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Labor Petitions

1910-1913

Petition from thirteen Italians
saying that it has been an establish-
ed custom among the Italian bankers
and money brokers to work on Sunday,
and that the employees of these peo-
ple are compelled to work. Wishes
you to do something about the matter.

R.A.

Labor

To His Honor,

William J. Gaynor,

Mayor, City of New York.

Dear Sir:

Whereas we feel and deeply appreciate that your aim in government is to see that the governed are ruled pursuant to the will of the governed, and that you listen with alacrity to all facts or circumstances calculated to aid you to accomplish this glorious and edifying aim, we the undersigned respectfully submit to you the following cause of grievance.

It has become a practice, in fact, an established rule among the Italian bankers and money brokers to refrain from observing the Sabbath; and we are thus obliged to work on that day, although we have labored from thirteen to fourteen hours daily during the week.

This practice while it is undoubtedly illegal, is highly oppressive. We are deprived of the right to pay due reverence and respect to our Maker; being unable to attend to our religious duties. And aside from this it will in time tend to lower in the mind of the ignorant Italian his respect and reverence for the day of rest- for these invariably follow the scandalous example set by those whom they regard as their superiors, intellectually or otherwise.

Some of these bankers and money brokers have from time to time signified their intention of closing their offices on Sunday. But when this subject finally approached a focus, it was uniformly met with serious opposition and necessarily the project went asunder. Those who are willing to observe Sunday refuse to do so unless all are compelled to. No argument can therefore be advanced by us to our employers to refute their objection when they make this

assertion; as they argue that such action on their part would work material and irreparable injury to their business, for the reason that their clients would because of convenience patronize such bankers as would transact business on Sunday.

We therefore feel that a word from you to the proper police authorities will remove the cause of this grievance.

Thanking you in advance for what you may do for us and expressing to you our unqualified admiration of the much needed services you have so far rendered, we subscribe ourselves

Very respectfully yours,

Etore Barbini 103 President 44
Eugenio Prancoli
Adelle Verena
Louis M. Scott
Raffaele Jovino
Vincenzo S. S. S.
Joseph J. J.
Michael Ferraro
Morris S. S. S.
Arnold Daniel Ajello
Dominick Martiniano
Giuseppe Limoli
Emilio Gabriele
B. Kelly

Apr 11/1910

Petitioning 13
Italians - N. to
Bakers working
on Sunday

Aug 1911

Petition from
S D Santos and
others re to the
Sunday Law
in 9th 13 pacts

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Protest labor law

*Peace
Oct 28/11*

To the Hon. William Gaynor.

Mayor of the City of New York.

City Hall. New York City.

Honorable Sir:-

The undersigned, salesmen for clothing stores and cloaks & waist shops on Grand Street, East Side, respectfully submit to their Honorable Mayor this, their petition and show:-

That your petitioners, are compelled, in defiance to the State Labor Law and the Sunday Law, and against their own will, to work daily, between 8.A.M. and 9.P.M. Saturdays from 8.A.M. to 11 or 12 P.M. and Sundays from 8.A.M. to 2.P.M.

That your petitioners are, the majority, fathers of children, that under their employment conditions are unable to proper care for the education of their family, not to say anything about they being deprived of the joy and pleasure of their domestic homes, in which they can hardly enter, merely for sleeping purposes, being obliged to rise early in the morning and retiring very late in the night, to their discomfort, as much as to be deprived to see, at least, once for each day, their children.

That your petitioners believe that such existing conditions are not only unlawful and unbearable but are unfit for brutes and slaves.

Therefore, your petitioners respectfully pray their Honorable Mayor to direct and to see that said State Labor Law and said Sunday Law be enforced to their full extend.

For the committee

Salvatore De Santis ^{working} ~~residing~~ at 245 Grand St City

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WMSH 29 Broom St
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Harry Abramowitz 104 E 113

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Luigi Salvatore 141 W 5th

Giuseppe Grieco 181 Mott St

Gabriele D'Alonzo 166 Hester St

Francesco Battolani 105 Crista St

Nito Sanchez 301 Mulberry St

Antigliano Spolito 68 Crista St

Frank Capone 42 69 Mott St

Jaconvini Jimmy 180 - 4th St City

Luigi Ferraro 103 St 222

Elisa Criepe 116 St 123

Abramo Salvatore 141 W 5th

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Guiglielmo Ranieri 132 Mott St

Bruno Nicolò 90 23 St

Caterina Sapienza 1 Phone St

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[Faint handwritten notes and signatures, including names like 'Wright', 'Lambert', and 'H. J. ...']

Josephine Ferrentino 1705 - 78th Brooklyn^{NY}
New York August 30th 1913.

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POLICE DEPT.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MAYOR:

Petition signed by a large number of women protesting against the "intolerable conditions under which the women laundry workers of New York City are obliged to live." They specify long hours, sometimes extending from 7 in the morning until after midnight, low wages (receiving as low as \$3.50 a week), the insanitary condition of the laundries, and the lack of intelligent inspection. They ask your cooperation in remedying the evils.

R. A.

New York
130 West 11th St.

Jan. 25-1912

To the
Honorable Mayor of New York

Dear Sir:

We hereby protest against the intolerable conditions under which the women laundry workers of New York City are obliged to live, namely: the long hours, often being obliged to remain at work from seven in the morning until after midnight; the low wage, the average wage being \$7.00 per week and in many cases as low as \$3.50 per week; the unsanitary conditions and the lack of intelligent inspection. We respectfully draw your attention to the above conditions, and, as women desirous of helping other women, we earnestly request your co-operation in remedying this evil. (Signed:)

Eva Kenton 240 W. 15th St
Lucy Huffaker 42 Bank St.
Margaret Merriman 1 W 41 St
Emily d. Paul 57 N. 12th St
Mary R. Towle 107 Waverly Place
Marie Juney Howe 222 W 23rd St
Margaret Kenton 130 W. 11th St
Caroline Caffin 17 West 8th St

Miss Louise A. Smith
26 Jones Street

Mrs Wm. H. Klapp
50 - W 40th St -

Mrs. Eugene Klapp
17 West - 11th Street -

Miss E. J. Smith
107 Madison Avenue

Leah B. Cullen.

Morris A. Bergard
36 Washington St.

Mr. Thomas Eugene Bouloff
89 1/2 Washington St

Margaret Sealey - 22 East 10th.
Jane Stone 132 W. 13
Marianne Leigh 49 St. 9th St.

Catharine W. Fowler 43 Washington St.
 Ephemia Whiteledge 22 East 10th St.
 To the Ladies - 38 Cooper St.
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 Helen C. Carnall - 128 N. 11th St.
 Anne Moore 22 W 9th St.
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 Elizabeth Freeman 269 W. 12th St.
 Harriet Wells 46 W. 9th St.
 Constance Warran 52 W. 12th St.
 Elizabeth Gerberding San Francisco
 146 Madison Ave.
 N.Y.
 Jane Comfort 39 West 27th
 Augustin Coleman ~~200~~ 53 Washington Square
 Bertha Park Weyl 175 2nd Ave.

Jan. 25/12

Re. Intolerable

Conditions re-

Laundry workers.

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Hauice Allan Edmunds

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Catherine Mary Osborn

Caroline Saxe

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Jeanette P. Hodgson
(see other side)

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Miss Louise A. Smith

Miss Haynes