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MOST SUCCESSFUL GATHERING IN HISTORY OF ORGANIZATION

Legislation Looking to Workers' Advancement. SUPREME COURT Child Labor Laws, Convict Leasing and Other Interesting Questions Acted Upon by Labor.

Greensboro, Aug. 15.—The North Carolina State Federation, which has been in session here from Monday morning to Wednesday afternoon, adjourned, to be pronounced the finest meeting ever held by labor in this state.

Two outstanding events of the convention was the election of C. P. Barringer as president, which killed the Barrett-Moody factionalism, and the provisions made for the employment of a full-time organizer for the state.

The convention was opened Monday morning by C. L. Lochridge, president of the Greensboro Central Labor Union, and called upon the Federation's chairman, J. O. Belton, grants cutter, of Mt. Airy, to open the meeting with prayer.

Greensboro, was introduced as the personal representative of the Mayor of the Gate City. He spoke eloquent words of welcome to the delegates and visitors, and expressed regrets that the mayor could not be present, yet he was glad, he said, for the mayor's absence gave to him a pleasure and a privilege that he would not have had if the mayor could have been in the convention.

Vice President Caldwell responded to the welcome given the workers, and in a few well chosen words told something of the objects the workers hoped to obtain in the meeting here. Acting President Caldwell also paid a glowing tribute to the Greensboro workers and business and professional men for their cooperation with the Greensboro workers, and thanked them for the Federation for the beautiful decorations that greeted the visitors.

Then it was that Mr. Lochridge turned the convention over to Vice President Caldwell, who immediately asked for the report of the credentials committee. This report was given by Mr. Stone, and he began to challenge the report was accepted, and the delegates ordered seated in the convention.

R. W. H. Stone, president of the Farmers' Union, was then introduced to the delegates, and amidst loud and prolonged applause the veteran fighter for the farmers and wage-workers took the speaker's stand. "I always feel at home in your conventions," President Stone began. "In fact, next to my own union, I love this union more than any other organization. I look upon you, and I see the faces of men who take the products of the farm and convert the raw material into finished products, and others of you then transport this commerce to the peoples of the world. We are closely linked together, the worker of the field and the worker of the factory, that neither of us can advance without helping the other. Nor can one of us suffer without suffering coming to the other.

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Legislation That Labor Will Endeavor to Obtain

Greensboro, Aug. 15.—Following is an outline of the legislation that the State Federation of Labor in North Carolina will seek to have embraced at the next session of the general assembly.

Child Labor Law. There is to be presented to the people of America the opportunity of voting for an amendment to the Constitution of the United States that will allow this nation to protect its little children, by law, and by a law that cannot be declared unconstitutional by a North Carolina federal judge, or by any other judge in the United States.

Your committee feels that the North Carolina State Federation of Labor should take the lead in securing this law, because of the fact that it has been North Carolina manufacturers and North Carolina judges who have brought the defeat of the two national child labor laws this country has had in the past.

Higher Educational Institutions and Common Schools.

Your committee feels sure that this State Federation of Labor is deeply interested in education, and your committee would suggest to you that the present tendency of the State seems to be to devote more and more money to the institutions of higher learning, thereby crippling the state's ability to properly care for those children who should have every opportunity in the public schools. It seems that your proper officers should take such steps as would assure the proper care of the children in the state before so much money is expended on higher education.

The Militia.

In view of the fact that many employers of labor seem to have the idea that the state military forces are maintained for their sole protection, and that troops can be used as strikebreakers, coupled with the desire, as evidenced by past performances, to dodge all responsibility when imported strike breakers are brought into a community for the purpose of lowering the wage and living conditions of the North Carolina workers, there should be a law in this state forcing cities and counties calling for troops to pay all expenses incident thereto. It is a notorious practice, that of calling troops when there is no need for troops, and the readiness with which troops have been used in the past forces labor to the belief that their presence is more desired for purposes of intimidation than for protection.

Convict Lease System.

