# SUGAR STRIKERS **PRESENT DEMAND**

Straight Wage "Raise" of Five Cents an Hour and Abolition of Bonus

WILL FIGHT TILL END

Statement of I. W. W. Leaders **Calls Refinery Rules Relic** of Barbarism

The striking sugar workers have an-wered the ultimatum of the Franklin Sugar Refining Company published today.

In a statement issued through the In-dustrial Workers of the World, by E. F. Dores, chairman of the publicity commit-tee of the Industrial Workers of the World, lance was made that the strike would fought to the end.

"The admission of the Franklin Com-pany." the statement mays in pari. "That it has ever paid such wages as fifteen and eighteen cents per hour in recent years is in itself scandalous and does not reflect creditably as to the fairness of the com-pany toward its workers.

"The bonus of eight per cent which was offered the men was to be paid every two months. The men asked that this bonus be months. The men anced that this bolis be scattered along an hourly basis, that it he paid hourly instead of by the month. The firm refused this change because it was easier to fire a man at the end of iwo months than pay him the bonus.

CALLED "BARBARISM

"The company admits the twelve-hour day, which is in itself a relic of barbarism and which has been outlawed by all humane communities. The night shift works twolve hours daily seven days a week. This gives the entire working force a twelve-hour day for seven days a week every other week.

"The mixing machines are started at 1 p. m. Sunday. The operators have to be there at 4 p. m. on Sunday and stay until 6 o'clock on Monday morning, making a total of fourteen hours.

"The pension proposition is an insuit to the intelligence of the workers, and espe-dally the twenty-five-year service clause, imagine a man working twenty-five years at twelve hours daily, 365 days in a year for a pension

"The police have been extraordinarily rough and brutal. They have clubbed women and children and have tried to bring about trouble. Strikers have been kidnapped by officers of a detective agency. have been taken to the office of the agency, grilled and manhandled, and then railroadinto Moyamensing prison without a trial.

"They were taken to Moyamensing prison in private automobiles so that there would be no record of the kidnappings on police blotters. Such methods might be all right in Russia.

"Our demands follow

"Straight five cents per hour increase and solition of the bonus, time and a half for overtime and double time for Sundays and holidays. This later demand is made with the idea of cutting out overtime work. "We figure that a twelve-hour working day is sufficient for any normal human

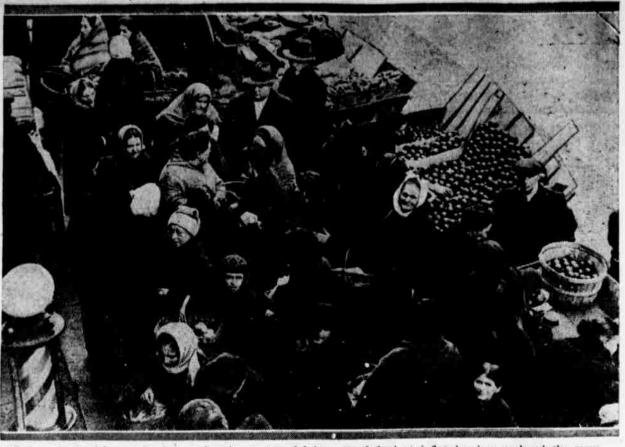
We demand that no discrimination be shown against any striker.

When the men went on strike they were organized and asked only for a five-cent rease in wages. The Industrial Workers of the World were not on the scene until the strike was a day old."

BIG FUNERAL FOR SLAIN STRIKER The strikers are planning a parade and neral in honor of Martin Petkewicz, 133 Tasker street, who was killed on Wednes-day. The services will be held next Mon-day. The body will be laid out in Lithua-man Hall, 928 East Moyamensing aveday. A high requiem mass will be

brated in St. Casimir's Lithuanian Catholic Church, Fourth and Wharton streets. In-terment will be in Holy Cross Cometery. The Industrial Workers of the World are planning to get all the strikers to act as an escort to the body and parade up Broad

Magistrate Baker today sentenced William Chenevicus, twenty-four years old, of 1641 South Front street, a striker, to thirty days in the county prison. He and several others were arrested as a result of yester-The others will be arraigned Another riot has occurred in the sugar refinery district. Two strikers were shot, several were injured and arrests were made when a mob attacked several policemen guarding a motortruck filled with negro



HIGH NOON IN THE HEART OF THE FOOD BOYCOTT ZONE

Today, the Jewish over-Sunday market day, a peaceful boycott of food at inflated prices replaced the more riotous scenes of the last two days. A mutual under standing between all the housewives not to purchase fresh fish and certain other provisions has already had its effect and in some instances prices have started to tumble.

