A RESOLUTION: I resolve to be a better man in 1924 than I was in 1923. I vow I'll do more for my friends and less to my enemies in the New Year than I did in the year just closing. I declare I'll attend church more regularly and listen to the preacher with greater interest next year than I have during the past year. I affirm that I'll not miss a single meeting of my labor organization if within my power to attend. I promise I'll not talk or write about my most bitter enemy any oftener than is absolutely necessary. I sincerely pledge myself to buy more cigarettes and bum less from my friends this New Year than I did last year. I declare I'll buy some books and stop borrowing books, if I have the coin with which to buy the books. I further pledge myself to hit no one until he has first struck me, and even then I'll not strike below the belt... S'help me!

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Were it not for the labor press the labor movement would not be what it is today, and any man who tries to injure a labor paper is a traitor to the cause. — Pres. Gompers.

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ENGINEER IS NOT TO BLAME N. Y. C. WRECK

Unprotected Crossing and 70-Mile Schedule Caused Wreck.

SAYS CORONER

Railroad Propaganda Failed To Put Blame on Shoulder of Faithful Engineer.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 26 .- Coroner Blood, of Fredonia, has thrown a monkey wrench into the machinery of the New York Central Railway, when he gave his verdict of the New York Central wreck at Forsyth. After holding his investigation he finds no person guilty of criminal

As stated last week in The Herald the New York Central had the stage all set to put the blame on Engineer Patterson, of Buffalo. In fact the company started regular propoganda by having its officials tell how the engineer ran past the signals.
Of course the fact that the New

York Central is a corporation, it was not possible that the coroner could criminally get after the railroad, but the fact that Coroner Blood mentioned in his findings that the company had neglected to provide protection at this crossing, is sufficient to read between the lines that the company and not the engineer was solely re-

Had the crossing been protected the second section would not have been stalled, so the third section would not have run it down. The coroner also suggested that the com-pany place a watchman at this crossing twenty four hours of until such time as a viaduct or sub-way can be built. The coroner also commented upon the fact that Engi neer Patterson was required to make a speed of 70 miles an hour in a heavy fog, and consequently if the train could not reduce its speed quick enough, this also made the mpany responsible for requiring that speed from its engineers

The next question arises as

when the Central and Nickel plate will put in this viaduct. Both railroads have been previously instructed and requested by the P. S. C., but that did no good. The railroads must be forced by law before they will make any may be the they will be the convenient of the force of the convenient of the wall make any move. The fact that wall make any move. The fact that people are killed at this crossing monthly means nothing to the railroads. One would think that decency and a sense of justice would be sufficient for the New York Central, not to mention it should make an effort to save human lives. However railroads are not bethered this way and roads are not bothered this way, and to a sure thing that five years from now, Dead Man's crossing will be the same as it is today and unprotected. Then another big accident will happen and then more requests for a viaduct. The Central knows that after the accident sentiment will die down for a viaduct and the railroad will forget it.

LANCE MOVES TO LARGER QUARTERS

Lance Packing company has moved its factory and offices from South Collège street to Ninth street, near the Southern Railway company's tracks. This move was made necessary because of the growth of the business demanding more room for operations. The Lance Packing company makes makes the second of the any makes many good things to cat, but specializes in peanut butter. This product is doing much to ad-Charlotte and Piedmont North Carolina, because of the wide distribution of this famous peanut

Happy New Year

Forge Ahead!

BY SAMUEL GOMPERS. President, American Federation of Labor

The year 1924 brings great tasks to the trade unionists of America.

The year just closing has placed our movement in a position of strength and solidarity that fits it for the tasks that lie ahead.

In 1923 our country measurably recovered from the period of depression and the fight of the so-called open shoppers and wage-cutters practically came to an end. It lost its driving power.

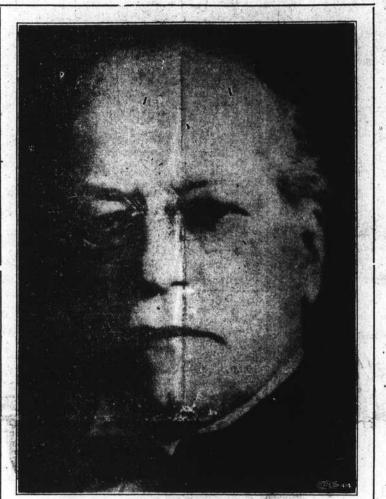
Ahead of us in the immediate future is a national political campaign. Ahead of us also is a great general campaign of organization, reaching into every field of activity.

The enemies of our government say that we are not in politics. The fact is that we are in politics to the limit, determined to make our influence felt for progress and human freedom.

