Car Men United For Freedom and U. S. Conditions

Twin City Rapid Transit Co. Breaks Faith With Men Who Volunteered

MEN PUT IN 16 HOURS A DAY FOR 10 HOURS LOW WAGE PAY

Old man High Cost of Living proves again the best Organizer of all. For years the members of Organized Labor have talked Unionism to the employes of the Twin City Rapid Transit Company, but talked in vain. Now comes the Master Organizer, High Cost of Living, and behold the employes of the Twin City Rapid Transit Company are flocking by the hundreds to the banner of

The foundation of the empire of the Twin City Rapid Transit Company has grown decidedly shaky during the past week. When the President of the Transit Company politely, but firmly told the Employes that there would be no wage raise, that they and their wives and children must continue to grapple with the ever higher growing cost of existence with their extremely low wages in order that the dividends might continue to flow uninterruptedly into the ermine, velvet and silk covered laps of the Stock Holders, the Employes decided that the time had come to find a new way out from under the burden of an existence no longer endurable.

others, and are asserting the power and ability of their own democratic energy and initiative.

Masters," toiled faithfully and earnestly. Have listened to the dream nestly. Have listened to the dream stories of their Employers regarding efficiency and honesty. Toiled and

trial slavery which has ever exploited thousands of Toilers and a patient public for the benefit of an over wealthy few. The Workers of the only person in the world who who has been organizer of that union and its predecessor, the Western Fedward Rapid Transit Company are exercising the American right to join a Labor Union. They are organizing and organizing to stick and join a Labor Union. They are orsea searching vainly in service for them. once sight a safe harbor and dash for it, so are the Street Car Workers seeking the only real refuge which sweat and toil of the Workers had tion of the Toilers, the organization their lives to carry Democracy to of themselves into a strong and de- the world. mocratic Union.

16 Hours a Day.

The lowest is 26 cents an pany is presumed to cover ten hours. friends to do likewise. barn or waiting around for a chance strong organization." to make a run.

So far the Twin City Rapid Transit \$2.60, or at the most \$3.20 a day.

What has been their re- rents of applause. ward? Let us ask them, and sixty of them reply: "Our reward for Citizen-to join a Labor Union."

Brutal Assault. administered to Newcombe by C. C. weighs close to 250 pounds, while would not be 20 per cent of the cars one Rosenberg, an employe of the Twin City, held Newcombe's arms, who weighs about 160, while Champlin beat him.

Newcombe had been discharged demanded his pay on Tuesday noon and did not receive what was coming to him, the Company rewarded him in the way above stated when - he

Champlin and Rosenberg are what the Company calls Loyal Employes. They are the kind of men of which the Twin City Rapid Transit Company is proud. It is evidently men who can exhibit such brutish cruelty as this that they depend upon to crush the swift growing Union for those who know, declare that for the past few days there has been a steady influx of professional Black Jackers and Sluggers into Minneapolis. Of course, there is no proof that they come at the invitation of the Company, but people can think for

Champlin and Rosenberg were arraigned before Judge Smith on a charge of assault and battery Wednesday morning, and the trial will be held Monday, October 3, The Company has not discharged them.

These are not the only rewards Lynn Thompson, Minneapolis Trades which the Twin City Rapid Transit and Labor Assembly organizer, will Company, with that mercy and sym- deny.

For years the Workers of the Street Railway Company have been veritable slaves. They have toiled and toiled and toiled for the "Little Masters" toiled faithfully and corn When the war clouds gathered sevtoiled and toiled only to find that teered for service in the army. They when the cost of necessities soared were informed by the Company that uninterruptedly higher, those for their priority rights would be sus-whom they toiled refused to assist tained for them, and that when they returned from the war they would have the same standing with the bonds of the most autocratic indused thousands of Toilers and a patient the coly person in the world who

the world provides for the protec- for the men who were willing to risk

now soldiers came up to make out to their satisfaction. The work day for the Com- their applications and urge their but in order to get in this ten hours' good conditions when we return." Senator Ashurst and Congressman homes. work it is necessary for the Worker say these fighting men, "and we to spend a total of sixteen hours know now that the only way in which "citizens of Bisbee," whom the but it is a fact, that the commandaway from home. Sitting around the they can be obtained is to have a

Big Meeting.

