attendance of every com-

The elique wants the author of

his column transferred to Local

Local 289 Picnic at Eagle Lake

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Great American Labor Struggles

Bloody Ludlow, 1913

"Death Special"

Under the direction of the Bald-

vin-Felts Detective Agency, Rock-

Special" by the miners. Rifle pits

By September 1, one county

alone had deputized 326 imported

to furnish arms openly to the

On the second day of the strike, a

marshal who attempted to arrest

few days later mine guards killed

Various attempts were made by

the Governor and by President Wilson to settle the strike, but the

Wage Bill

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To Senate

An overwhelming vote of the

House of Representatives last week carried the wage-hour bill,

and sent it to a senate-house com-

Farmer-Laborite Vote

sions of the bill apply to very

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week of 44, dropping to 40 in two

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few workers here.

It was named the "Death

In September, 1913, some 9,000 miners with their families left the coal fields in southern Colorado and established themselves in tent colonies, to conduct a stubthe tents, mounted a machine gun, born 15-months' strike that turned into armed civil war, and set off two bombs. Strikers Mexicans—workers whom the industrial masters of America encouraged to come to the United States in the prewar years, only to brand them as aliens and "dirty foreigners" after they had worn away.

their lives doing the dirty work

The strike was brought about by the refusal of the coal barons to recognize the union, the United Miners of America; and by the stial and oppressive regime in

the company-owned towns. Union Demands

On September 15, 1913, miners of the state held a convention at Trinidad and drew up the following demands: recognition of the union: 10% wage increase: 8-hour day; payment for all dead work; election of check-weighmen by the miners; right of the miners to efeller's Colorado Fuel and Iron trade at any store they pleased, and to choose their own boarding automobile mounted with machine house and doctors; abolition of guns. company guard system.

The operators paid no attention to the demands when presented. hills adjacent to the mines, and Instead, they resorted to the tac- equipped with machine guns and tics which had enabled them to break the coal strikes of 1883, porting armed guards and strike- guards. The miners union decided

On September 23, 70 per cent strikers. Violence w

Rockefeller's Testimony

That the operators' refusal to four strikers was shot and killed. grant the open shop brought on On the fourth day, mine guards the strike was shown in the in-credible statement of Rockefeller mine guards drove the "Death Speto a House Committee in Washing- cial" into a tent colony, killing and ton after the strike had been on wounding men and children.

Q.—But the killing of people and shooting of children has not been of enough importance to you to communicate with the other Directors and see if someother Directors and see if something might be done to end that sort of thing? A.—We believe the issue is not a local one in Colorado. It is a national is sue whether workers shall be allowed to work under such conditions as they may choose. As part owners of the property our interest in the laboring men in this country is so immense, in the country is so immense, in this country is so immense, in the colonies. Special companies

Independent Truck Chatter

g rolls around again this week. Following the excellent attendance last month, it is to be hoped we can set a record this time

Remember; No Ways and Means eetings except the third Thursday and before the regular meet-

It is a little early to have any news of the week-end holidays.

There should be plenty of jabber at the meeting of fish stories and the meeting of fish stori

Seven or eight trucks have started the gravelling program. The new scale combining yard mile rate with driver time is in effect.

Seven or eight trucks have start though the wage-minimum is set at 25 cents an hour. They plan to hold out until the rush for adjournment for the summer.

ers won after their long and bloody struggle.

Next time you hear about the journment for the summer. Until some time has elapsed under this setup it will be impossible to

From all reports the county drivers are doing nicely. There is tion. some talk about the seniority list. Some of the fellows who are not working at present seem to think this list has an invisible quality. With an eye to the forthcoming Ready to Negotiate The county committee in charge had better come across with some- St. Paul, as well as Ryan, voted thing a little more concrete than at present or some of these boys Knutson, remained a bitter-ender. will demand a look-see or else place a claim of a first class grie- Minnesota have raised working tract. The old pact expires Jul

Now that friend Christau has been ousted a shakeup in some of under the graduated scale, the evitable, unless politics in this section had made a lightning about Minnesota workers in industries look to it that they do not have to begin all over again in its relations with the WPA. A satisfaclished with Anderson and Olsen who are more than fair in their dealings with us.

Been trying to give Asplund a little education but to no avail. He still is convinced the Union is in need of a shakeup and an overhauling.

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than see the men we have employed thrown out of work and have imposed upon them conditions which are not of their seeking and which neither they nor we can see are in our interest. We believe so sincerely that our interests demand that the camps shall be open camps, that we expect to stand by our officers at any cost.

Militiamen poured oil on the tents and set them afire. Eleven children and two wives of strikers were burned to death. Three strikers who were taken prisoner were shot immediately. Louis Tikas, a brave strike leader was brought defenseless before Linderfelt, the militia commander, who broke a rifle stock over his head and then had him killed by militiamen. Mulitiamen poured oil on the

Q.—And you will do that if that costs all your property and kills all your employes? A.—
It is a great principle. had him killed by militiamen. As the story of the massac spread, strikers from outlying dis tricts marched in to avenge th laughter.

