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Fights Civilization's Battles Alone and Unaided.

WALTER CLARK

Says Strikes of Last Year Were Necessary—C. L. U. Asks Publication.

(Republication in last week's Herald of Chief Justice Walter Clark's statement on taxes has created great interest in the writings of this distinguished statesman and jurist, and the Charlotte Central Labor Union, in regular meeting Tuesday evening, requested The Herald to publish another statement made by Chief Justice Clark, which was written last year and printed and distributed in pamphlet form. This statement is entitled: "Labor Fighting Civilization's Battles," and has been read by hundreds of thousands of people. It is of such tremendous value that its publication in The Herald will, The Herald feels confident, result in a much better understanding of the aims and purposes of the great American Labor Movement.—Editor.)

"Whatever the result of the great strike in the coal mines and on the railroads in 1922—whether it is a compromise or a defeat for either side—it will not be a finality," says Judge Clark. "On one side there will be still ranged the power of vast masses of wealth, the real owners (for the minority stockholders do not count), who are conscious of their unlimited power, and determined to use it; and on the other side are arrayed the millions of men with wives and children dependent on them, who know that they are absolutely in the power of these great corporations, who can fix their wages, and therefore their conditions of living, at will.

"In this condition a renewal of the battle from time to time is inevitable.

"It is self-evident that whoever owns or controls the consolidated coal mines, water powers and railroads—the fuel, the lights and the transportation of a country—is the master of its people. When these were owned by small and competitive corporations the injury sustained from them was the building up of great aggregations of capital. But today the small body of 'Associated Railway Executives' and 'Associated Coal Operators,' representing a still smaller body of great bankers, control this vast power, and either government must take over the ownership of this great power or that power can govern the country.

"When, as Henry Ford has shown, the coal mine owners are concealing their hoarding coal to force 300 per cent profit, the whole nation must act in self-defense. It is more than a just protection of miners or any theory of government. It is whether a people shall freeze or factories stop at the bidding of profiteers.

Labor Bears Brunt of Battle. "It is a misconception to call such strikes as this a contest between Capital and Labor. This has been a notable episode in the age-old and world-wide contest whether Autocracy or men shall control the conditions of life. Formerly and in other countries Plutocracy was embodied in the monarch, supported by the nobility, an army, and state church. With us Plutocracy has none of these supports, but relies upon the well known methods of shaping public opinion and making itself the real government by the selection and control of officials, and through them shaping or constraining laws for its own purposes. Opposed to Plutocracy is the interest of all the people, of which Labor is only a small part; yet Labor alone is bearing the brunt of this great fight for civilization and the rights of all men against the Invisible Empire of aggregated wealth, which is as ruthless, and possessed by the same spirit, as when it was

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U. S. SUPREME COURT TAKES CHARGE OF US

Most Powerful Court in the World's History.

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In Constitution Gives This Self-Assumed Power to the High Court.

BY JUSTICE JOHN FORD,

Of the Supreme Court of New York. Government by non-elective, irresponsible, reactionary judges is the government under which the 110,000,000 people of the United States are living today. That is the fact, and we might as well look it straight in the face.

That this power to rule is an usurped power adds little to our comfort. We must submit to it until the meaning these judges have read into the Constitution shall have been taken out.

To do this will be a herculean task, for behind the usurpation stands united plutocracy controlling the organizations of both political parties. The same influence dominates many sources of public information, controls our institutions of learning and in no small degree carries into even the temples of religion its creed of cordial materialism.

In order to win the favor of the overruling plutocracy, candidates for the judiciary must be men of like order of mind to Justice Robb, of the Court of Appeals, of the District of Columbia, who, in his recent prevailing opinion holding unconstitutional the women's minimum wage law, propounded the dictum "that of the three fundamental principles which underlie government, and for which government exists—the protection of life, liberty and property—the greatest of these is property."

Wealth Protected. Justice Sutherland, of the Supreme Court, in writing the prevailing opinion affirming Justice Robb a few weeks ago, was of the same opinion evidently, but he was not so indiscreet as to express his private economic views so bluntly, not to say brutally, as did the justice in the court below.

So it may with truth be said that the courts from the beginning of the government have been the bulwark of property rights, whether in chattel slaves or in stocks and bonds, exalting them above all other human rights.

Judges are drawn from the legal profession and from those of its members who have won distinction at the bar. But such distinction comes only to the law-affairs. That means that he must have been retained by wealthy men or great corporations. Indeed, such employment, ipso facto, makes him a leader in the estimation of his fellow practitioners, and he is generally according that honor by the judiciary as well.

He must have demonstrated fidelity and ability in the service of his opulent employers. In serving them he acquires their habits of mind and their view of industrial and financial relations. The protection of wealth and privilege always takes precedence in their thoughts to any claims of humanity.