of this 24 it claims the time of 16 sembly Hall at 43 South Fourth order to keep up the price of labor mines, and that they would prevent hours of the Worker in order that street, the equal of which for en-he may receive the princely wage of thusiasm it is doubtful has ever been On Thursday morn held there. As the speakers ex-The Employes of the Street Rail- plained the benefits of organizations fice of Mr. Compers, saying that they copper company papers in Arizona way Monopoly have tolled faithfully they were greeted with terrific tor- wanted, while in the city, to "pay

the Company roosted in an automofaithful service has been to be dis- bile outside the entrance of the meetcharged because we exercised that ing hall in an endeavor to frighten gether with Secretary Morrison. charged because we exercised that ing half in an endeavor to frighten because we exercised that ing half in an endeavor to frighten because we exercised that ing half in an endeavor to frighten because we exercised that in the which is the right of every American men away from the meeting, it is James Egan, and Grant Hamilton of Loyalty League yoke, that if they estimated that close to five hundred the general staff of the A. F. of L. were present.

The Company is playing the same fellow as ever you would wish to meet, how the Twin City Rapid Tranful service, and he will show you a deep cut on the forehead, his eyes blackened and swollen shut, his nose swollen to twice its size, and say those who are discharged as nose swollen to twice its size and say those who are discharged, as the marks of brutal fingers still on they start out to devote every minhis throat. This was the reward ute to completing the Organization. And today if the Twin City Rapid Champlin, Day Foreman at the 22nd Transit Company fired every man Avenue and Lake Street Barn, who who belonged to the Union there

The Car Men and all of Organized Labor are hoping that there will be no strike. They do not wish to see the public discommoded. But the for joining the Union, and when he actions of the Company, the discharge of men, the brutal, beastly attack at the Lake Street barn, show the Company is evidently bound to have a strike and that so far as the Company is concerned, "Let the Pub-He be Damned."

A DEBATE.

Ragnar Johanson, recently in the strike zone in the West, will speak next Sunday, September 30, at 111-Western avenue, at 2:30 p. m., un-der the auspices of the Workers' Open Forum. Mr. Johanson will have some very interesting stories to relate-stories that the workers in this "peace-ridden" part of the world know very little about. Everyone welcome. No admission charge. On October 7th, same hour and

place, a debate will take place, the question being: Resolved, that the American Federation of Labor Cannot be Transformed into an Industrial Union, Hence Has no Abiding Hope for the Workers. James Rohn



JAMES NEWCOMBE Member Carmens' Union.

This picture shows the manner in which the Twin City Rapid ransit Company rewards employes. The picture shows how Newcombe looked after Rosenberg held his arms while Foreman C. C. Champlin brutally and viciously assaulted him. Note the gash on the forehead, the swollen nose and the finger marks on the throat Champlin and Rosenberg are what the Company calls floyal employes." They are still employed.

They are finding the way. They have ceased to depend upon the benevolent despotism of MONTANA GUNMENPAY GOMPERS A VISIT

Thugs Surprises Blase Washington.

Russian Workers Held Trying To Shift the Lines of the War.

Washington Bureau of Labor Re-View, 540 Munsey Bldg.)

President Moyer of the International Union of Mine, a Labor Onton.

In the copper strike and very much, but they count and standing southwest. J. C. Lowney of Butte, and ships which have tossed in service for them.

Dramatic Scene.

On the morning of their arrival, Labor Headquarters has assumed a fice of President Compers of the A.

For more than a week there had "We want been hanging around the offices of their attempted return to their Monday evening there was a meet- that they were here to help keep the and his force would protect all men more than 24 hours into a day, but ing of Car Men held in the Big As- price of copper up to 25 cents, in returning to work in the struck

these "citizens" appeared at the of- in idleness." Some days earlier, the their respects to the ablest labor Compers, which they falsely claimed bespite the fact that hirelings of leader in America." It happened was an "endorsement" of the Loythat when they came in they found alty League scheme. At the same Moyer and his associates there, to- time they were assuring all workers

Vigilantes. It was soon made evident that the eight vigilantes had come to try to make terms with Mr. Gompers so return to the "conquered territory" of Bisbee of the union men whom they had seized, kidnapped and deported early in July. They hoped that Mr. Gompers would believe that the Loyalty Leagues of Arizona, which have outlawed the union miners, had some connection with the general loyalty movement to which Mr. Gompers is giving so much of his attention. By chance, the president of the A. F. of L. was just starting for Chicago, to address l loyalty meeting there with Elihu Root, when detained for this inter-

For some twenty minutes the Bisdelegation talked, declaring that all union men not connected with the . W. W. were perfectly free and velcome to come back. They "regretted the mistake" through which 500 A. F. of L. card men were denorted and kept in the stockade at Columbus. N. M., until released to find new jobs in other places. They said they wanted to be considered good friends of labor. They wanted They wanted to "clarify the situation."