Your committee is at loss for words to express its earnest desire that the State Federation of Labor take the lead in putting an end to the state's barter and sale of human beings. We're speaking now of the state's convict leasing system. It is a blot upon the fair name of North Carolina. It is hellish in principle and brutal in practice. Private contractors or business firms who hire such convicts are actuated solely by selfish motives and hire the convicts in the same manner they buy mules or steers. Common decency alone should cause men to blush with shame who thus purchase the convicts, and the state of North Carolina should feel more shame in its part of the crime than even the man who hires the convicts. We urge this Federation of Labor to call upon the ministers, the women's organizations, the press of the state, and all right thinking people throughout the state to join in a firm demand for an immediate and final end of this disgraceful chapter in the commonwealth's history. So long as the state of North Carolina continues this inhuman practice the churches are but hollow mockeries of Christianity, and our boasted progress is nothing more than thin veneer. "The eyes of the nation are upon North Carolina" is a statement we love to make, when expressing our pride in our state's material advancement. We forget for the moment that when the eyes of the nation are upon North Carolina, those eyes are looking at a state that still deals in human souls and human bodies, even as it did when slavery was a legalized business. Your committee wants this shame removed from North Carolina's good name, and it can be done only through the activities of this, or some other organization of men and women who love human beings and are willing to work and fight for justice and right.

Incorporation of Towns.

Your committee would have you seriously consider the dangers to democracy and to popular government in what is commonly termed "one-man" towns. There are in this state miniature principalities and kingdoms, where one man, or one company of men, own and control the town and all that lies or exists therein. There is no law in such places, except the law of the industrial baron. Officers of the law are hired by him and paid by him and do the things they are ordered to do by the ruler in these small, but strong, empires. The existence of such places in a democratic republic is dangerous to the citizens having to live and labor in such places, and is detrimental to the advancement of these same citizens. You are urged to seek legislation that will incorporate, or cause to be incorporated, all communities in North Carolina where there is a population of 500 people living within a radius of one square mile. By this method and this alone can people have representative government and escape the penalties always paid by those whose destinies are absolutely in the hands of one man, or a small group of men.

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BARRINGER FEDERATION PRESIDENT

Moody - Barrett Factionalism Dead as a Door Nail. BOTH ARE GLAD

Convention Expected Bitter Fight—Harmony Reigned Supreme — Federation Growing.

Greensboro, Aug. 15.—C. P. Barringer, state chairman of the executive committee of Brotherhood of Railway Carmen, living in Salisbury, was chosen president of the North Carolina State Federation of Labor, in the closing hours of that convention, Wednesday. Mr. Barringer is one of the most popular men in labor circles, and is a highly educated man, a great reader and student, and the delegates in the convention were highly elated when every undertaking for the workers of the state.

Both Moody and Barrett were placed before the convention for the presidency. Before their names were presented, however, Barrett had placed the name of Mr. Barringer in nomination. Mr. Moody arose and spoke highly of the man whose name had been presented, and immediately afterwards, and at the urgent request of Moody and Barrett, both their names were withdrawn.

Both Moody and Barrett were entirely satisfied and extremely happy over the outcome of the election. This factionalism is peculiar in that Moody and Barrett are far from being personal enemies, the factional spirit arising because of differences of opinion the two men held concerning the policies of the labor movement. Both men are intensely interested in the workers of the state, and friends of both feel confident that they will both be on hand to assist President Barringer in his high spots in the address delivered to the State Federation of Labor by Edward F. McGrady, personal representative of Samuel Gompers and legislative representative for the American Federation of Labor.

THE TEXTILE WORKER WILL RECEIVE AID

State Federation Pledges Full Support to Craft. FACTS GIVEN In Motion — Industry Should Have Due Recognition— Fear Rules the Workers.

Following is the motion made and carried to aid the textile workers by the State Federation of Labor in the Greensboro Convention:

"The textile workers of North Carolina constitute the largest single body of workers in the state. Yet they receive less pay, work longer hours per week and have the poorest working conditions of any other group of workers. Practically all of them live in company-owned houses, giving to the employer absolute control over not only the time the workers are in the industry, but while they are in their homes as well. When a textile worker is discharged from his job, it does not only mean the loss of a job for that particular worker, but in nearly every instance means also that the entire family is discharged and ordered to move out of the house they have been living in.