### WEST SPEEDS UP FOOD TRAINS TO RELIEVE DISTRESS IN EAST

at express-train speed.

kets. In announcing the receipt of Crowley's

telegram the committee members said they considered the efforts being made by the New York Central to cope with the present situation as typical of those being made by all eastern railroads.

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of foreign-born women in poor districts of the large cities as to actual threatened starvation. Congress expected to take definite action construction in American shipyards to re-place the fleet of merchant ships which de-serted the constraint service following the serted the coastwise outbreak of the war.

The fact that it has been necessary to ship by rail large quantities of wheat and other foodstuffs which previously went by water from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic seaboard, is said to be one of the principal reasons for the present freight congestion. It is known that thousands of bushels of wheat are being held in storage in Oregon. Washington and California by reason of lack of proper shipping facilities. It is with the hope of putting this wheat into castern markets that Denman sug-gested the plan to the President. Denman discussed with the Fresident pending legislation in Congress which gives the board the power to secure to the Ameri-The fact that it has been necessary to

the hoard the power to secure to the Ameri-can flag those ships now under construction in American shipyards, which would otherwise sail under the flag of a foreign Gov-

More than seventy-five per cent of the ships now being built in this country have been contracted for by foreign Governments, principally Scandinavian. It is estimated that more than \$200,000,-

000 Scandinavian capital is invested in such Interstate Commerce Commission today.

Interstate Commerce Commission today On February 21. Wednesday, 360 "emp-tics" were moved west by the same rail-road. The New York Central will use its box cars to relieve the situation at Chicago as rapidly as possible. Crowley's telegram said. In all cases preference will be given to food shipments destined for eastern mar-kets. While Congress is grapping with the high cost of living problem, President Whison also gave much of the day studying the situa-The President placed the entire situa-

tion before his Cabinet today. He is 03ported to take some definite steps to force an appropriation for an investigation of prices through this session of Congress. Regardless of the fact that the fight for

Regardless of the fact that the fight for the appropriation has deen lost in the House Committee, the appropriation will be sought in the Senate, and, if it fails to re-ceive attention there, will be taken to the floor of the House, Secretary of Agricut-ture Houston said. In spite of the food riots and other spec-tacular evidences of acute suffering as a result of food shortages, officials here secffed at reports of a possible embarge on all food shipments.

all eastern railroads. While the food situation threatens drastlo disturbances in the East the gas and coal shortage is no less serious in the West. In view of the tenseness of the situation. officials asserted Congress could not ad-

journ without taking action on the legisla-tion that has been laid before it. Whether this will be in the form of funds for temall food shipments. And in this connection some intimated hat perhaps some of the clamors for food were as much due to systematic inciting investigating machinery is still a question.

NEW YORK MAY HAVE FOOD DICTATOR AND \$25,000,000 FOR STATE BUYING

John H. Gruber, Seeking Reinstatement, Probably Will Fail Before United Evangelical

OUSTED PASTOR ASKS

LAWYER'S ASSISTANCE

This morning's session of the Eastern on the situation before adjournment. Rep-resentative Meyer London, New York, has Pennsylvania Conference of the United resentative Meyer London. New York, has introduced a bill asking for an appropria-tion of \$5,000,000 with which to buy food to be resold at "reasonable prices to the poor," and a combination of Senators is meeting in secret preparatory to asking for \$100,000,000 for the same purpose. The car tie-up, in the opinion of the in-terstate Commerce Commission and railroad official commerce the besides a solution of the in-Evangelical Church at Christ Church Twelfth and Oxford streets, was devoted to an argument as to whether the Rev John H. Gruber, of Allentown, who was recently suspended and then applied for reinstatement, should have a lawyer to preofficials, was at the breaking point today. Railroads took advantage of the bollday yesterday and clearing weather to rush great strings of empty freight cars west sent his case. It is understood that this question was argued heatedly Whether or not he will be reinstated will

be known after tomorrow's evening ses-These will immediately be filed with food supplies that have been piling up in the Middle West because of the car shortage. sion. Several members attending said they would have to look further into the matte before making a decision. and some relief in castern markets is pre-dicted when these shipments roli in. The number of cars involved in the tie-up on February 16 totaled 165.279.

The assembled clergymen freely predict that the minister will not be reinstated or even allowed to present his case through Three hundred and ninety-five empty box cars were moved from Buffalo west over the a lawyer. He was formerly stationed near New York Central tracks yesterday, says a telegram from Vice President Crowley, of the New York Central, received by the Allentown.