Open Warfare

Two days later the strikers held area around Ludlow 18 mile by five. It was open warfare. Th my of strikers attacked mine af ter mine, setting fire to the build Union officials at Trinida organized companies of striker, and furnished them with arms and unitions. Workers through out the state volunteered to arr against the enemy. Union throughout the West volunteered to raise 10,000 fighters. Ger Debs issued a national appeal for funds to buy rifles. The guerill warfare continued for ten days Finally President Wilson sent

News of the Ludlow massacr dren, horrified the country. Uptor before Rockefeller's New York The I.W.W. held a free-speech fight in Tarrytown, and a score

ix federal troops of cavalry, and

"Poison" Ivy Lee

Rockefeller was the most hated an in the nation. He hired "Poi The strikers somehow lived son" Ivy Lee, the shrewdest bos through the bitter winter in their publicity agent in the country tent colonies. Special companies From Lee's offices in Philadelphia so deep, so profound that we stand ready to lose every cent we put in that company rather ntaining outrageous lies abou the strikers, and seeking to ju the murders committed by Rocke

feller's thugs. President Wilson turned over the dirty task of selling out the miners to Secretary of Labor Wilson. A three-year truce was pro

Rockefeller refused. Under the regime of the federal troops, the coal operators were gradually able the mines

The Bitter End

mittee which will attempt to work After calling on President Wil out a compromise between the house bill and that adopted last son and getting the run-around the United Mine Workers held a

empt to delete from the bill the Rockefeller instituted a company uniform standards proposed, even union plan. That was all the stri

The house vote of 314 to 97 was particularly significant, since the bill had been opposed by the powerful rules committee, from whose hands it had to be taken by petition.

The house vote of 314 to 97 was lers, and how great fortunes are deserved, and about the glories of American "justice" — give a thought to Ludlow.

Next Week: Read about the 1919 Steel Strike.

Minnesota's five Farmer-Labor congressmen voted for the bill. Grain King Workers

been set up by the Grain King section of Woodenware Worker Local 20481, to secure a new con

The management has already conditions here so that the provi- 1. called in the union shop commit tee, and threatened to cut wage going to stand for. At presen Grain King plant, the lowest num definable as interstate industry, to ber employed in years. be above that scale. The bill also

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Max Geldman

secretary and member of the ex-ecutive board of the Federal Work-ers Section of Local 544. For years he has been active in the workers' education movement, so, there is no excuse for not comboth here and in New York where ing out. ne lived for many years. He'a an excellent speaker, and

ing the years he has functioned in the F. W. S., he has consistently fought for higher relief and better conditions on WPA for the thousands of jobless. Has 347 relatives. Is married and has a little "Jeep" of which he is extemely proud. His hobby is the novies, especially films featuring Edward Robinson, whom Max resembles. When he isn't teaching, or working for the FWS, or in the movies, he plays cribbage.

Speed O Lac Firm Unfair to Miss Mpls. Flour Paint Makers

The Twin City Paint, Ink, Var ish, Lacquer Makers and Hand lers Union, Local 1083, report that the Speed O Lac Product pany of St. Paul is no longer air to organized labor. The unio as used every peaceful method o obtain reinstatement of dis narged union mmebers, three of whom are officers. All of organ-zed labor, all friends of labor, are asked to recall the attitude of Speed O Lac when purchasing 26 on June 8 at Parade 20. ints and varnishes.

The Minnesota Linseed Oil & Paint company has also failed to ign an agreement with Local 1083, it was reported. The new nion 1938 contract calls for guarantee of 32 hours of work weekly during the slack season, Building Service, 26. 0 1 weekly during the slack season and the 40-hour week during the regular season. All regular em loyees are guaranteed a minimus of 48 weeks work annually. Six Minneapolis firms and four St Paul firms have already signed

ITO Wins 110 Hour Month in Hennepin County

The Independent Truck Owne ection of Local 544 scored a vic ory recently when, as the resul of negotiations between Curt Zander and Anderson from the WPA state office, the WPA has agreed to extend the hours of work on certain projects from 8 110 for truck owners.

The new extension applies at present only to Hennepin County, though there is a possibility that it may soon be applied on a dis-

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NEXT MEETINGS: Stewards, Tuesday, June 7; Wholesale Drivers, Thursday, June 9.

The 289 Picnic Committee vants all members desiring transportation to and from the picnic, to report same before July 15.

The picnic should be well at-

headed by Chet Ryan has been putting in long hard hours working on it.

In case you didn't see last Broadway, has now definitely be-

George Erickson and Cliff Nes s well-known to workers' audi- are to be complimented as they ences throughout the district. Dur- were the ones who found the pic nic grounds and secured it after chasing around to several differen spots and believe me, that's a quick job.

