

vious newspaper work brought him into conflict with exploiters of the underworld and a year ago he was assailed in affidavits handed out by Percy Coffin, signed by 'Mike De Pike' Heitler and Thomas Costello, giving a story of Ald. Buck as a vice lord; Heitler has since been convicted in federal court on a charge of white slavery; Costello has recently confessed grafting, implicating Heitler."

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GARMENT WORKERS GIVE TEN DAYS FOR EMPLOYERS TO MEET TERMS

Manufacturers of waists, dresses, skirts, kimonos, corsets and similar articles of women's wear have until Feb. 13 to decide whether they want peace and a season of prosperity or a strike war with some 10,000 workers.

Letters received by the manufacturers today told them they would be expected to sign the new union agreement by Feb. 13.

The new agreement asks for a 48-hour week (at present the shops are working 49 and 50 hours a week), a noon closing hour on Saturdays, seven holidays a year and double time for overtime. Overtime shall be limited to five hours a week and no employe shall be asked to work overtime if there are accommodations in the shop for additional workers and additional workers can be secured.

Employment may be by the week or by the piece, but both systems may not be operated in the same shop. In the dull season available work is to be distributed as equally as possible among all the workers.

In the waist, dress and skirt industry the new scale calls for wages ranging from \$9 to \$27.50 a week. In the kimono and white goods industry the scale is to range from \$15 to \$22 a week. Top wages are for those who are fully competent to lay, mark and cut and have worked over four years. In main the increase asked is about 20 per cent.

Shops are asked to maintain sani-

tary conditions required by state law and city ordinance.

Employers shall maintain preferential union shops, that is, a shop in which preference of employment shall be given to union workers. There shall be a shop chairman to act as a representative of the workers in each shop. If the shop chairman and employer cannot settle a complaint it shall be submitted to an adjustment committee of one representative of the union and one of the employer and an umpire. Decision of this committee shall be final.

The agreement shall run two years, during which time no strike or lock-out may take place.

Cloak makers and workers on ladies' suits are not affected by the present strike movement, for, though they are members of the same International Ladies' Garment Makers' union, they have a separate agreement which does not expire until July 1.

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ODD NEWS

Los Angeles.—After dividing the property equally among all of the heirs the will of the late Mrs. Sophia Slotterbeck provides that the children shall draw lots for the picture of their father.

Los Angeles.—It is a motorist's duty to look where he is going, according to Judge Woods. Judgment was given against an autoist who said he was blinded by a glare on his windshield. The judge held that he should have craned his neck around the windshield.

Visalia, Cal.—There's a new danger in carrying a bottle—of water—on a hunting trip. The sun's rays were so focused by a bottle in an automobile used by hunters that the hunters' clothing were set afire.

Los Angeles.—A request that a superior court issue a bench warrant for a superior judge is the latest. The attorney held that the judge sought, Judge Wood, is a material witness in a civil action on trial.