"The saloon is largely responsible for our high death rate." said T. Alexander Cairns, who spoke last night before the con ference. If it were not for our ant saloon movement we would be building nore coffins than cradles." The conference is attended by 135 cleri-cal delegates and 200 laymen and is presided over by Bishop Foulke. Financial reports at this morning's session showed the church's financial affairs to be in excellent condititon.

It was announced today that the mission fund contributed in eastern Pennsylvania is \$6000 more than last year, making a total of \$49,000 in the fund thus far,



**TN** view of the serious riot on Wednesday evening of this week near the Refinery of this Company, we wish to call attention again to the following facts:

In recognition of the increased cost of living, this Company has not only advanced the wages of its skilled employes, but has also made the following increases in the wages of its unskilled labor:

Date		Wages Per Hour	Wages Per Day	Wages Per Wee of Six Days
Dec. 1.	1915		\$2.16	\$12.96
	1916		2.34	14.04
	1916		2.52	15.12
	1916		3.00	18.00

Dec. 25, 1916, a Christmas gift of \$5.00 to each employe.

Feb. 7, 1917, bonus of 8% on the January wages of each employe.

The above increases aggregate 50%.

This Company, since 1912, has had in effect a pension system equivalent to 1% of the average annual wage during the ten years preceding retirement, multiplied by the years of service. Under this plan employes are permitted to retire at the age of 65 or on the completion of 30 years' service. No pension is less than \$20 per month after a service of 25 years.

During the year 1916 over \$12,000 was paid out in pensions and sick benefits exclusive of sums paid under Workmen's Compensation Acts.

We have so far employed no professional strike-breakers, having been able to secure labor at our regular terms.

As is well known, this Company has been selling refined sugar at a quarter to a half cent a pound below existing market prices and is operating its refinery and taking care of its normal trade.

We wish again to assure the public that there are ample supplies of raw and refined sugar on hand and in transit to take care of the normal consumption; therefore housewives should pay no attention to the unfounded stories about the shortage of

THE FRANKLIN SUGAR REFINING COMPANY

**GEORGE H. FRAZIER, President.** 

February 23, 1917

The position of the American Sugar Refining Company and of its constituent company, the Franklin Sugar Refining Company, probably will be best explained and understood by a reading of the following quotations from SOLIDARITY, Cleveland, Ohio, "official organ of the Industrial Workers of the World":

> SUGAR REFINERIES TIED UP BY I. W. W. (Telegram to Solidarity)

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 5 'All sugar refineries, including Spreckels, McCanns, Pennsylvania, tied up, Five thousand out. Demands, 5 cents per hour increase. Engineers, coopers, sack-sewers also out. All joining One Big Union; thousand already lined up. I. W. W. longshoremen refused to handle cargo. Funds needed immediately. Send same to Nef, 800 Parkway Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa."

Only the presence of a large force of police, it was said, prevented the riot from ssuming the proportions of that of Wed-

trike-breakers

The man shot was Roman Wajceyhowsky, of 30 Christian street. He fell when the police fired into the crowd with a bullet wound in the shoulder and one in the leg. was taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital and placed under arrest. He will be ar-raigned as soon as his condition warrants removal from the hospital.

The other striker shot was spirited away by his companion

The latest trouble occurred at Washington avenue and Swanson street last night. The motortruck was held up by strikers and strike sympathizers. The police dodged showers of bricks and missiles and then charged the crowd. The police said it was only after other measures had failed that they fired into the crowd. While the strikers have announced that

they will not yield an inch. a statement has been delivered by the Franklin Re-finery Company to the effect that the com-pany will take every precaution to protect its property and prevent further trouble

The company announced that it had in-creased the wages of skilled and unskilled employes several times in the last two years in recognition of the increased cost of liv-ing. It announced also that a bonus of eight per cent had been paid to all employes recently, and that Christmas gifts also had been given to all been given to all.



CITY APPOINTMENTS today includ Charles W. Printz, 2717 West Albert street, machinist, Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, salary \$900; Frank W. Rich-ardson, 3013 North Thirty-fifth street, fire-man, Bureau of Water, \$800, and John G. Zeller, 2000 Frankford avenue, chainman, reau of Surveys, \$500.

STATE SOCIETY of the Cincinnati held ts annual dinner and Washington Day cele-stration in the Green Room of the Bellevue-firatford. Tilgham Johnson presided. A silent toast to the memory of Washington mas proposed by Harris E. Sproat, of West-town, Pa. About twenty-five members of the organization were present.