It must be admitted that lawyers as a class are reactionary. Their eyes are ever turned backward. They are in ceaseless search for precedents. What has gone before must form the basis of every present act. They are least fitted to govern in a democracy whose eyes are ever on the future. "Nothing new" is their motto.

Yet five such men as Supreme Court justices, whose knowledge of practical affairs comes from study of ancient tomes and practices, and who know life and its travails only as they glimpse them through the windows of their cloistering chambers, have assumed the power to annul the laws passed by the elected representatives of the people and to read into other laws which they graciously per-

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EDUCATION AND THE 8-HOUR DAY LABOR'S DESIRE

America Only Civilized Nation That Works Women More Than 48 Hours Week.

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That meeting of the Joint Council of Textile Workers held in Mooresville last Saturday afternoon and evening was an "eye-opener." The delegates representing the various locals and towns of the Carolinas came in automobiles, most of them, and each automobile bore a banner giving the local number and the name of the town represented by the delegations. On each banner was also the inscription: "Eight Hours." At a previous meeting of the Council the 8-hour day for the textile workers was declared to be one of the objects to be sought until its adoption.

The meeting was called to order by the president of the Mooresville local, and the assembled crowd sang, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," after which Vice President Jones, of the State Federation of Labor, and a member of the Mooresville local, led in prayer. He petitioned God for guidance of the textile workers and their organization, and for Divine help in the struggle the textile workers are making to advance socially, economically and in education. The big man's petition for an equal chance for the children in the homes of the textile workers with other children of the state was a touching appeal to the Father of all children.

After the opening, the meeting was turned over to the officers of the Joint Council, and the roll call showed a tremendous growth in the Council. It is remarkable how this Council has grown this year, each meeting being much larger than that of the previous month. The big hall at Mooresville was taxed to capacity, and members of the Mooresville local had to go to a neighboring hall and borrow chairs to accommodate the big crowd.

Reports from the various textile centers showed that some of the mills are idle, on the strength that there is no market for the products of the mills. Other places reported mills running day and night, with never a let-up.

Each and every one of the locals reported a steady growth in membership, those towns where the mills have been closed showing the biggest gains in union membership.

Some Wage Reductions. Di-rectly or indirectly, there has been made, but this has happened only in those places where no local union exists. Concord reported on the Cannon chain announcement that all Cannon mills are closed this week, as is usual once each year. Officials and petty officials of the Cannon chain are said to be in Blowing Rock this week, cooling off and getting a rest from the excessive heat.

Textile workers stated it would be unusually fine if ALL the workers in mills of the Cannon chain could also go to Blowing Rock and take a rest from the excessive heat.

Declaring that the United States is the only civilized nation in the world that works women and children in the industries more than 48 hours a week, the council adopted a resolution that will be presented to the State Federation of Labor convention with the request that that body will adopt the resolution and work for the enactment of a 48-hour law in North Carolina for the women and children. The resolution follows:

"Whereas, the women and children in the mills of North Carolina are working sixty hours a week, and whereas, every other civilized country in the world are working their women folks forty-eight hours a week in the textile industry, such as:

"Austria, 48 hours, law; Belgium, 48 hours, agreement; Denmark, 48 hours, agreement; France, 48 hours; Great Britain, 48 hours, agreement; Italy, 48 hours; Germany, 46 hours, agreement; Jugo-Slavia, 48 hours, law; Poland, 46 hours, law; Netherlands, 45 hours, law; Spain, 48 hours, law; Sweden, 48 hours, law; Switzerland, 48 hours, law; Czechoslovakia, 48 hours, law.

"And whereas, we believe that the United States of America and the State of North Carolina, in particular, ought to be a leader in the march of progress, therefore be it

"Resolved, that we, the delegates to the 17th annual convention of the North Carolina Federation of Labor, do hereby go on record in favor of the 48 hour week for women and children, and be it further

"Resolved, that we instruct our executive committee to introduce a resolution embodying the above, at the next session of the Legislature."

Free School Books. Similar resolutions were adopted on the question of free school books and also for a workmen's compensation law.

Attention of the State Federation of Labor will also be called to the fact that but few of the children in the homes of the textile workers are ever allowed to graduate in the High Schools of the state, which condition is credited to three facts, embracing low wages, interference on the part

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The "Red" Wolf Pack Out of Their Own Mouth

(Chicago Labor News.)

That America is menaced by a "Red Revolution" involving all of the crimes against civilization which have made Russia a sink of iniquity, is a fact which most Americans are reluctant to accept and are ready to brand as alarmists those who see the warning flashes and hear the rumble of the approaching storm.