Holsum and Zinsmaster diamond ball teams both lost their second starts. Holsums saved their neck by virtue of one lonely run, from complete shutout, losing to Miss Minneapolis Flour by the lopsided do much better, losing to Insulite Commercial Black League

Standings:

Won Lost Pct 2 0 1000 Holsum Hot Breads... 1 Zinsmaster 500 Crystal Mkt. 000 tra fee.

Local 298 lost its first start to the Painters Local 386 by the score of 18 to 13. But not because they didn't try, according to Bill Huber. Jerry Chapman has a case of Wheaties coming as he socked the old apple for a round trip with the sacks loaded but we couldn't rally enough to put it over. Local 289 plays Building Service Local

Union League Standings Laundry Driv., 131... 1 0 1000 Bakers Local 22 1 Painters Local 386 1 1000 Local 289

Chester Ryan doesn't care hove he catches a ball as he came back from practice last Monday with a beautiful shanty on his eye, having missed a ball and caught in the

Another contract was in the bag ast week when Joe signed M. A Gedney company to a union agree

Hal Draper Speaks On Facism

Hal Draper, National Secretary of the Young People's Socialist League, will arrive in Minneapoli on Friday and will speak Friday evening on, "Fascism in America?"

The meeting will be held at So-ialist Workers Hall, 669 Second Avenue, North.

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North Central Drivers Mourn Bill Brown

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By FARRELL DOBBS Secretary, North Central District Drivers Council

Drivers' unions from a score of cities throughout the Northwest sent delegations to Minneapolis on Saturday to attend the funeral of Bill Brown.

Among the drivers' unions whose representatives ar-

Among the drivers unions whose representatives arrived in time for the funeral were Fargo, Valley City and Grand Forks, North Dakota; Sioux City, Iowa; Sioux Falls and Aberdeen, South Dakota; St. Cloud, Brainerd, Duluth, St. Paul, Once the Minneapolis drivers

Austin, and Mankato, Minnesota; marched to victory, Bill gave unstinctingly of his time and effort

These unions, as well as the whoe drivers movement of the everywhere in the area. Every North Central District, had reason union leader within a radius of to mourn Bill Brown. From the several name time he acted as sponsor for the personally.

How the drivers' movement of Capten District felt Northwest Unity Conference, fore-runner of wide-scale union co-operation, Bill was one of the most

Aided Strikes Everywhere Aided Strikes Everywhere Only a few months ago a call
The Fargo and Grand Forks for aid came from Rockford, Illi-

Even before the Minneapolis drivers' movement got its great therefore, when delegations from the necessity of building on an area-wide scale. He was one of the chief movers in 1933 in reviving the St. Paul drivers movement and establishing Local 120.

Sioux City

Drivers Push

Organization

Sioux City-Under the impetus

23, the first organization meeting

for the wholesale fruit and grocery men was held at the Labor Temple.

were Howard Fouts and Ralph

Negotiations with the Sioux City

Committee chairmen for the an-

old Henderson, music.

for the past few days.

assisting the Omaha Drivers Unio

Duluth Drivers Win

Fruit Firms Strike

Concrete Block

Workers Special

A special meeting of all concrete block makers will be held Monday, June 6, in the second-floor club rooms at 257 Plymouth Avenue, at 8 p. m. The question of the new contract will be discussed.

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Meeting

bakeries for the driver-salesmen

Workers Join Drivers

Truck Drivers Union Local 90 f Des Moines, Iowa, this week incorporated into its ranks the en-tire membership of Warehouse Local 18381, by the unanimous vote of the warehouse workers, and with the sanction of the Interna-

ated at the religious service.
Vincent Dunne then spoke. The warehouse local has a membership of about 800, and a po-tential strength of around 1,000. Bill Brown and his family: I want to speak about what I know Bill In reporting this development, Leo Quinn, recording secretary of

Local 90, stated:
"This move, we feel, was necessary in view of the conditions in the grocery warehouses in the Des Moines trade area, and will put us in a position later to negoconditions throughout the entire

New Features Planned for 544 Picnic

The Picnic Committee for Local 544 has drawn up a splendid program for the June 12th annual nion picnic at Bass Lake, A short memorial talk on Bill Brown

will be given in the afternoon.

A large racing program for the strikes, the St. Paul drivers strike nois. Bill volunteered for the difficult job; his only satisfaction the struggled, Bill was there to help. Even before the Minneapolis struggle.

A large racing program for the children will start as soon after the struggled, Bill was there to help. The successful outcome of the struggle.

A large racing program for the children will start as soon after the struggled at the successful outcome of the struggle. 10 a, m. as possibe. There will ple, shoe-kicking contests, and a tug of war between the Transfer irivers and the Independent Truck

> The winner of the beauty con est is to be named "Miss Organzed Labor." Judges and the crowd will pick the winner.

