

TWIN CITY FORGE + FOUNDRY CO.

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Production Division  
 Women's Branch  
 Industrial Service Section

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From: Amy Hewes, Women's Branch, Industrial Service Section.  
 To: Miss Agnes Peterson,  
 Woman in Industry Service,  
 Department of Labor,  
 Washington, D. C.  
 Subject: Lunch hour for women at the Twin City Forge and Foundry Co.

1. Your letter of November 6th was received during my absence from the city.
2. There is probably some misunderstanding between Mr. Atwood and Miss Schutz regarding our recommendations for the lunch hour for women. My conversation with Mr. Atwood was immediately upon arrival at the plant and before the schedule of hours was known. It was not discussed with him. Later, however, it was pointed out to the supervisor of women at the plant that the fifteen minutes for lunch in the eight hour shifts was at variance with the Minnesota state law which requires a lunch period of sixty minutes unless a permit for a shorter period is secured from the Commissioner of Labor, and this was also pointed out in a follow-up letter addressed to Mr. Atwood, containing recommendations.
3. I am writing to Mr. Gardner as you request and also to the Production Officer at the plant, advising that he take the matter up directly with Mr. Gardner.

*Amy Hewes*

AMY HEWES,  
 Supervisor in Women's Branch,  
 Industrial Service Section.

November 6, 1918.

Miss Amy Hewes,  
Deputy Ordnance Office,  
155 E. Superior St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Miss Hewes:

1. In a letter received from Miss Schutz who is in charge of the work in the Bureau of Women and Children, St. Paul, during my absence, I am advised that the Twin City Forge and Foundry Company, Stillwater, are only allowing their women fifteen minutes for the noon lunch period.

2. Mr. Atwood rather tried to give the impression that you had given your approval to this arrangement. Of course we do not believe that but I am going to request that in the future when you or anyone representing your office visit plants in Minnesota that an opportunity be given the inspector of the Bureau of Women and Children to visit the plant at the same time, and so make it possible to speak advisedly in reply to statements such as were made at the Twin City Forge and Foundry Company as well as statements which have been made at other places where inspectors from the Ordnance and Quartermasters departments have been quoted as approving and sanctioning violations of our state law.

3. A wire has been sent Mr. Gardiner, Commissioner of Labor advising him that we are taking this matter up with you direct. I trust that you will write Mr. Gardiner and write Mr. Atwood of the Twin City Forge and Foundry company, stating your policy regarding the question of the state laws.

4. Appreciating your cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

Agnes Peterson,  
Woman in Industry Service.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES  
SAINT PAUL

Miss Agnes L. Peterson,

#4107 Ingomar St.,  
Washington, D.C.

*Nov. 1, 1918*

Dear Miss Peterson,

Miss Burton and I visited the Twin City Forge & Foundry Co., Stillwater, yesterday. As you doubtless know this plant is now a Munition Plant. The hours the women are working is O.K., as they are working 3- eight hour shifts, but the girls have just 15 minutes for lunch the same as the men do and are not docked for that time off. When Miss Burton and I suggested to Mr. Atwood the requirements of our law he replied that if that law was enforced he would have to get along without the girls. We expect to take up the matter with Mr. Gardner but are ~~also~~ rather undecided as to whether Miss Hughes, who inspected the plant recently, countenanced the 15 Minute lunch period, as we got that impression. Mr. Atwood was very loath<sup>d</sup> indeed to let us go through the plant, but after some discussion condescended to let us do so.

I went to Miss Clinton's house this morning to get her key for her desk and found her hobbling around the house.

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She thinks however that she can be back at work by Monday.

Yours Cordially,

Louise C. Schutz

Miss Brownhain's attempt on the  
typewriter.