John Murray, sent here recently as its spokesman by the Arizona State Federation of Labor, and holding also the position of organizer for the A. F. of L., finally came in, and interrupted the Bisbee crowd. Gompers asked him if he had anything

Gunmen.

Murray glanced around and pointone, were among the gunmen

Brazen Effrontery of Copper that held me up with guns, when our committee with credentials from to go into Bisbee to investigate the deportations. That man there, when I showed him my cred the labor tried I showed him my credentials and a telegram from the Governor of Arizona, told me to 'Get the h- out of here; we have had enough rag-

The gunmen never even lowered their eyes.

At this moment, Mr. Compers was obliged to leave, to catch his train, into the executive council room, where they talked for an hour longer. Organizer Crough recognized the spokesman of the eight vigilantes as a man who had held a gun up against him during the strike of three years ago. The gunman offered no denial. Nothing came of the talk, except

a feeling of utter astonishment on

Terror Continues.

Had they known it, at the very And that is the reason why on Moyer and his two associates, wit- hour that Murray was tongue-lashmore than one occasion this week nessed a dramatic scene in the of- ing these "citizens" for their crimes military appearance as these old. F. of L. Indeed, they took part in Bisbee, a crowd of their fellow form man receives is 32 cents an double-crossed employes who are the last stages of the affair, much Leaguers were "arresting" 33 of the they have never been shown up be-Douglas, 25 miles from Bisbee, on

> President Wilson, the Secretary of Globe, Ariz., in a special announce-Labor, the War Industries Board ment published for several days in and other officials. They claimed the Globe Record, declared that he the holding of public meetings On Thursday morning eight of meant to "encourage men to remain who were forced to submit to the successfully passed the examination for traveling cards of the League, these cards would be "rustling cards," good for jobs in Bisbee or any other camp in Arizona, New Mexico, Utah or Nevada, where Loyalty Leagues had been established. The examination deals, as might be suspected, with the question of whether the worker is a union sympathizer. And any such sympathizer is promptly denounced as an I. W. W., and run out of town.

Reports made by Gila Valley Lodge, I. A. M., at Miami, Ariz., to the International Association of Machinists, show that the one man in Arizona labor movement who has een most outspoken against the I. W. W. at all times-Tom Corra. secretary of the Mining Trades District Council at Globe-is being denounced and slandered in these company pa pers as an "Austrian I. W. W." Editorials, claiming that Mr. Gompers has "decreed" that all union men should join the Lovalty League, end up by suggesting that only I. W. W. influence can explain their unwillingness to join, and that anything that stops the I. W. W. is good, "in-

cluding hangings. Mr. Gompers has sent out a flat denial that he ever endorsed or condoned the lawless Loyalty League activities, but his denial is ignored by the Leaguers and their press. Murray is still hopeful that President Wilson will get time soon to name the commission which is to investigate the Arizona industrial war.

WANT 20 PER CENT MORE

New Orleans, La .- Four hundred white and negro screwmen have asked for an advance of 20 per cent when the new contracts are signed with stevedores and steamship agents. The present contract expires September 15, as does also the longed to two of the strangers.

"That man," he said, "and that shoremen. The latter have also askwith ed for a 25 per cent advance.

FLOUR WORKERS UNION BRINGS A WAGE RAISE

Men now Realize the Value to Them of a Live Organization.

Union Grows Rapidly After Companies Grant Raise of 25 Cents a Day.

If anyone is in doubt as to whether or not organization pays, refer them to the members of the Flour and Cereal Workers' Union. This Union has been carrying on an active organizing campaign for just about one month with the result that when the big Milling Companies paid off a week ago every Worker in the mills received an increase of 25

cents a day. All the thousands of Workers in the Flour Mills have not yet come into the Union, but they are coming and coming fast. To be sure there was no Committee made any demand upon the Milling Companies, but every Worker in the Mills understands that this raise is by way of a sop to make the Workers of the Mills think that they do not need a

The result is, however, proving to be far different, for this increase has shown the men the power and value of organization and they intend to continue the organization work until a scale of \$5.00 for eight hours has been obtained.