To bring to the American people a true sense of the danger impending and to arouse them to protect themselves and their country from the ravaging "wolf pack" is the purpose of the campaign The Chicago Labor News has undertaken. Braving the possibility of being misunderstood, indifferent to the enmity of the plotters, loyal to honest American labor and true to the principles that should animate all classes of American citizens, has committed itself to an energetic exposure of the agitators of class hatred.

For the benefit of those who have not been convinced, we today place on the witness stand the culprits, themselves, and out of their own mouths shall convict them.

A magazine called the "Industrial Pioneer," published in Chicago by the General Executive Board of the Industrial Workers of World, bears on its front page in red type these two lines: "Up With the Radical Press" and "The General Strike Call!"

Quoting from the magazine itself, we find that the "radical press" is designated "to spread over the entire nation revolutionary literature." Alongside of this declaration is a poem vaunting "The Red Flag," which urges readers to "Raise the Scarlet Standard High," and at the same time confess the un-American character of this standard in the following lines:

"Look 'round, the Frenchman loves its blaze, The sturdy German chants its praise; In Moscow's vaults its hymns are sung, Chicago swells its surging song."

Now you know what "up with the radical press" means and what it portends.

All this is bad enough, but it is in the general strike call that the extreme menace exists. Using as a pretext a demand for the release from prison of all spies, traitors and others who were convicted and locked up during the war, a general strike committee has been created, with headquarters in Chicago, "to devise ways and means of propagating the general strike idea."

In line with this general strike idea, radicals are urging to go East and help to start trouble in the big industries centering in New York and Pennsylvania. The canning section in Monroe County, New York, is suggested as a fruitful field to "promote I. W. W. agitation." Quoting at length, we find the following program and confession:

"With I. W. W. activities extended to the Eastern States, I. W. W. prospects and strength will increase there. A case in point is the presence of the Marine Transport Workers' branch at Philadelphia. This serves as a base that enabled the Metal and Machinery Workers' Industrial Union, No. 440, to organize the recent revolt in Schwab's steel hulls at Bethlehem, Pa. This should be duplicated everywhere in the East by the extension of all I. W. W. activities Eastward."

Some idea of what the plot is may be gained from the extracts printed. There is food for thought in the revolutionary program outlined. It concerns the employer of labor and the union working man equally. Destruction and disruption are really the aims of these offshoots of the genuine labor movement. It isn't work that they want—it's loot. It isn't equality of opportunity that they seek, but a chance to erect a new form of despotism, based on terrorism.

If America is to be saved it must be by Americans, and the first step is to appreciate the peril and recognize the enemy. That done, there must be counter-attack, counter propaganda—an open and vigorous campaign of warning and education. The Chicago Labor News repeats that it is doing and will continue to do its share, even if it stands alone on the firing line.

NEGROES ALARM CELEBRATION ON WHITE PEOPLE LABOR DAY AT ALONG THE PENN. LAKEWOOD PARK

Scab Railroad Working Gangs of Southern Negroes—Drive Citizens From Homes.

Surrounding Cities To Join Charlotte in Celebration—Splendid Program.

By International Labor News Service. The Pennsylvania Railroad company is showing its appreciation of the "loyalty" of those who have stood by them during the time the shopmen have been on strike. Thousands of negroes have been imported from the south, men who are totally unfitted for this work. The negroes are being used in an effort to not only break the strike, but fill the community with undesirable people. Here in Altoona, the influx of colored workers has caused a storm of indignation against those who are

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MOST RECENT PHOTO OF SENATOR MAGNUS JOHNSON



Magnus Johnson, Farmer Laborite whom Minnesota has elected to fill the unexpired term in the U. S. Senate created by the death of Knute Nelson. Johnson defeated Gov. J. A. O. Preus, a Republican, by a large majority.

STOOL PIGEON'S CLAIM REFUTED BY "COPPERS"

Lewisburg, W. Va., Aug. 2.—At the trial of Frank Kenney, district president of the United Mine Workers of America, Charleston policemen refuted testimony of a mine owner's stool pigeon who swore that at a meeting in Charleston Kenney declared every union man should be equipped with a rifle and ammunition.

Three policemen who were present at the meeting testified that the trade unionist did not make that statement or anything that sounded like it.

LABOR PAPERS LAMBASTED BY IRATE WORKER

Says Daugherty Is An Angel and Gompers Is a Demagogue—Strange Man.

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Of the Supreme Court of New York. Government by non-elective, irresponsible, reactionary judges is the government under which the 110,000,000 people of the United States are living today. That is the fact, and we might as well look it straight in the face.

Our good republican friend, who writes to The Herald occasionally, but who never signs his name to his communications, has come to the surface again, and takes a fling at The Herald, organized labor and the world in general. This is what he says this time:

"Editor The Charlotte Herald: "No one could expect the republican administration to receive any credit and praise from the labor press, when the labor papers and labor organizations are controlled by such demagogues as Samuel Gompers. I am a working man myself, and I want to say that Mr. Daugherty is right. No man has any right to interfere with another man if he wants to work. He has seen every body to work, or will damage or destroy the property of another man, I say he is not a good citizen.