"The program of big business was to whip you by legislation," he charged, and he said that "they got the governors and national leaders to agree that they would put on the boards men who favored big business and they did this, even to the Supreme Court, in curbing your liberties. "We are supposed to be a democracy, but we are drifting fast right to oligarchy. Two successive congresses passed a child labor law, which was signed by the President; that is the will of the people, and yet the Supreme Court of the United States renders a decision saying the child labor law was unconstitutional. There is nothing in the constitution that gives the Supreme Court the right to nullify the will of the people," Mr. McGrady asserted.

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HIGHLAND PARK BOSS IS FIRING MORE WORKERS FROM MILLS

Young Takes Appeal In Ejection Proceeding

Will Young, discharged employe of the Highland Park mill, who had been cited in ejection proceedings by the company, gave notice of appeal from the decision rendered last Tuesday in Squire Alexander's court. Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick appeared for Mr. Young and C. W. Tillet, Jr., appeared for the Highland Park company.

SUPREME COURT MOST POWERFUL BODY IN WORLD

Yet It Is Headed by Man Who Was Repudiated By 46 of the 48 States of the Nation.

Greensboro, Aug. 15.—"There is no place in the Constitution of the United States, nor in any statute of the United States, that gives to the Supreme Court the power to nullify laws made by Congress, and signed by the President," was one of the high spots in the address delivered to the State Federation of Labor by Edward F. McGrady, personal representative of Samuel Gompers and legislative representative for the American Federation of Labor. Mr. McGrady was given a great ovation at the conclusion of his address and often through his speech he was interrupted with applause.

Mr. McGrady, who was presented by Chairman Caldwell as representing President Gompers said, in part, as follows: "I bring to you the greetings and good wishes of the president and the executive council of the American Federation of Labor. It is the hope that your deliberations in this convention will do a great deal to advance the cause of labor, not only in this state, but that it will add to the strength of labor throughout the nation.

"The American Federation of Labor believes this is one of the states where lots can be accomplished for organized labor. We, of the north, have looked askance at the Carolinas for the reason that they have been lagging behind in industrial legislation. I come from a state where we have a 48-hour law in the mills of Massachusetts, and I hope some day you can put over similar legislation," Mr. Mc. McGrady stated.

"We have a hard time holding the 48-hour law, and you workers of the Carolinas act as a drag, so to speak, so you see it is in the interest of the entire country that you should get together and work for legislation similar to that we now enjoy. "We were told after the war that labor could expect more, that labor could get justice; but after we helped win the war we were confronted with the toughest wave of reaction in the history of the country. We have held our own by refusing to take a step backward, and we have accepted reduction in wages only after a hard fight to prevent it, for there never was any excuse for reduction in wages because in some cases dividends increased from 300 to 16,000 per cent. And yet, in the face of these great earnings, they put on a campaign of reaction, backed by the United States chamber of commerce and the kept-press of America," Mr. McGrady asserted.

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Secretary and His Wife Have Received Their Notice. MYERS AND KIRBY

Both Fired on Wednesday—Workers To Gather Friday Night at Union Hall.

SUPREME COURT GAVE DELEGATES DOWN THE ROAD FOR THEIR SINS

Says Union Men Who Buy Non-Union Clothing Are Themselves Scab Employers.

Greensboro, Aug. 15.—President Manning, of the Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor gave the delegates attending the North Carolina State Federation of Labor convention "down the road," with a swift kick at every step. The delegates, recognizing their guilt, took the tongue-lashing in the proper manner.

"You boycott merchants for employing scab carpenters and other non-union builders, yet you yourselves employ scab workers every day in the year," was one of the straight-from-the-shoulder charges made by the big Washington man. "You defeat candidates for office who patronize non-union barber shops, and at the same moment you are wearing scab made clothing or shoes, or hats. Every time you make a purchase, and spend your money for an article, any article, that does not bear the union label, you are employing scab labor, and in many instances, penitentiary labor. Boys, get yourselves right with God and with your fellow men, and then you can succeed with the 'other fellow'."