Reopen Offices

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 23 .- Legislative Estimate are expected to demand that the leaders today came to the fore with meas-ures for the relief from high food prices. Joseph M. Calahan, minority leader of the Senate, introduced a bill providing for the appropriation of \$25,000,000 for the State acquisition and control of terminal markets in the larger cities of the State. The aprailway systems for food transportation Other demands will be that food shipments be given precedence over all others, that the propriation would take the form of a bond issue to run fifty years and bear 4% per sent interest. city seek a commission to regulate food-stuffs and that a demand be made on the

Legislature for a law that will give blanket Mayor George R. Lunn, of Schenectady, ower to the State to relieve the situation called upon Governor Whitman to use the Governor Whitman, in a statement at Al-bany, said he believed the present situation to be the worst in the history of the State. police power vested in him to seize food-stuffs in New York city and feed the stary-ing women and children who stormed the

and declared he intended to take any steps of Mayor Mitchel a few days ago necessary to give relief. "There is plenty in New York to feed the hundreds of starving women and ba-bies," Mayor Lunn said. "It is the duty Relief, it is hoped, may be found in the mmediate passage of the food and market

bill now before the Legislature. This hope lies in an emergency clause, which says: In case of an emergency creating or threatening to create a scarcity of food within the State the commission is empowered to take such measures to secure relief as the commission may deem desirable.

meeting was scheduled for Rutgers Square, following which women expected to go en masse to a meeting of the Board of Esti-Joseph Hartigan, Commissione nate, where, it was expected, Mayor Mitchel Weights and Measures in New York, has made public figures which show that more vould make some move to relieve condi-Eyes also were turned toward Albany, food is now in storage in this State than in 1916,

situation his attention. He has put the stamp of approval on a bill which would make discretionary the establishment of a One hundred and thirty-two firms, his figures show, held 132,000,000 pounds of meat in 1916. This year, he says, the same food dictator for the State. Tammany has countered this bill with one which would appropriate \$25,000,000 for public market terminals in cities. Butter is represented this year by \$,773,441

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manage properties.

Leaders appearing before the Board of pounds, against 7,159,348 a year ago.

## BOSTON WOMEN REPORTED STARVING: POLICE FORCED TO GUARD SHOPS

BOSTON, Feb. 23 .--- Officials of the | eral hundred women stormed a food shop i Housekeepers' League today declared there Spring street last night after a mass-meetwere many women in Boston who were ing. Only the prompt arrival of police re starving themselves in order that their husserves prevented destruction of the shop.

bands and children might cut. Groups of these women will call today on United States District Attorney Anderson. Governor McCall and Acting Mayor Storrow

of the State to act."

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NEW YORK, Feb. 23 .- Food rioting of a

sporadic nature continued today i New York as the height of Sabbath food buying

mong Jewish people was reached. A mass

where Governor Whitman is giving the fo

Riots narrowly were averted when sev

### GIRL CLERK IN AUDITOR'S OFFICE IS DISMISSED

Was One Whose Expenses on Trip to City Were Assailed-C. E. Willock Also Ousted

HARRISBURG, Feb. 23 .-- Charles E. Wil HARRISBURG, Feb. 23.—Charles E. Wil-lock, Pittsburgh, a deputy auditor general. today resigned and O. H. Graf, Meadville chief clerk in the department, was ap-pointed to the vacancy. In making this announcement Auditor General Powell also posted the resignation of Lillian May Fish-er, Harrisburg, a clerk, whose expenditures while on duty for the State in Philadelphis were criticized as excensive. T. M. Williamson has been appointed shief clerk. III the place made vadant

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION DEATHS

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will be held at 72 S. Church St., Goshen, N. Y., Fri, J.30 p. m. HASSINGER --Soddenly, Feb. 21, SAMUEL E. R. HASSINGER Relatives and friends in-vited to funeral services. Mon. 11 a. m. 2239 Fairmount ave. Int. private. Remains may be viewed Sun., from 7 to 9 p. m. PETERSON -- Feb. 23, at San Francisco. EMMA LEHMAN, widow of Penraon S. Peter-mon, aged 80. PRATT-Feb. 22. HARRY W. hushand of Patrice C. Steward Pratt, aged 44. Relatives and friends invited to funeral Sat. 2 n. m. 101 Powelton ave., Lansdowne, Pa. Int. private. Train leaves Broad St. Station J.25 p. m. WELLS-Feb. 23. CARLTON L. WELLS.