A search for "Miss 544," the systery girl, will also enliven the day and furnish occasion for fur-ther prizes. Rules for this contest vill be given next week.

take place at 6 p. m.
A kittenball game, between

All union members are asked to buy tickets early, so that stewards can get in funds to the committee Transportation arrangements are 26th, at Loberg Park in Fargo.

The program will get under way at

> 544 Ball Schedule; Clip for Reference

July 31—544 vs. Margaret Barry, Margaret Barry August 1—544 vs. Aces, Parade 8

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Last Rites for Bill Brown

Ten Thousand Workers at

broader aims. would want me to deal with at a time like this. Bill is attending with us today his last union meetwith us today his last union meetof purpose and the courage of a deas on those whom he was choideas on those whom he was choThey were Carl Skoglund, Faring with his brothers and sisters, with the people he lived for and fought for. All of his grand life cannot measure, something not was spent in the struggle of the workers' movement, and for the destanding the lives to the labor movement.

of purpose and the courage of a lideas on those whom he was chosen to lead, anymore than do I. They were Carl Skoglund, Farrell Dobbs, Miles Dunne, Jack Smith, Nick Wagner and Grant Dunne.

Thousands of workers lined the labor movement. workers' movement, and for the men and women exploited by a cruel, unjust and horrible econom- on a world scale. He saw in work-

tet from the Musicians Union, the Reverend Franklin Marlatte officiated how he viewed that service. Years ago Bill Brown in the labor movement the instrupledged me that on every occasion when I spoke I was to emphasize the broader aims of the movement. He saked me to articulate these centration camp, the instrument has blightest way the movement that he loved. We must all take up the burden left by his passing."

Old Friends Carry Him Members of 544's executive than a starvation house or a content of the strikers. With a few changes, the new "Brothers and sisters of the the broader aims of the movement. than a starvation house or a contrade union movement, friends of He asked me to articulate these centration camp, the instrument board, men who had gone through that would take hold of the econ- many battles at his side, carried "Bill Brown entered the move-omics of this life and weave a Bill's coffin down the steps to the

or a world scale. He saw in workic system. Bill always spoke,
ingclass organization a movement of friend and a comrade in my pothat would some day embrace all
mankind. He saw the necessity of
applying the theories of the great
working-class leaders of the world
ment, and he wanted to serve it
as best he could. Long ago he

on a world scale. He saw in workingclass organization a movement of friend and a comrade in my pothat would some day embrace all
intical faith. His understanding
and his attitude towards life
should be the spirit that inspires
here today. He would not want
his passing to slow up or hinder
was lafine noble-hearted
friend and a comrade in my pothat would some day embrace all
intical faith. His understanding
and his attitude towards life
every man and woman that comes
here today. He would not want
his passing to slow up or hinder
was laid to rest.

Closed Shop

With picket lines unshaken, the

strike of Twin Cities sash and door

Negotiations were begun last week

Strikers are as determined a

ever to solve their problem, and

the only solution is the establish-

the issue, and no amount of

from Leach, no appeals from Tay

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ment of the closed shop. This is

threats from the employers

Groff Strike Settled; One Year Pact

The strike of Pulp and Sulphite Workers Union Local 264 that has tied up the Groff plant in St. Paul

With a few changes, the new ntract will carry over provisions of last year's agreement. The interminable company rules, which the management attempted to make the basis for dismissal if violated, have now the status only of company instructions.

The preferential union shop is

The new pact was signed Tuesday morning. Ten men were back to work Tuesday, and others are expected to be absorbed in the near future, as business gets under way. The agreement is retroactive to May 1, 1938, and will run for one year, to May 1, 1939.

Lumber Yards Sign Pact With Drivers

dinneapolis and its suburbs, employing several hundred workers, signed a new one-year contract Friday with the General Drivers Union Local 544. The working agreement was ratified at a meeting of the workers involved, held last Wednesday night.

The pact goes into effect June 1, 1938 and will run for one year. It is identical with last year's contract, save that extra yard labor will henceforth be paid minir strike of Twin Cities sash and door workers is now in its fifth week.

55c, constituting a nickel raise.

The contract is printed elsehourly wages of 60c instead of

where in this issue.

between the union and St. Paul mill owners. Two meetings were Card of Thanks held with another one scheduled

Employers in Minneapolis resorted to the "last chance" trick at 257 Plymouth Avenue received recently, writing letters to employees telling them to come back before it is too late." Nothing as follows: "We wish to thank members of 544 General Drivers members of 544 General Drivers the Independent Truck Ownnor about the union. No one paid and the Independent Truck Ownary attention to the letters. Mayor ers Section for the check of \$500 received on May 21st."