There is not a member of the Union who has invested more than \$1.60 in the organization, yet the dividends for last month alone the form of increased wages amounted to about \$7.50.

The raise was exactly what the Flour Workers needed to spur them to still greater activity and the monster mass meeting which held Thursday evening proved the men know what brought them the raise. Many new members were taken in at Thursday's meeting, and the meeting next Sunday also promises to be a large and successful one.

and Secretary Morrison led the men Food Grafters to be Unmasked at the Lyric Theatre Next

> A Film Which Shows Value of Organization for all who Toil.

We sincerely hope that every reader of "Labor Review" will go to the UNION SMOKES Lyric Theatre next week and see the most interesting organization film ever produced in Minneapolis entitled "The Public Be Damned." Don't only go yourselves, but tell everyone you know about it. This picture shows up the Food Speculators as

The film pictures the hardships, trials and sacrifices made by the workers in both the country and the city in order that a few men may pile faithful statesmen had taken to see ing officer of the Federal troops at tures of this kind should receive our unanimous support. They are worth diers. it in every sense of the word.

THE U. S. SOLDIERS NEED GOOD READING

The U.S. War Department asks American librarians to raise \$1,000,-000 to provide libraries for our soldiers and sailors.

Good reading is one of the few emforts of home which can be provided for the men who are giving

heir all in their country's service. Through these war libraries, stayit-homes can give some pleasure to hose who fight their battles for hem, help ambitious boys keep up n their trade or profession, relieve nomesickness and loneliness, while tway a convalescent, and keep our men in touch with the life they have

left. It ain't the guns or armament, nor fund that they can pay, But the close co-operation that makes 'em win the day.

It ain't the individual nor the army as a whole. But the everlastin' teamwork of

every bloomin' soul. -Rudyard Kipling. If you can't fight, help those who

Send subscriptions for this fund to Gratia A. Countryman, Divisional Director, Minneapolis Public Library.

GLOAKMAKERS WIN

Cleveland, Ohio .- The cloakmakers' strike is settled, the operators and cutters obtaining an increase in wages and far better conditions. The International Ladies' Garment Workers' union regards the victory as of considerable importance because it was the first break that they have been able to make in this city after vears of effort. The cutters who formerly earned

\$18 a week are now getting \$24 owing to the fight the international In Toledo, Organizer Pierce ob-

tained a 20 per cent increase and a minimum scale of \$28 for cutters without a strike.

ADVANCE GRANTED

Passaic, N. J .- Anticipating a demand for more wages, the textile mills decided on an advance to their employees, number 15,000. It is claimed that the increase will reach \$1,000,000 and becomes effective immediately.

Great Throng at Last Session of Workers' Big Meet

Mayor Van Lear Is Accorded Grand Ovation by Toilers of Farms and Cities

TOWNLEY SUES PIONEER PRESS FOR A HALF A MILLION

SASH AND DOOR WORKERS UNION IN BIG MEETING

Many More Applications Received Than was Expected at Opening.

On Saturday Evening October 10th.

The biggest meeting of Sash and Door Factory Workers held in Minneapolis for the past 15 years was that of Wednesday evening, which was convened in the Assembly Room at 43 South Fourth street. Although the Sash and

ber of hours every day which constitute the American standard, there was a great throng present at the first big organization meeting and many more applications were taken plauded for over five minutes. As than was expected would be the one wave of applicate would spend case the first time these workers itself another one would start and came together.

Business Agent Andrew Leaf of the was as great and sincere an ovation Carpenters, and Nels Nelson, Busi- probably as ever was tendered to any ness Agent of the Twin City Car- man speaking in the Northwest. penters' District Council, Organizer In the afternoon the convention, Lynn Thompson of the Assembly, made up of delegates from Farmers'

speakers in the city will make ad- backs of the people.

