

WYMAN, PARTRIDGE & Co.

September 9, 1918.

Wyman, Partridge & Company,
Minneapolis,
Minnesota.

Gentlemen: ATTENTION MR. R. A. JOHNSON

You are advised in reference to your request through the Ordnance Department for permission to employ women fifty-six hours a week that no variation in the state law limiting the hours of work to fifty-four can be granted in Minnesota. Moreover, the national government deems it unwise to lengthen hours beyond the period set in the law, since industrial experience shows that long hours have a bad effect upon production.

Very truly yours,

Mary Van Kleeck,
Director, Woman in Industry Service.

WAR DEPARTMENT
ORDNANCE DISTRICT OFFICE
INDUSTRIAL SERVICE SECTION
155 EAST SUPERIOR ST.

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

August 29, 1918

Miss Mary Van Kleeck, Director,
Woman in Industry Service,
United States Department of Labor,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Van Kleeck:

Enclosed please find copy of a letter
just received from Wyman, Partridge and
Company, Minneapolis, asking for permis-
sion to work 56 hours a week.

This is obviously a Quartermaster con-
tract and was referred to us because of
a misunderstanding of the Minneapolis
Department of Labor regarding the juris-
diction of this office.

Copies of letters and telegrams are self-
explanatory.

Yours very truly,

Helen G. Fisk

HELEN G. FISK,
Secretary to
AMY HEWES
Supervisor in Women's Branch,
Industrial Service Section.

Enclosures.

*Ask Mrs. Childreth to look up Encl.
MRS take up matter with Hopkins
to agree on procedure.*

8/29/18

4:15

MR. R. A. JOHNSON
WYMAN PARTRIDGE & COMPANY
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

COPY

YOUR LETTER AUGUST TWENTY-EIGHTH JUST RECEIVED AND
REQUEST REFERRED TO MISS MARY VAN KEECK DIRECTOR OF
WOMAN IN INDUSTRY SERVICE OF UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR WASHINGTON D. C.

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AMY HEWES CHICAGO DISTRICT ORDNANCE
OFFICE

STATISTICAL CLERK

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8/29/18

4:00

MISS MARY VAN KLERCK
WOMAN IN INDUSTRY SERVICE
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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WYMAN PARTRIDGE AND COMPANY WHOLESALE DRY GOODS MINNEAPOLIS
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REQUEST PERMISSION TO WORK FIFTY-SIX HOUR WEEK FOR SHORT
PERIOD ON GOVERNMENT CONTRACT NUMBER FOUR THREE EIGHT THREE
DASH C FOR SHIRTS PERIOD BEHIND ON CONTRACT AND WANT TO
WORK TWO EVENINGS A WEEK THREE HOURS EACH PERIOD STATE
LAW REQUIRES FIFTY - FOUR HOURS COMPANY NOW WORKING FIFTY
LETTER FOLLOWS

HELEN FISK

STATISTICAL CLERK

Factory Departments
WYMAN, PARTRIDGE & CO.
(Wholesale Dry Goods)
Minneapolis

Aug. 28, 1918

COPY

Miss Amie Hughes,
C/o Ordinance Dep't.
600 West Jackson Blvd.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Madam:

We have been referred to you by the Labor Department of Women & Children, to secure permission to work on a basis of a 56 hour week for a short period.

We have a Government contract for shirts, contract No. 4383-C on which we are behind. In order to get caught up it will help us considerable if allowed to work on a 56 hour basis.

Our State law requires 54; while we at present are working on a 50 hour basis. It is our idea to work two evenings a week - three hours each evening.

Will you kindly wire us, at our expense, your decision?

Yours truly,
Wyman, Partridge & Co.
Per
(Signed) R. A. JOHNSON

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WAR DEPARTMENT
ORDNANCE DISTRICT OFFICE
INDUSTRIAL SERVICE SECTION
155 EAST SUPERIOR ST.

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

August 29, 1918

Copy for Miss Van Kleeck.

Mr. R. A. Johnson,
Wyman, Partridge and Company,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Johnson:

Your letter of August 28th is just received and I have wired you that the request has been referred to Miss Mary Van Kleeck, Director of Woman in Industry Service, United States Department of Labor, Washington.

I judge that your contract is with the Quartermaster Department and this office has no jurisdiction outside of Ordnance plants.

Yours very truly,

HELEN G. FISK,
Secretary to
AMY HEWES,
Supervisor in Women's Branch,
Industrial Service Section.

Enclosure.

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Day Message	
Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
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If none of these three symbols appears after the check (number of words) this is a day message. Otherwise its character is indicated by the symbol appearing after the check.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Send to Mary Vankleeck

WOMAN IN INDUSTRY SERVICE US DEPT OF LABOR WASHINGTON
WYMAN PARTRIDGE AND CO WHOLESALE DRY GOODS MINNEAPOLIS REQUEST
PERMISSION TO WORK FIFTY SIX HOUR WEEK FOR SHORT PERIOD ON
GOVERNMENT CONTRACT NUMBER FOUR THREE EIGHT THREE DASH C FOR SHIRTS PERIOD
BEHIND ON CONTRACT AND WANT TO WORK TWO EVENINGS A WEEK THREE HOURS
EACH PERIOD STATE LAW REQUIRES FIFTY FOUR HOURS COMPANY NOW
WORKING FIFTY LETTER FOLLOWS

HELEN FISK.

Labor Laws.

MINNESOTA: Chapter 581. ---Acts of #1913.

In all mechanical and manufacturing establishments the working hours for women are:

Nine hours in any one day.

Fifty-four hours in any one week.

EXCEPTION: In canneries where perishable fruits and goods are preserved- there longer hours of labor are permitted.