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FORTY CENT HOURLY MINIMUM WAGE ESTABLISHED IN COOKING AND HEATING APPLIANCES
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY

Under the terms of an order signed by L. Metcalfe Walling, Administrator of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions of the U. S. Department of Labor, some 3,000 employees of the cooking and heating appliances manufacturing industry will after April 12 receive a minimum wage of 40 cents an hour.

Mr. Walling's order establishing the new wage rate followed an industry committee meeting at which the forty cent minimum hourly wage was recommended. There are an estimated 25,000 men and women employed in the industry, but the wage rate will only affect some 3,000 laborers and other workers including clerical, maintenance and shipping employees.