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to mourn Bill Brown. From the several hundred miles knew him tiate uniform wages, hours and

active spirits in organizing the un- Pau strike of 1937. Bill was arorganized and strengthening the rested for his strike activities, and existing locals.

There is hardly a local in the area, but Bill aided its organization campaigns. If it was humanly possible, Bill never refused a Duluth. Aroused by the moves request to journey hundreds of being made against Bill, the Countilla made against Bill made against B miles to speak at an organization cil voted to a man to call a gen-or regular union meeting, advise eral strike of the whole area unlocal officers, or sit with them in less Bill was released! The police backed down, and Bill was freed.

Northwest Owners.

Picnic June 26

of the organization drive being of the organization drive being Sections of the union in carried on by Drivers Union Local City and Jamestown have also

into the union. On Monday, May A good crowd attended. Speakers

In the afternoon a speaking pro were started May 25th by Local gram will be presented, with Govnual Labor Day celebration were announced at the last meeting of the Trades & Labor Assembly. L.

Garnett will be in charge of refreshments; George Graham, concessions; William Surrel, Jewel Tea sports; James Kelliger, grounds; Still Unfair Savage, entertainment, and Har-

sters Joint Council state the Jewel Tea company has yet to change its attitude towards organized la bor. The fight against this scab concern will continue until a unio victory is won.

Local 221 Meets

to win renewals of contracts.

Local 116 announces its annual icnic will be held Sunday, June 10 o'clock in the morning. There will be band music, a parade, base

ernor Langer, State Labor Com-missioner Henry Martinson; W. W. Murray, president of the State Federation of Labor; Mr. Moody,

State WPA Administrator, etc.

Brother Jack Maloney has been Un The Tea and Coffee Drivers

Duluth-The General Drivers No union man need purchas Union here won a one-day strike scab Jewel Tea when other tea against five fruit companies last companies have seen fit to deal fairly with their employees. Let against five fruit companies last Friday. The union had walked out when the firms refused to renew working agreements. About 75 continue until this firm agrees to continue until this firm agrees to fruit truck drivers were involved. cease intimidating its employees On Friday new pacts were signed and the men returned to

Friday, June 3

A special meeting of Ice and Coal Drivers Union Local 221 will be held Friday evening. June 3, at 8 p. m., in the basement hall, to discuss plans of action in.order

Fargo Drivers to

Fargo-The Drivers Union Loal 116 has voted to subscribe to he Northwest Organizer and has sent in its membership list with a check for the first month's papers.

Following is the ball schedule for the rest of the season, involving Local 544's team:
June 5-544 vs. North Side Commercial, Parade 8
June 12-544 vs. Camdens, Folwell 1
June 19 - 544 vs. Margaret Barry, Parade 8
June 26-544 vs. Aces
July 10-544 vs. Jefferson Bus, Linden Hills
July 17-544 vs. Northside Commercial, Farview
July 24-544 vs. Camdens, Parade 8
July 31-544 vs. Margaret Bar-

ade 8 All games start at 3 p. m.

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tainer; Artification, Minn., Justeps, Peterson, Advibno., Minn., Justeps, Peterson, Advibno., Minneapolis, Minn., trailer Bitch; Schitz, Fred A., Faul, Minn., mixing machine; Will, H. Minneapolis, Minn., defector
automobile heater; Will, Carl H. Fink, H. W., Minneapolis, Minn., comobile bester.

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11-State Over-Road Body Acts for Uniform Scale

A meeting of all of the executive boards of over-the-road drivers' unions of eleven states was authorized by the North Central Over-the-Road Negotiating Committee, at its May 17th meeting in Indianapolis. Time and place of its May 17th meeting in Indianapolis. Time and place of the committee of this significant event were left to the chairman and secre- tice of a desire to open the con

tary of the committee.

It was also decided that each state committeeman call a meeting of all the locals in his state to organize the tiations for a uniform 11-state ing that employers take a position area contract.

Meet With Tobin

ence earlier in the day with General President Daniel J. Tobin, at deal with the unions along the that a summary of conditions in teams to be announced later, will be played. Dancing to Dick Atherresulted between President Tobin it appears that an 11-state solu-

The committee explained to refuse to deal. 11-state North Central trade area vitally affect locals in other sec tions. Under existing conditions, wage scales differ widely in the various cities, and contracts ter minate at different times. As a cooperation between the locals has been extremely difficult To solve these problems, the committee was established to secure a uniform wage scale and con tract for all over-the-road drivers

The committee has endeavored Associations, Inc., a national or-ganization of trucking employers. This body has definitely refused to create a representative committee of employers, contending that t does not have such authority. The union committee has there fore sent letters to over one thou-sand employers in the area, en closing proposals for a uniform working agreement and demand

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to be sure that this is done. previously supplied to the commit-tee by the locals, the question-The drawing for gate prizes will

These actions featured the committee's meeting, after a conferdicate that several strategic group-sary that the locals now fill out a

and the committee on ways and means of carrying through the campaign for an area-wide uniform contract.

