

JOINT COUNCIL MEETING HEARS REPORTS OF I. W. W. ACTIVITIES

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playing one hundred per cent native born Carolinians in their mills.

Reports were made that the various locals are contributing funds to the unions of Germany, in response to the call from the executive council of the American Federation of Labor.

Slipping It to the Lexington Workers Lexington made an interesting report, showing just how organization helps, and just how the employers will take advantage of their workers when they are not organized.

Some of the weavers thought it o. k. they argued that, inasmuch as they worked by the piece, their incomes would be greater.

Four Sheriffs and One Preacher. One member of the North Charlotte local reporting for that section, stated that North Charlotte had four deputy sheriffs and one awful minister to contend with.

Starting Up at Midnight. Some of the mills have resumed an old practice that has absolutely abandoned so long as the union was strong, and that is the starting up of the mills at midnight on Sunday nights.

Woman Could Get Job But For Husband. One of the delegates reported that his wife had been informed by the mill official that if her husband would leave that community, she could have work in the mill.

Good Reports. But all reports were not so black. There were reports of mill owners and officials who are working with and for their employees, and it is in those mills that the industry is running full time, the people appearing interested in their work, and the communities prospering.

Helps Even the Unorganized. Continuing, this speaker said, "Employers who fear the organization of their workers, give them considerations that the workers would never receive were it not for the organization, and the employers' fear of it.

It is understood that settlement has been reached by the railroad and the shophmen unions, and that Orr and Wise will soon be at liberty.

it was stated, there are some workers yet who believe they can get along without the textile union. It was said that some workers will allow a preacher who is in the employ and on the payroll of the manufacturer, turn the workers against the union, while others will fall for that well-fare slush and hot dog bait, and cuss the union for all that's in them.

McNally and Lockey. Tom McNally, printer, and C. P. Lockey, organizer for the Firemen and Oilers, made splendid addresses, and greatly encouraged the delegates.

A Cowardly Sea of a Gun. President James F. Barrett read a letter he had received from some bird who was afraid to sign his name to the document. The letter was signed "Textile Worker," and was in the nature of comments on a letter of invitation that the Council had sent to the workers of North Charlotte to attend the Council meeting.

Helped the Union, However. There was a great lesson in the letter, however, for it was pointed out by the delegates just how far some of the employers will go to keep their workers from organizing.

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Best Meeting Yet. The meeting was pronounced one of the most important and far-reaching ever held by the workers of the South. After the open meeting in North Charlotte, the officials of the various locals met "down town" where there was no danger of spies, and planned for the opening of the organization campaign, which will be announced by the International officers.

Hold Prisoners AS WAR HOSTAGES. An admission that Vurlen Orr and Luther Wise, railway shophmen sentenced to serve from seven to 10 years in the state penitentiary of Arkansas, are held as "hostages of war" in the strike on the Missouri and North Arkansas railroad is seen by the American Civil Liberties Union in a telegram just received from Governor Thomas C. McCrae.

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They realize that their success hangs upon disunion and strife among the producers, and so they and their allies, their parasites, and all the array which their influence is able to muster, are bent upon promoting strife and sowing dissension among the masses of

WARNS LABOR AND FARMERS TO BEWARE LYING PROPAGANDISTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Warning against the propaganda which represents the interests of the farmers and the industrial workers as diametrically opposed was sounded in the House by Representative George Huddleston of Alabama, in a speech flaying the propagandists and exposing the unreasonableness of their arguments.

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RAILWAY CLERKS OPEN BANK; FEDERATION BANK IN NEW YORK MAKES GREAT GAIN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The number of labor banks is still growing. The latest labor organization to open a bank is the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, which has just opened a national bank in the new seven-story building erected by the

owned Federation Bank is making a rapid growth. The bank's resources have increased from \$50,000 on May 19, 1923, to \$3,700,000, and are expected to reach the \$4,000,000 mark within a short time, according to Peter J. Brady, president.

The Central Trades and Labor Council of New York, which was active in founding the Federation Bank, recently attacked the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Brotherhood Investment Company, the holding company for the bank which the engineers are to open in New York.

To make the bank serve the Brotherhood's large membership throughout the United States and Canada, as well as workers in general, a system of banking by mail has been perfected. Arrangements are also being made with correspondent banks in other cities which will accept deposits for the Brotherhood bank.

Saying a blessing these days over three burnt flap-jacks and two rubber beans floating about over the soup makes a fellow feel like exchanging his stock of grace for a good stuffed club and asserting his rights as an American laborer.

The ox may know his keeper's voice, and the ass his master's crib, but I'll be darned if the average fellow knows his friend, or he would quit whooping himself hoarse for old party suckers.

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