WELLS.-Peb. 20. GANNA C., wife of Joseph ARBELO.-Peb. 22. ANNA C., wife of Joseph J. Arboic. Relatives and friends invited to funeral. Mon., 9:30 a. m., 35023 N. Broad st. Mass at St. Stephen's Church. Bread and Butler sts., at 11 s. m. Int. private.

LOST AND FOUND

EARRING, green gold, with blue sets, lost Spruce at bet, 47th and 40th or 40th bet Spruce and Walnut; rew.: Return 4629 Spruce

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HELP WANTED-FALLS, Steady work: good pay. Apply at once. Robert Lewis Co., Rich-mond and Bridge size, Phila. HOUSEWORK-Girl wanted: family of four; good home: no washing; size in. Apply 5. Christian st., Woodland 3333 J. GIRLS wanted over 17, for work in glass dept.; Gartist a sarted over 17, for work in glass dept.; iearned we train you. Apply in person or by letter, R. K. Mulford Co., Glenoiden, Pa. letter, H. K. Mulford Co., Glenolden, Pa. GIRLS, more than 16-Increased facilities have made openings in our plant for refined, intel-light for the sealing and packing medical light for the sealing and packing medical sealing states of the sealing sealing sealing sea-singless; light, says work; clean, healthy sur-roundings; 52-hour week; selary set to be ginners, with rapid sevenest to good workers; light minutes ride from Darby on trains 4, hoph in person or by letter to H. K. MULFORD CO., Glenolden, Pa.

HELF WANTED-MALE ENGINEER to operate small ice machine, boller, air compressur and motor, stc.; state salary expected and experience. Apply in person or by letter to H. K. Mulford Co. Glenolden, Pa. HOYS for seneral and lakoratory work; excel-lent chance to secure steady employment with a future. Apply in person or by letter to H.K. Mulford Co. Glenolden, Pa. BOY wanted, to make himself screerally useful around silver store. Apply f. & Cor. 16th and Walnut, between 9:30 and 10:30 Saturday morning; salary 36.

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SUGAR FAMINE FEARED (Telegram to Solidarity)

Philadelphia, Feb. 13.

"Sugar strikers firm. Sugar shortage felt. Famine if strike is not over W. T. NEF." in two weeks.

#### PHILA. SUGAR WORKERS STRIKE

"All the sugar and molasses workers in Philadelphia are on strike. Over 5,000 are out and are standing as one man waiting for the decision of the bosses. The men demand a straight 5-cent an hour increase. At the present appearances of things they are going to get their demands, and if the bosses do not make up their minds quickly there is apt to be some striker who will think of more demands that might be made. .

"But, they are demanding but 5 cents an hour and the companies have refused to consider their demands. Enough is said. The strike is on. And, it is on with a vengeance born of hunger and abuse. The police are doing their usual dirty work. Clubbings are frequent and the workers are being arrested in large numbers.

"The workers at the beginning of the strike were almost entirely unorgan-ized. Now, more than 1,500 are members of the One Big Union, and they are continuing to come in in a steady stream. The fact that they are organized has given them a new confidence and the picket line is more effective. No one is scabbing. Too unhealthy.

"The companies involved are the Franklin Sugar Refinery (Spreckels), the McCann Sugar Refinery and the Pennsylvania Sugar Refinery. The molasses plant; better known as the 'Smear works,' is also closed down

"Funds are badly needed to carry on the fight. We ask all workers to come to the aid of these workers in their battle against the Sugar Trust. Open your Better, open up your pocketbooks. hearts!

"Send all funds to W. T. Nef, 800 Parkway Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.

STRIKE COMMITTEE. Per E. T. Dove."

WE, and the other sugar refiners, are charged with the responsibility of safe-guarding the sugar supply of America, made especially difficult at this time by unprecedented world conditions.

That the price of refined sugar to domestic consumers has remained lower than that prevailing in any foreign country illustrates how well that responsibility is being met.

We also recognize our responsibility as employers, and are main-taining as high a wage scale as that prevailing, class for class, in any other great industry.

We believe that the wages paid by us and that the working conditions in our refinery are fair to our employes, who, if left free from outside agitation, would never have left our employment on strike or otherwise.

We do not propose to hand over the control of this industry to any outside organization, no matter of what name nor whence it hails

With the continued support of the citizens of the city of Philadelphia, we propose to continue the operation of our refinery as our first and fore-most duty to the public and to our loyal employes.

To this end we shall use all proper and lawful means, be the cost what it may.

### THE AMERICAN SUGAR REFINING COMPANY EARL D. BABST, President

February 23, 1917