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Local 264 Signs Waldorf Paper

President Tobin in great detail the problems confronting drivers in highway transportation. Conditions in different sections of the 11-state North Central trade area (that the local conferences. He stated (the local conferences) (the local conferences in provements over last year's pact). that the International would co-operate in dealing with those em-niority clause, and a section re-niority clause, and a section reployers who refuse to negotiate moving restrictions on wages paid on a satisfactory basis. It was the to handicapped workers. opinion of all those present at the meeting in the International of- 26, and wil run till April 4, 1939. fices, that as a result of this di cussion the campaign for a uniform area contract would go for-ward on a practical and healthy

Employers Break Ranks

A questionnaire has been pre-pared, which will be forwarded to to obtain area negotiations every local involved by the state committeemen, to provide the committeemen, to provide the committeemen. infori necessary for proceeding with centralized negotiations. After being filled out, the questionnaires are to be returned to the secretary of the committee, Farrell Dobbs

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



A Monument for Bill Brown

It is part of human nature to desire that death shall not remove the last visible evidence that one has lived. In response to this desire, men leave behind them, in their wills or in requests to their loved ones, how they wish to perpetuate their memory. Great mausoleums or marble monuments thus record some lives. Some rich men endow institutions of various kinds in their name. Poorer men are remembered through a namesake.

None of these methods would have satisfied Bill Brown. In life the trappings of personal prestige never interested him. The only thing that he lived for was the working class movement. Cold marble would not appropiately perpetuate his memory, nor would any other individualistic device. The monument for Bill Brown has to be as big, as selfless, as broad in social vision as he was.

Build the workingclass movement, comrades of Bill Brown! Build it clean and strong and radiant for the future of the humanity that Bill so loved. Make ever stronger the mighty arm of the working class of whose flesh and blood Bill was and remains a precious part.

Keep your unions pure in heart and militant in spirit, you workers whom Bill was honored to serve and fight beside. Carry your banners stainless and hold them high in the coming storms. Nail your flags to the mast and defend them to the last breath!

Give to your fellow workers the courage and the undying loyalty that Bill gave unstintingly to his comrades-in-arms. Give ungrudgingly, as Bill did, of your time and energy and thought. Organize the unorganized, hold firm the shield of labor before the organized.

Ponder over the glorious pages of the story of the labor movement, learn the lessons of defeat and victory, instill in every house of labor the spirit of a broader understanding and a broader outlook.

Restlessly go on from achievement to further achievement, never accept smugly what has already been done. No summit is too high, but labor can scale it. Let us accept no lowlier goal than the freedom of the human race! That was how Bill Brown felt.

That is the monument he would want: that his comrades dedicate themselves to carrying on his life work.

Keeping Step With 544

It is not in me to attempt to be flip or clever as I write these lines . . . The best friend I ever had in this world, a loyal, brave fighter for the cause of the working class, is only a memory now . . . To think that Bill will not be around any more seems incredible . . I go about with my work and forget, for a while, only to remember with a start that Bill will never laugh or kid with me again and each time this happens the blow is just as hard and bitter as it was when I first heard that he was dead . . . I don't believe that there ever lived a human being who loved his fellowmen more than Bill Brown

... Underneath his bluff, rollicking exterior there was a heart as big as a house; a heart that beat with sorrow over the exploitation and misery of the workers and a heart that swelled with joy over workers' victories . . . Bill was no saint; he was one of the most human persons I ever knew ... To know him was to love him and loving him you forgot at once all his petty faults ... My best memory of Bill Brown is that of a fishing trip of about a year ago . . On this occasion several of us were seated around the fire in a cottage in the evening. The talk was of this and that until the usual inevitable transformation of society under transformation of society under transformation of society under transformation of society under the contraction. the evening. The talk was of this and that until the usual inevitable question arose: "What would you wish for if you knew that your one wish would be granted?" Some spoke of life on a South Sea Island; others would wish for a fortune and a life of ease and leisure When it came Bill's turn, he said, "I would want every single worker in this country organized into unions just to see what would happen'

Bill's Life

It was as a speaker that Bill and then answer them. was probably of greatest value to the movement. A crowd of workers could always inspire him. He had a personal way of talking ment, as is usual with those who devote their lives to the cause. He which never failed to leave an audience hanging on his lips. He will agree. He always had a quip never used notes, never prepared on his lips, and his salty wisea speech, never studied the tech- cracking is a legend of the move

great orator. the worker in the worker's own language, using the everyday lan-brushed aside their guns. guage of the streets. Driving di- One story about Bill and the

out the issues clear and simple.