(Signed) "A WORKING MAN." Can you imagine a working man cussing Samuel Gompers and praising Mr. Daugherty? Can you think of anything that would appeal to such a man above his political prejudices.

Samuel Gompers has given his life for the toilers of the land. He has seen them rise from serfdom to citizenship—all through the constant agitation of the labor movement. He has witnessed the gradual reduction in hours of labor from 72 hours to 48 hours and 44 hours per week. He has witnessed the growth of the public school system until today it is within reach of every boy and girl in this whole land—and it was started, has been maintained and supported by the organized labor movement.

Mr. Daugherty's chief object in official life has been to take away from the workers those advances they have made, and put the workers back into serfdom.

And then a man who calls himself a working man, Mr. Daugherty is right—and refers to Mr. Gompers as a demagogue. God pity such a "working man."

If our good republican friend will come around, we'll take him to places right here in Charlotte where men and women are not allowed to work—simply because they belong to a labor union. Did our friend, or did Mr. Daugherty, ever say anything at all to the employer who will not let the man work who wants to work. No, No! That's a horse of a different color.

Organized Labor, and Mr. Gompers, have urged the election of many republican candidates—wherever such candidates stood for humanity against greed of gold. Mr. Gompers nor the labor movement stops to ask a man's politics. What is essential, however, is to know how the candidate stands in his views concerning the toilers of the land.

Our friend, whoever he is, is a mighty good republican. That is his business. He has no right however to refer to President Gompers as a demagogue, for if he is really and truly a working man, he has eaten bread and meat that President Gompers and the labor movement secured for him, and it is never very genteel to bite the hand that feeds you.

Over \$500 worth of produce is sold each market day on the curb market established at Greenville in Pitt County by the farm agent, R. B. Reeves.

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EMPLOYER SO CRAZY HE GOT RICH AS GOLD

The More He Gave, the More He Made.

GOLDEN RULE

Proved a Gold-Producer for Arthur Nash—Simple Rule Worked Wonders.

BY CHARLES W. WOOD

(In Collier's Weekly.) Arthur Nash is the most unreasonable employer I ever met. He happens to be the most successful, the happiest, and the best loved employer too; but he hasn't any judgment, any common sense.

Five years ago, now, he was a perfectly normal person. He was sensible enough then and ran his business according to business principles. He bought in the cheapest market. He hired labor at the lowest figure for which labor would agree to work; and he got as much work out of his employees as he could.

He wasn't one of these "labor haters," mind you. He was a fine, decent fellow, with generous impulses, a good Christian who wished everybody the well, but he never forgot that business is business and that we are not living in any Utopian society. He had moods, of course, in which the whole game almost sickened him, and he would feel like chucking it all and becoming a day laborer himself. Oh, to be rid of these eternal "responsibilities!" How he worried day and night, and how he envied those who had no such worries on their minds! Most every struggling business man has those moods. But a he-man, he is apt to say profoundly, cannot chuck his responsibilities like that. He must continue his career as an executive, a leader of humankind; and it is only fair that he shall receive the profits of a capitalist instead of the meager wages of a workman.

And Arthur Nash, in those days, was sensible. But his business didn't thrive very well. And to add to his periods of soul sickness, his eternal worries brought on a physical collapse. It was then that the "mood" got the better of him. It was then that he began to act like a perfect fool.

Perhaps you have heard the story of what he did. I shall make it as brief as possible; for behind that story is another one which I am going to try like everything to tell. In all probability I shall not succeed for it is almost impossible, in our rational civilization, to follow the vagaries of Arthur Nash's mind. But I shall try. First, however, let me review the external happenings.

Sweating by Golden Rule. Mr. Nash was president and general manager of the A. Nash Company, wholesale tailors of Cincinnati. The firm was incorporated in 1916 with a capital of \$60,000. It was in 1919, after three years of anything but success, that Mr. Nash decided to liquidate the business and spend the rest of his days on a farm. His "reasons" were strange enough.

He was a Christian, I said, and he realized that he was running a sweatshop. He didn't own the machines upon which the Nash clothes were made; they were owned by a contractor who employed such help as could not find employment in the

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LABOR PAPER AN ADVERTISING MEDIUM

PRINTERS INK, the recognized authority on advertising, after a thorough investigation on this subject, says:

"A labor paper is a far better advertising medium than an ordinary newspaper in comparison with circulation. A labor paper, for example, having 5,000 subscribers, is of more value to the business man who advertises in it than ordinary papers with 25,000 subscribers."

The Charlotte Herald Meets All These Requirements and More

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