It is of the utmost importance that every trade unionist take an active part in the campaign now opening. It is important to see that trade unionists participate in the nominating of candidates and also in the selection of political convention dele-

It is important that labor should participate where nominations are made and where platforms are formulated.

The American Federation of Labor national non-partisan political campaign will this year be conducted on broader and more energetic lines than ever before. Labor's effectiveness must extend into every precinct in America-and with the cooperation of the great farming population this will be accomplished.



SAMUEL GOMPERS

On the industrial field the organization of the wage earners is always our first and primary task. Our convention has ordered a number of special organizing campaigns and these are either under way or are being planned. It is my hope that during the year our movement may add a million new members to its rolls. This is easily possible.

Protection and promotion of their rights and interests and proper participation of the workers in the affairs of industry, makes organization necessary. The proper conduct of industry, the proper safeguarding of the rights and interests of the toilers, the proper and necessary stabilizing of industry, make organization of first importance to labor and to employers as well.

We live in an age of collective effort. Nowhere does the individual live and work in a world of his own. Working together, it is necessary to organize so as to plan together, to function properly in ever direction, to make life better and to make industry better.

Every wage earner ought to join the trade unions of his trade or calling and every trade union member to be an organizer.

The year 1924 will bring its vewards, but it also will bring its obligations and duties.

Let us all, as trade unionists, do our utmost to make our movement a credit and a constructive force in society. It we are good trade unionists, we shall be good citizens of our Republic and America will be the better for our efforts.

NEW YEAR MESSAGE

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North Carolina-Greetings:

DAVID CLARK

And the Health and Happiness of This Section.

PETER JEALOUS?

Maybe - Some Folks Prefer Staying Here to Going to the Skies-Humdinger.

Charlotte, N. C., In the United States of America, On Earth, Dec. 27, 1923.

Hon. Saint Peter,

Dear Peter:

I am writing you from this section, on earth, which is known as the Piedmont section of North Carolina, which is a state in the United olina, which is a state in the United States. This nation is part of the North American continent, bounded on the East by the Atlantic Ocean, on the West by the Pacific Ocean, on the North by Henry Ford and the Great Lakes, and on the South by Huerta and Cuban Whiskey. It was formerly inhabited by the Indians, who reigned supreme and dians, who reigned supreme and roamed at will, until the Christians came here and killed the Indians off, and took their land and estaboff, and took their land and established a country where Christians could worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. You must have heard of this section, Dear Peter, for it has been with a city largemoved from your domain, and much farther away from here than your place. Even if you had not heard of this section before now, you must know all about it ere this, for didn't David Clark issue a special Health and Happiness Edition of The Textile Bulletin last week, telling all the world about the Health and Happiness of the people in this section of

I am prompted to write you about that special edition of Health and Happiness, for it was a humdinger, a cracker-jack, a masterpiece, and if all reports are true, it was also a very expensive proposition—for the advertisers and manufacturers. You know what a dollar is, Mr. Peter? That is, an American dellar? I say not talking American dollar? I am not talking about German money; it is the genuine American money I am talking about. Well, if you know what a dollar is, then you may know something of the cost—to the advertisers and manufacturers—of that special edition of Health and Hannings when you hear the re-Happiness when you hear the re-ports that are in circulation here. 'Tis said here in this Healthy and when holly wreaths in windows, mistletoe hanging in doorways, candles flickering at night and fir trees decorated with tinsil abounded. We've enjoyed the happiness of the children during the pre-Christmas period when expectancy was a seriod with the picture of the children during the pre-Christmas period when expectancy was a seriod with the picture of the children during the pre-Christmas period when expectancy was a seriod with the picture of the children of the children

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the Plain English.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—"Operating flexibly" is the soothing term the Boston News Bureau applies to the long work day in southern cotton mills.

In explaining the southern migration of New England cotton mills, this financial spokesman says:

flickering at night and fir trees decorated with tinsil abounded. We've enjoyed the happiness of the children during the pre-Christmas period, when expectancy was in their voices, seen in their sweet faces, as they anxiously awaited the coming of the unbelievers there abouts are of the opinion that this amount of money put into the pay envelopes of the healthy and happy textile workers would have made the happiness in the exchange of gifts, and the Peace and Good Will that these exchanges vouched for.

Nineteen hundred and twenty-three years it is since the Three Wise Men, guided by the brilliant star of the East, set forth on the great four-

In explaining the southern migration of New England cotton mills, this financial spokesman says:

"The legal working week in the south averages nearer 60 hours than the 48 and 54-hour basis in the north, and there is little or no restrictive legislation against overtime or of a nature which prevents a big textile organization from operaitng flexibly."