Bill As a Wit Bill chose his friends only from persons active in the labor move

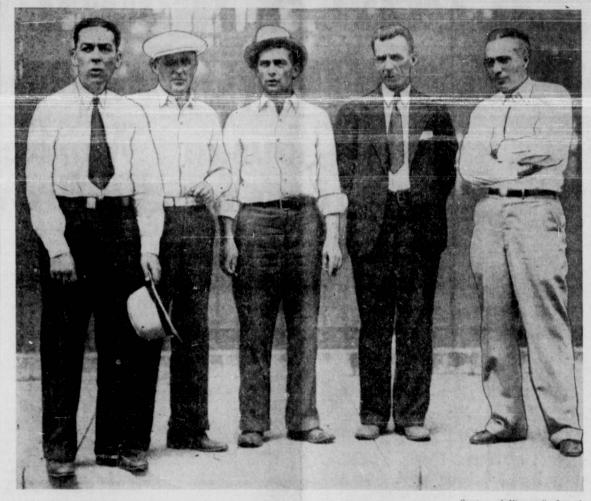
nique of speaking, and despite ment.

these handicaps managed to be a His personal bravery was unreat orator.

It was always his way to talk to told of the times he disregarded

rect to the heart of the question, he would often ask himself ques-tions before the audience, laying fellow unionist and they walked

Bill's Favorite Picture



In the July-August strike of 1934, Bill Brown and other leaders of the General Drivers Union were arrested by national guardsmen and thrown in the military stockade. This picture was taken just after the release of Bill, Miles and Vincent. Grant Dunne, Bill Brown, Miles Dunne, Vincent Dunne, and Albert Goldman of Chicago, attorney for the strikers, appear from left to right. Bill liked this picture best, showing him with his comrades-

that he had no money to provide for his family. His wife, Agnes, ing...

The Monday before his death he had handed in his copy for the little box, "Bill Brown Says," which for several grim necessity of the class strugyears was a feature of the Northwest Organizer. His last crack was as follows: "A detailed list of the progressive working-class achieve ments of the Communist Party in Minnesota will be found on page " Our paper, of course, has no

Bill As a Rebel

Bill, it must be emphasized, op-posed the trickery and class-col-laboration policy of the Commustandpoint of an honest, class-con from the standpoint of one who publicly declared himself a Social-

st. He was convinced of the historic mission of the working class, is the instrument for the social iberation of all humanity. He was onvinced that the road of libera tion required, not only a powerful a process which he firmly believed

John Geary Represents International

John Geary, "grand old man o the Northwest teaming crafts," at-tended Bill Brown's funeral as the representative of the Teamster nternational.

The venerable white-haired vice president of the International has known Bill Brown sinc 1916.

Local 664 Special Notice!

A very important membership meeting of City & Sanitary Drivers Union Local 664 will be held Friday evening, June 3, at 8 p. m. All members are expected to be present. The special order of business will be a consideration of the contemplated change in the meeting schedule, to affect all members.

by a cop. Slapping the cop sharply on the shoulder, Bill said to the surprised policeman: "Look alive, there. You want to click your heels when I go by." The cop was furious as Bill, laughing, walked off.
Bill never had any time for diletantes in the movement, nor for those who sought to gain personal advantage from their positions in the unions. Particularly did he hate shams, pretenders, those who said one thing and did the opposite. His experiences in trade

sate. His experiences in trade union situations with the Communist Party made him hate the frauds and tricksters who led that the had no money to provide workers. The Wonday hefore are always and tricksters who led that the had no money to provide workers are naking quips about the workers, making quips about the site. The had promised Agnes and the boys such a vacation for damping struggle; or, with work were particularly excited, because that he had no money to provide workers for the support of the boys such a vacation for damping struggle; or, with work were particularly excited, because that he had no money to provide workers for the support of the boys such a vacation for damping struggle; or, with work were particularly excited, because that he had no money to provide workers for the support of the boys such a vacation for damping struggle; or, with work were particularly excited, because that he had no money to provide workers for the support of the boys such a vacation for damping struggle; or, with work were particularly excited provides the boys such a vacation for damping struggle; or, with work were particularly excited provides and the provide workers for the boys such a vacation for damping struggle; or, with work were particularly excited provides and prov day's work or telling well-reme bered stories of great days. That



The last picture of Bill Brown, taken shortly before his death. From left to right: mond Brown; Mrs. Agnes Brown; Bill Brown; Richard Brown with his pup.

On the NATIONAL PICKET LINE

(Continued from page 1) Union recently made a demand that all trucks pulling into New York from outside the corporate the Union. The Association attempted to force the union to live up to a clause in the existing con-tract which says that all controversial matters relating to the contract must be submitted to arbi-

The lower court ruled in favor of the Highway Transport Ass'n. The Appellate Division reversed this decision, ruling that in view of the fact that this issue had not been considered as part of the existing contract it need not be submitted to the usual channels.