"The Union Label is one of the most precious things in the world. It is one of the greatest emblems on earth. Let's see what it is. It is not just a rag, with a design worked upon it. It is not just a piece of metal, with lettering or an insignia. No, No! It is the one thing in America that has brought the work-week down from 72 hours a week to 48 and 44 hours a week. It represents the one thing that changed the hours of the good housewife, who used to get up before daylight and cook her husband's breakfast, watch him depart for his labors before the rising of the sun, and wait for his return after the sinking of the sun, and who now has her husband and father with her and her children all the time except the eight hours that he now labors."

"The Union Label represents the one big force that brought the public school into existence. It represents the one spirit that surged onward until the toiler rose from the place of the serf to that of respected citizenship. It is the greatest influence for good in this country, with the sole exception of the church. That shirt you have on. Does it bear the union label? If it does, then it was made by a happy worker under good conditions. If not, it is a nine-to-one shot that it was made either in a prison or in the home of some piece-worker. "I do not see how any right-thinking person can purchase an article of wearing apparel that has no union label upon it. Then how much more surprising is it that you men, you leaders in your various towns and cities, are here today wearing some articles of clothing that do not have the union label on them at all. "Well, I can't find a suit, or a shirt, or a pair of shoes with the label on or in them, some of you say. Now that is pure bunk of the bunkest sort. If you tell your merchant that you want the union label on your clothing, he'll get it for you. He's in business to supply the wants of his customers. If he hasn't got what you want with the label, then refuse to take anything else. He'll soon get it for you, and you needn't worry about that part of it. You create the demand and the merchant will be sure to supply your wants."

It was a great lesson to the delegates, and it is safe to say that many men in North Carolina will go many, many months without clothing before buying another non-union piece of goods. "Feed and Weed and Breed," are the three guiding stars in dairying, said one speaker at the recent farm convention in Raleigh. Of the three, he declared that feeding is the most important.

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G. C. Myers and H. C. Kirby, for years employed in the Highland Park chain of mills, were discharged Wednesday. On the previous Monday Mr. and Mrs. Iryda McGinn were fired out of the mill.

On Thursday afternoon the report came to The Herald that the mill company was firing workers by the wholesale. While the number as reported to The Herald was twenty-five, it is not known just how many there were discharged, all told.

These discharges follow the firing of Will Young, Misses Carrie Parker and Annie Langley, and Mrs. Langley, last week. The fact that a jury rendered a verdict in favor of the company in the ejection proceedings instituted against Will Young is thought to have had an influence in the reported wholesale discharge yesterday.

It had been voted on last Monday night to meet on this Friday night for the purpose of taking a strike vote to force the reinstatement of Young and the three women.

"Myers was fired, so he says he was informed, because he attended the ejection trial of Will Young. Kirby was fired, he says, on the ground that "there had been too much going on around here."

WANT POWERS OF SUPREME COURT CURBED BY LAW

Nation-Wide Movement Joined By North Carolina Labor Great Campaign Being Waged.

Greensboro, Aug. 16.—North Carolina labor has officially joined the nation-wide movement to curtail the autocratic power of the United States Supreme Court. The following resolution tells the way North Carolinians feel toward the matter: Whereas, The United States Supreme Court has assumed powers never delegated to that body either by constitution in its original form, or by constitutional amendment, or by legislative enactment, and Whereas, Nine members of the Supreme Court are now more powerful, through this self-assumed authority, than the Congress of the United States and the President combined, and Whereas, This condition, if allowed to continue, and grow as it has grown in the past few years, will eventually undermine this democratic republic and nullify popular government, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That the North Carolina congressmen and senators be urged to vote for the bill which is to be presented in the next Congress of the United States providing for the perpetuation of our representative form of government in the following or similar language: That when a law is declared unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court, and the same bill is again presented and passed by both branches of Congress and signed by the president, it shall become the law of the land.

WISCONSIN MAYOR LAUDS ACHIEVEMENT OF UNIONS

By International Labor News Service. Superior, Wis., Aug. 8.—Welcoming the delegates of the State Federation of Labor at its opening session here, Mayor Fred A. Baxter said: "I believe that 90 per cent of the population of our city have faith in organized labor. Had it not been for organized labor the citizens of this great country of ours would have been divided into two classes, the very rich and the extremely poor. "I am heartily in favor of a high standard of living for the workers and a corresponding living wage."