OUIET WEEK IN MOORESVILLE

MOORESVILLE

Mon, guided by the brilliant star of the East, set forth on the great journay to find the Babe in the Manger. It is that long since the angels caroled "Peace of Earth, Good Will to Men." Have we, in the hurry and excitement and strife of modern days lost sight of the real meaning of these holicitys, the religious significance which has made the day last throughout the years and means so much to humanity? Let us not forget the first Christmas. Now is the time to repeat the story over and over, to ourselves and to our children—this story of adventure that has

MOORESVILE, Dec. 27—Every-

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JIMISON COMING TO

Rev. Tom P. Jimison will be the principal speaker at the meeting of the Central Labor Union next Tuesday evening at a big open meeting to which the public is cordially invited. Plans have been perfected for a genuine get-together meeting of all the workers of the city, union and non-union, and a rare treat is

There was no meeting Tuesday night of this week because of Christmas, and the regular delegates who attend all the meetings will be on hand in a great spirit of enthusiasm

promised all who attend.

Every member of organized labor in the city is urged to attend and to extend an invitation to their friends to come with them.

EMPLOYMENT FIGURES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 .- The United States employment service reports that in November employ-ment increased over December in 26 of the 65 larger cities reporting, while 37 cities reported a decrease in

CITY NEXT TUESDAY A 1924 UNION MAN HAS SOME GREAT ISSUES TO MEET

BY MATTHEW WOLL, President, International Labor Press of America

The year just closed has been a year of progress. The year to come will be a year of great progress

The reason is clear. The organizations of labor are stronger than ever, the period of unemployment which so seriously injured the workwhich so seriously injured the workers and their organizations, is long since over. The fiendish onslaught on labor has died away leaving only what we may call the "normal" opposition of blindness.

The road is clear for great work, for great organization efforts, for the laying and developing of great plans for constructive work.

plans for constructive work.

Two things must be always in mind. One, the necessity for organizing the unorganized and for schooling ourselves in the fundamental principles of trade unionism, even unto such elemental things as how to run a union, how things as now to run a union, how to conduct negotiations, how to make headway without being forced to take losses. Second, is the necessity for looking ahead, for understanding the time in which we live, with its growing machine power, its growing complexity and the sure need for an ever-broadening participation by labor in the affairs of our industrial life.

Looking at the whole field, our task is one that demands our best thought, that demands our highest loyalty, that demands attention to duty

We have little things to do, and big things to do. If we fail in the little things we shall fail entirely. At the root of it all is the organization; without that there is nothing.

Trade union organization is the hope of the world today. There are many who offer patent medicines— there are quacks and fakers and there are also crooks. Against all of these we must beware. The trade union is the one instrument that has proven its herit and that has survived every

The best thing a wage earner can do today is to be a good union man, knowing why he is a union man and fulfilling the obligations of a good union man.

That is the best and most sensible New Year's thought I know of, for the workers and for America.

Joint Council to Meet Saturday in N. Charlotte

Next Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock the Joint Council of Textile Workers will meet in the Union hall, North Charlotte, in regular monthly meeting. It is expected a big crowd of delegates will be present from the various cities and towns of the two Carolinas.

Much business is to be trans-Much business is to be trans-acted at this meeting, and plans for the coming year's work will be adopted. All textile workers are invited to attend the meeting, whether union or non-union, and the North Charlotte people are making special preparations to take care of the big crowd expected.

SO THIS IS WHY PRES. BARRINGER'S YANKEE MILLS RUSH TO SOUTH To All The Working People of We are living through another Christmas season. Once again we've lived through the picturesque days when holly wreaths in windows, mis-

Use Term "Operating Flexibility" Instead of Long Hours,

MOORESVILE, Dec. 27—Everything is rather quiet here this week, on account of the mills being closed for the holidays. Many parties have been held, and much visiting has been done.

D. E. Monroe and small son went to LaGrange, Ga., to visit relatives. James T. Robertson and J. H. Craniord spent Wednesday in Charlotte.

Charlotte.

A big crowd is going to North Charlotte Saturday for the Joint Council meeting.

HUGE RAIL PROFITS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Despite the miners' and shop men's strike, the Delaware & Hudson railroad will have a surplus this year of more than \$5,000,000, after all charges have been met. This is one of the have been met. This coal-carrying railroads.

READ THEM AND KEEP THEM FOR REFERENCE AND STUDY

N THIS WEEK'S HERALD will be found holiday greetings and messages from labor officials, both national and state. These messages contain much information about the accomplishments, the hopes, the aims and aspirations of labor unions. They are valuable messages, and should be studied carefully by all workers and by those who have heretofore criticised the labor

FILL THIS OUT, MAIL IT IN, AND BE INFORMED

EACH WEEK ABOUT THE WORKERS

The Charlotte Herald, Dear Sir: Please find enclosed one dollar. Send The Herald six months to