Interest in the Harlan County coal operators trial for conspiracy shifted this week from London Ky., to Harlan itself. Over the eekend two of the police-officer defendants were arrested, charged with assault and battery and flourishing deadly weapons. The two former sheriffs were named by a miner for a recent attack upon him. United States federal attorneys are investigating the new factors in the case. The trial is now in its third week.

Meanwhile, members of the United Mine Workers held a demonstration on Tuesday, May 31, in celebration of a newly enacted state law which makes it illegal for coal companies to pay directly the salaries of sheriff-appointed deputies to be used as guards in coal mines.

closed shop and force the em ployer to reinstate a union member. In the fight wherein the finks were removed from the plant, operations were stopped for the first time in thirteen years. Immediately removal of the strikebreakers they themselves re-entered the plant and set the machinery in operation. The men ar-rested will be charged with trespassing.

The National Maritime Union, a CIO affiliate, has announced that it will initiate an organization drive in direct competition with the AFL Longshoremens Asociation. The workers in harbors and officers on ships will be the object of the organization drive.

The initiation of such an organization drive, in a field already strongly controlled by the AFL union, presages another bloody, bitter jurisdictional battle.

The Relief situation in Cleveland rapidly approaches another crisis. Emergency relief appropriations recently granted by the state are being speedily exhausted.

Well did an impoverished, starving woman express the situation when she cried out at a City Council meeting-"Shame on the richest Country in the world."

Today Makes 8,080 Days . . .



UNION MEETING SCHEDULE

LOCAL 471

The Milk Wagon Drivers and Dairy Employees Union Local 471 meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.

LOCAL 131

During June, July and August the Laundry and Dry Cleaning Drivers Local 131 meets only on the third Wednesdays of each month.

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

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

PETROLEUM DRIVERS Regular Membership Meeting-First Wednesday each month.

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

LOCAL 289
Retail Drivers—First Thursday.
Wholesale Drivers—Second
Thursday.
Yeast Drivers—Third Tuesday.
Cake and Pie—Third Thursday.
General Membership—Fourth
Thursday.

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Membership meeting L. U. 1859
—June 1
Casket Section L. U. 1859—
June 14, 1938
J. R. Clark Section 1859—
June 15, 1938
Puffer Hubbard Section 1859—
June 16, 1938
Box Industry Section 1859—
June 21, 1938
Twin City Stewards—June 13
and 27 Executive Board 1859-Every Executive Board 1859—Every Friday nite.

Membership meeting L. U. 1859
—July 6, 1938

Membership meeting L. U. 20481—June 17, 1938

Executive Board L. U. 20481
—June 6 and 20

LOCAL 20316 Stewards—First and third Tuesday
Regular Membership Meeting—
Fourth Tuesday
Executive Roard — Regularly
every Monday Inside Section—First Tuesday
Radio Section—Second Tuesday
Shopmen's Section — Second
Wednesday
Utility Section—First Thursday
General Membership—Third
Thursday
Seniority Board—Every Monday
Utility Advisory Board—Every
Tuesday
General Executive Board—

Tuesday
General Executive Board—
Mondays preceding first and
third Thursdays
Inside Advisory Board—Alternate Mondays from G. E. B.
Examining Board—Second
Wednesday
Utility Stewards—Wednesdays
preceding first and third
Thursdays

LOCAL 103
Regular Membership Meeting—
2nd Tuesdays.
Executive Committee Meeting—
On call.

PRIVATE CHAUFFEURS
The Private Chauffeurs and
Helpers Local 912 meets the
first and third Tuesdays of
each month

each month
LOCAL 221
Regular membership—2nd and
4th Tuesdays
Executive Board—Every Tuesdays day, 7 p. m.

Grievance Board — Every
Thursday, 7 p. m. LOCAL 346

Day Workers-May 9, 8:30 Night Workers—May 23, 1:30

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LOCAL NO. 544

MEETING SCHEDULE

MAY, 1938

Friday, May 6—Job Stewards
Sunday, May 8—Wholesale
Grocery, 10 a. m.

Monday, May 9—General Membership
Wednesday, May 11—Market;
Wholesale Liquor
Sunday, May 15—Over-the-Road, 10 a. m.

Monday, May 16—Building Material; Furniture Stores
Thursday, May 19—Tent and Awning; Printing; Newspaper, 10 a. m.

Friday, May 20—Job Stewards
Monday, May 23—Spring Water; Excavating and Sand and Gravel.

Tuesday, May 24—Taxi Drivers - Night drivers, 1 p. m.,
Day drivers, 7 p. m.
Thursday, May 26—Transfer and Warehouse; Wholesale Drug.
Seniority Committee meets each
Tuesday at 7 p. m. in Hall
No. 1.

Grievance Committee meets
each Tuesday and Friday

No. 1.
Grievance Committee meets
each Tuesday and Friday at
7 p. m. in Hall No. 2.
Executive Board meets each
Wadnesday at 9 a. m. in
Staf Room.