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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,

Ettore Barbini 103 President 44
Eugenio Francese
McNille Verena
Louis M. Scott
Raffaele Jovine
Vincent Smith
Joseph Dunn
Michael Ferraro
Morris Starnadetto
Arnold Daniel Ajello
Dominick Martiniano
Giuseppe Limoti
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

*Received
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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Ronald Affinito 171 4 St

George Green 66 Canal St.

YMSH 29 Broom St

Ida Sudausk 113 Eldridge St.

Reba Daniels 111 Canal St.

J. Kunkel 317 Stanton St.

A. Ganz 174 Lust St

Samuel Bromberg 451 E 17th St.

Salvatore De Santis 298 East 152nd St.

Francisco Bonaco 41 Spring St.

John Trimarco 218 Bawery

Samuel Pomeroy 1749 Catharine St.

Ida Edelman 175 E. 90th St.

Elvira Capuano 148 Resident St

Giuseppe Scialoja 101 Franchel St

N. Carallo - 7 Prince St.

Alfonso Capuano 255 Grand St.

Tony Adolochio 226 E ~~St~~

Dora Freitag 228-30 South 3rd St

Julia ~~St~~ 77 Scammel St

Peter Bonelli 464 East 14th St. N.Y.

Mary Kivelly 716 Broom

Robert W. Lewis 1668 Fifth Avenue N.Y. City

DelBagno Pietro 434 W 163 St

Vincent Panella 99 Burke St

Sophie Sher 68 Durrant Ave Bklyn
Rose Scatetta 423 Katonah Bklyn

Katie Salari 115 E 100 St
Mae Rizzo 11-13 King

Fannie Franz 141 Wilbur Ave Bronx

Boz Soler 115 E 100 St

Giovanni Rossi 28 Market St

Max Wasson 136 Orchard St

Marion Melrose 167 Union St

Harry Abramowitz 104 E 113

Biagio Rava 183 Abbot St

Luigi Salvatore 141 W 8th

Giuseppe Grieco 181 Mott St

Gabriele D'Alessandro 166 Hester St

Francesco Castellan 105 Crista St

Nito Sanchez 301 Mulberry St

Putigliano Spolito 68 Crista St

Frank Capone 42 69 Mott St

Jaume Giner 180 - 4th St City

Luigi Ferraro 103 St 222

Elisa Criepe 116 St 123

Aleandro Salvatore 141 W 8th

Joseph Salvatore Mott St 78

Julio Gastano Jones St 23

Guglielmo Ranieri 132 Mott St

Bruno Nicolò 90 23 St

Caterina Sapientza 1 Phone St

Luigi Barzocchi 291 Grand St

Fred Fripp 291 Grand St.

Sam Geiele 291 Grand St.

Bosina Gallico 172. 116. St. East

Jakob Luginman 339 E 8 St

Giulia Carrera 169 Lenox Av.

Rosa Maggiol. Whitt. H.

Maria Guidetti - 69 Broome St

Gianni Perli 113 Bonaville St

Antonio Esposito 113 W 326

Enrico Mancini 136 W Houston

Emilio Lombardi Jones St 32.

Lena Lombardi Madinet St 56

Romualdo D'Amosio 76 Ester

Giovanni Antonino 16th St E 44

Catarina Ziggiano 182 Perry St

Vincenzo Silvestri First Ave; 38.

Orofino Galante 4 Carmine St

Rachele Mussini 70 Decker St

Amalia De Tommasi 724. Arc St 2

Oronzo Quirinelli 49 189

Alfredo Esposito 41 Ave 55

Giacomino Bufo Canale St 78

Esposito Carlo Broome St 385

Simone Vincenzo 352 Grand St

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Handwritten notes and signatures, including "Wright", "Clerk", and "to" visible.

Josephine Ferrentino 1705-78 # Brooklyn
New York August 30th 1913

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

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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:)

Edna 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 Jenny Howe 222 W 23rd St
Meynard C. Todd - 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. Miller.

Morris A. Bergard
36 Washington St.

Mrs. Thomas Eugene Bancroft
89 1/2 Washington St

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

Catharine W. Fowler 43 Washington St.
Ephemia Whiteledge 22 East 10th St.
Ella Tucker - 38 Cooper St.
Hilene Wood Strong 437 W. 12th
Helen C. Carnall - 128 N. 11th St.
Anne Moore 22 W 9th St.
Bertha M. Furman - 33 N. 9th St.
Elizabeth Freeman 269 W. 12th St.
Harriet Wells 46 W. 9th St.
Constance Wernu 52 W. 12th St.
Elizabeth Gerberding San Francisco
146 Madison Ave.
Jane Comfort 39 West 27th N.Y.
Augusta Coleman ~~Washington~~ 53 Washington Square
Bertha Park Weyl 175 2nd Ave.

Jan. 25/12

Re. Intolerable

Conditions re-

Laundry workers.

130 WEST ELEVENTH

Flornce E. Burrows Pelham Manor
N.Y.

Mrs. A. B. Bensen Jr 15th St
Sarah Comstock

Florence Cane

Inez Haynes Gilmore
Lutie Luehr

Caroline C. H. Potts.

Therence Cace Abbott.

Hauice Allan Edmunds

Rachel S. May

Emma R. Bree

Catherine Mary Osborn.

Caroline Lane

Helen Alexander

Paula Garro

Mrs W. D. Harding

~~Jeanette~~ Pitodgton
(see other side)

130 WEST ELEVENTH STREET

Mrs G. Perille-

Mrs. Gerald W. Wright

Miss A. H. Lusk.

Mrs John Lowe Jr.

Miss Louise A. Smith

Miss Haynes