

JUNE 8, 1935.

THE BARGEMEN

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PAPER:

Oakland, Calif.

Owing to the fact that most Unions on the waterfront today have their own paper the longshoremen who got out the WATERFRONT WORKER have agreed to let us put a page in their paper.

So the editors of this page wish to ask other members of the Bargemen's Local to write their opinions of conditions on the front - and about their work, etc. so that we can help make better conditions for ourselves. You may be certain that we will do our best to have all articles published.

ADDRESS ALL ARTICLES TO

"THE BARGEMAN" - c/o The
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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

NEW PROBLEMS FOR BARGEMEN.

Conditions are changing very rapidly in Bay and River transportation. The merger of six of the boat and barge companies into one corporation has terminated the agreements those companies had with the Bargemen's Local 38-101 of San Francisco and Bargemen's Local 38-102 (of Stockton). The agreements which Local 38-102 has with several other companies - will also terminate very shortly.

Both Barge Locals (38-101 and 38-102) have submitted a joint demand to the companies involved, calling for a shorter day and a higher wage scale. This merger of six companies into one will result in less boats operating over the same territory - and less men employed will naturally be the result, and they will handle the same amount of cargo that they are now handling.

These mergers of companies, for purposes of "economy and efficiency" have always resulted in losses to the workers; The Bargemen at this time must protect themselves by demanding higher wages - and shorter hours.

RANK & FILER WARNS AGAINST "DIRTY DEAL"

Editor of WATERFRONT WORKER:

Where is Deal? Ever since he was kicked out of the Marine Federation it seems to me no-one has seen hide nor hair of him. Thanks to the Rank and File Ferryboatmen for putting out a bulletin and showing - up all the dirty work "RAN DEAL" has been pulling off on the waterfront.

Deck Hand

To get us back to work for the present low scale of wages. Let's get busy and clean our ranks of this sort of a "UNION MAN." One of us.

Dear Sir:

The sailors lowered the boom on Scharrenberg. The Ferryboatmen should follow the same course and do the same - WITH DEAL.

It seems to me Capt. Forott is running on the same line as that Deal has. - Stop up - you masters and mates. Don't let him give you the same run-around - that Deal has given the Ferryboatmen. Let him have it in the 'midships before he puts you on the DIRTY DEAL LIST.

An over-worked dock hand.

TIME FOR ACTION:

The reason for the River Lines signing an agreement with the Ferryboatmen's Union should be very clear to every one now.

The River Lines intend to use their - - boats - on which the men receive the cheapest wages and longest hours on the Bay - and River - to compete against - other companies who are paying a better scale. C. W. Deal, (one of the best union officials that money can buy) was very generous when he made the River Lines a present of an agreement calling for a 72-hour week at \$90.00 a month. The River Lines did not want to talk business with the Bargemen's Union, but they sure changed their mind after the crew walked off, tied up all the boats, including the passenger vessels which had to cancel - their trips, although they had sold out all their tickets. They have now agreed to negotiate conditions and wages for dock hands along with the other boat and barge companies.

"BROTHER" SMITH OF CROWLEYS:

Percy Smith of the Crowley Tug Company, holding the job as General Foreman, is a member of Local 38-101, and just why he has a book in the union is something I would like to know. The "Editors" of this paper are a group of rank and file Bargemen - and we feel that this "worker" has no place in the UNION.

We all know he is NOT a WORKER. If you take the pains to study the man you will find he is not a union man, nor does he have the UNION AT HEART. He attends the meetings, listens to what is going on. - Figure it out - brothers. Do you think by any chance that he takes any information back to Crowleys. As you all know during our strike last November, Smith was a member of the Negotiating Committee, worked closely with Joe Johnson - and helped put us on the skids (see opposite column.

 * A T T E N T I O N: *
 * SPECIAL MEETING: MONDAY NIGHT *
 * JUNE 10, 8 P. M. *
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 * BARGEMEN'S LOCAL 38-101 - *
 * EVERYONE ATTEND. *

ABOUT 38-79 MEMBERS.

Members of the Mother Local who are still serving on committees in the Bargemen's local should, in my opinion, be removed from such positions because we are surely able to conduct our own business without their assistance. Here's another one - Do you think that one of the bargemen - - would be allowed to hold a position on a committee in the 38-79? Of course not!. Why, then, do we allow their members to be directing the affairs of this Local? I, for one, think we have enough smart members in our own local to handle these jobs.

Member 38-101.

Dear Brothers: At last the Bargemen are getting up on their toes. They finally elected a patrolman whose duty it will be to keep in touch with the men on the barges, collect dues and keep the lax-brothers in line regarding hours of work, etc. This is an important step in improving the position of the Local on the barges. It means bringing the UNION ON THE JOB.

I have belonged to the Bargemen's Local from the time it was organized and have always felt that we needed a man for this job. Every meeting at which this was brought up the members agreed we needed a patrolman, but somehow it was passed over and neglected.

The brother elected is Tony Morency. In my opinion he is a good man for the job. Good luck to you Tony.

A bargeman, Local 38-101.

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10 - 8 Pm - BARGEMEN'S HALL:

32 - Clay Street.

EVERYBODY ATTEND

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The Sailors were a little late

In giving Scharrenberg the gate!

Don't wait too long with MR. DEAL.

Let's get rid of that lousy HEEL.

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Any worker who has been a member of a union for any length of time, quickly finds out that one of the first things the bosses do when a union is organized is to get their "stoolies" and agents in to the union. However, if union men are on to their jobs, it does not take long to detect these "stoolies and disrupters.

In the Sealers Union on Penalver, who worked overtime to destroy, has finally been caught up with, and at a special meeting called - he should be well taken care of by the rank and file for his lousy activities. The truth will come out - and this guy will be shown up for what he is.

RANK AND FILE BARGEMEN: WRITE IN TO THIS PAPER. IT IS YOUR PAPER. IT IS THE ONLY MEANS YOU HAVE OF REACHING OTHER WORKERS WITH THE MESSAGE OF THE RANK AND FILE.

DON'T READ THE SCABBY EXAMINER
