

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.

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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.

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.

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 responsible.

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 company place a watchman at this crossing twenty-four hours of the day until such time as a viaduct or subway can be built.

The next question arises as to 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 move.

LANCE MOVES TO LARGER QUARTERS

Lance Packing company has moved its factory and offices from South College 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.

JIMISON COMING TO CITY NEXT TUESDAY

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.

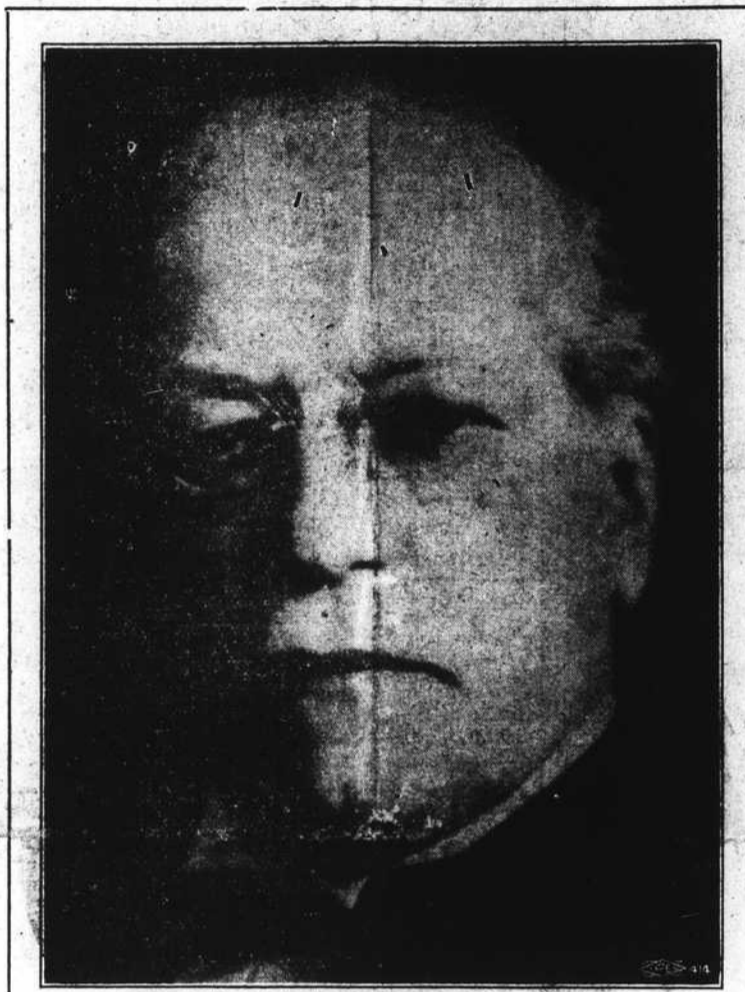
There was no meeting Tuesday night of this week because of Christmas, and the regular delegates who attend all the meetings will be on hand in a great spirit of enthusiasm.

EMPLOYMENT FIGURES.

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

Happy New Year :: Organize :: Forge Ahead!

BY SAMUEL GOMPERS, President, American Federation of Labor



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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.

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 delegates.

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.

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.

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 every 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 ought to be an organizer.

The year 1924 will bring its rewards, 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.

LETTER TO ST. PETER ABOUT 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, Gate-Keeper, In the Skies.

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 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.

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 dollar? I am not talking about German money; it is the genuine American money I am talking about.

Some of the unbelievers hereabouts are of the opinion that this amount of money put into the pay envelopes of the healthy and happy textile workers would have made them much healthier and happier, if that be possible, Mr. Peter. Of course, Mr. Clark is healthy and happy, and if you could know how folks like Mr. Clark love this American money of ours, you could better understand just why he is so healthy and happy—since his special edition of that Health and Happiness number of The Textile Bulletin.

Some of the meek and lowly friend of yours, Peter, are worried about you, and that is the main reason I am writing to you. Since the appearance of that Health and Happiness edition of The Textile Bulletin appeared to the public many people hereabouts have decided they would rather just stay on here, where so much Health and

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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 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.

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 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 merit and that has survived every test.

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.

SO THIS IS WHY YANKEE MILLS RUSH TO SOUTH

Use Term "Operating Flexibly" Instead of Long Hours, 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:

"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 operating flexibly."

QUIET WEEK IN MOORESVILLE

MOORESVILLE, 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. Cranford spent Wednesday in 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 coal-carrying railroads.

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 transacted 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.

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The Charlotte Herald, P. O. Box 163, Charlotte, N. C.

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READ THEM AND KEEP THEM FOR REFERENCE AND STUDY

IN 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 criticized the labor movement.