FOR SOLDIERS

Bert Goffe started off the campaign for the tobacco for the soldiers with a whirl by sending in three one dollar bills to the Labor Review tobacco fund. Next week we will publish a list of all who have contributed. If you have not done what you can toward getting union smoking material to the soldiers send what amount you can afford to Labor Re- against the convention. President view. Tobacco Department, 420 Sixth up bloody, illegitimate profits. Pic- St. So. Your name will be enclosed in the package which goes to the sol-

BULLETIN

a huge meeting of Street Car Work-ers is being held. The harder the Labor of the Northwest stands firmdaily papers knock the faster the ly united behind President Wilson union grows. Do your part in this and the government of the United great campaign by talking unionism States and against the pirates and to conductors and motormen when- ghouls who speculate in the necessiever the opportunity affords.

The great Producers' and Consumcrs' Convention at St. Paul ended in a blaze of glory at the auditorium Thursday evening. The Trust" newspapers termed it a "blaze of disloyalty." It was a blaze of dis-loyalty to the food grafters and Wall Street pirates and a blaze of glory and loyalty to the Government of the United States.

Ten thousand people had jammed into the big auditorium when Governor Frazier called the meeting to

When Mayor Thomas Van Lear came onto the platform he was strenuously applauded, and when Governor Frazier introduced the Union Mayor of Minneapolis the big Next big Meeting Will be Held audience went into a three minute ovation of cheering and flag waving.

As the Mayor clearly emphasized the necessity of united action upon the part of the farmers and city workers he was almost continually interrupted by thunders of applause and shouts of "go to it, Minneapolis.

You are alright, Van Lear."

The great reception and ovation tendered the best Mayor Minneapolis ever had shows the citizens of the Workers toil far beyond the num- country and our neighboring city realize the great fight which the Mayor is making for the people.

When Senator La Follette was introduced he was cheered and apthousands of people were on their The meeting was presided over by feet waving flags and cheering. It

and Gilber Hyatt, International Pres- Organizations, the Railroad Brothident of the Post Office Clerks, made erhoods, State Federation of Labor, addresses which were intently and Typographical, Machinists, Carpeneagerly listened to and most enthus-iastically applauded.

The next oig organization meeting thusiast. for Sash and Door Workers will be lutions which pledged their loyalty held Saturday evening, October 10th, to the government and demanded when some of the most prominent that the profiteers be cast from the

During the convention facts and figures on production and selling prices of necessities were given by eminent authorities like President E. F. Ladd of the North Dakota Agricultural College.

The record of the convention is not yet completely transcribed, but by next week Labor Review hopes to be able to report these interesting figures and to give the speeches of Senator La Follette and Mayor Van As an aftermath of the campaign of slander and villification which the daily papers carried on continuously Townley of the Nonpartisan League has brought suit against the unfair Pioneer Press and Dispatch for \$500,000.

The farmers and city toilers of the great Northwest have come together. They know each other better now. They understand the problems and As "Labor Review" goes to press vexing situations which confront all ties of life.

Put Away a Few Bushels of Potatoes

By Herbert Hoover.

This year's crop of potatoes is one of the largest we have ever harvested, estimated to be over 400,000,000 bushels, or 20 bushels for every American family. Behind that there is also a bumper sweet potato crop in the South, where state officials have taken steps to store this vegetable in modern warehouses to preserve its quality.

So we can look ahead and see a plentiful supply of potatoes for the winter at reasonable prices-there will be no such famine as we passed through last winter. This is fortunate. We need potatoes to cut down the cost of living and help us save wheat and meat for our army and our Allies.

The United States Food Administration is taking steps to get these potatoes to the people. During October and November retail grocers throughout the country will conduct a selling campaign on Irish potatoes, handling them at a very moderate profit. Farmers will back up the movement by sending their pota-toes to market. Newspapers will urge the public to buy and store potatoes, and the crop will be distributed to the best advantage to all concerned from producer to consumer. Every family with a cel-

lar, or other storage facilities, should put away from three to ten bushels, or more, of Irish potatoes while they are cheapest during the fall. Potato storage in the home is fairly simple. The tubers must be kept cool, dry and well ventilated. People often put a supply of po-tatoes in a closed cellar, thinking to protect them against cold, only to find later that dampness and warmth have caused decay. Heat probably ruins more potatoes in home storage than cold. Potatoes should be put in barrels with a few holes in the side so that they can have a circulation of air, or piled in a bin that is not too tight, or heaped on a few boards laid along the floor. Circulation of air to keep them dry and cool can be secured by opening the cellar windows during the day and shutting them on cold nights.