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CHARLOTTE, N. C., FRIDAY, JAN. 4, 1924

#### POOR, POVERTY-STRICKEN DEVIL.

Justice Daniel F. Cohalan, of the Supreme court of New York, has struck. He is agitating other judges to strike. He has struck for higher wages. He is not satisfied with his pay. It is too small, and he struck, that's what he did.

Justice Cohalan received only \$56 a day for sitting on the bench four or five hours each day when court was in session. That \$336 a week isn't enough pay, the jurist says, and he strikes, by granny! What's the salary of \$17,500 a year took "Mother" for his subject, and which is amount to in Justice Cohalan's sweet life? It published in full in today's Herald, nothing of

isn't sufficient, and there seemed no chance of a mother love, and mother's duty was left out. fifty-cent increase, so the judge struck, he did. The New York Law Journal, the official union menting upon the strike of Justice Cohalan, says:

"His resignation calls attention again to the inadequate compensation which is paid to our Supreme Court justices. There has been no increase \$17,500 per annum, which once seemed generous, by the rewards which a successful counselor may

Of course The Law Journal calls is "resignation." It's just a plain strike, like other union men pull off when they want their wages raised. Now there's evidently been some Yankee agi-

tator talking to that judge. Some long-haired bloshevik has been interfering with the New York Supreme Court, and the public will most surely suffer from the ill effects of having the mills of justice stop grinding until some strike-breaker can be recruited to fill Judge Cohalan's place. In presenting his grievances to Governor Smith.

the judge said:

"I am moved to do this (go on strike) by reason of the difficulties which I have met in trying to bring up a large family on the salary (\$17,500 year) received by a justice of the Supreme Court in the city of New York."

Now the judge has a wife and seven children, but who told him to have such a large family? to the rights of the public

Poor man!

Right down here we can take him to a man who has a wife and six children, and he gets only \$11 a week, working 10 hours a day, and this man here has said never a word about striking. It will take this man here who has a wife and six children 30 years and ten months to make man here has never thought of striking, like the judge went and done. We suppose the reason is that the man here is a one hundred per cent pure Anglo-Saxon American, with the same blood in his veins that flows through the veins of the cotton mill owners, and that is the reason he is willing to work 30 years and 10 months for a aroused in the mind of every thinking person who sum that is so small that the New York judge goes on strike rather than to live on that sum for

These union lawyers are awfully unreasonable in their demands, however, and the fact that Judge Cohalan strikes for higher wages ought to cause our newspapers and bull sheets to wake up and point out these dangerous radicals in the lawyers' opinion, strung up by self-appointed critics and made to understand their place.

### COME CLEAN OR CHOKE TO DEATH.

In this, the first issue in the New Year, The Herald makes bold to speak a few plain words to a few men who have knocked the union, the officers of the Central and in some instances The Herald. If those men are true to the cause they claim to be interested in, they will stop their clatter on the street corners, and will come like men, fearless, open and above board, and present their charges against whoever or whatever they think is wrong. We are positive that the officials of the Central Labor Union will gladly meet these critics, and if those officials are proven to be wrong, after a full hearing shall have been held, they are men who will graciously yield to

the will of the majority. We are positive that The Herald will listen gladly to any criticism. We are just human, deeply interested in the cause of unionism as the orking man's only vehicle of advancement. If The Herald is making a mistake, then if you are sincere and honest, you will tell The Herald instead of vomiting all over town about this, that

and the other thing. Of course, if you're just a natural born kicker, and a coward with it, then you must of necessity go on with your program, for neither hell nor eaven can change a chronic kicker, a grouch, a nd congestion of common sense and paralysis of brain. Death is the only thing that will stop

ich men, and even then the mounds over the

aves of such critters will sprout nothing but

THE CHARLOTTE HERALD ful little things that spoil the clohing of any who happen to pass by the graves containing the moulding remains of these chronic lepers.

Constructive criticism is good. We welcome that, and we feel sure the Central officials also welcome any suggestions that will help to advance the cause of the workers. But the labor union hall is he place to give voice to these criticismsnot on the street corners, where drunks, and harlots, and gamblers, and boot-leggers gather to spot their prey.

### BEWARE LYING PROPAGANDA!

Rpresentative George Huddleston of Alabama performed a distinct public service in his recent vigorous attack on the lying propaganda which presents the farmers and the fits workers as op-posing forces, having nothing whatever in com-

non. Speaking in the House, Mr. Huddleston pointed out that the farmers and industrial workers have Six Months .... \$1.00 One Year .... \$2.00 much in common. He exposed the falsity of the "arguments" of those who assert otherwise and showed how the propagandists falsify and ignore facts to bolster up their contention that farmers and industrial workers must be at swordspoints.

Declaring that the possibilities of economic cooperation or partnership between farmers and wage earners are stpendous, Mr. Huddleston cited instances of how the producers and consumers are gouged. He said that it is estimated that in 1922 the farmers of the United States received a total of \$7,500,000,000 for their produce and that for the same produce the consumers paid \$22,000,000,000. The farmer who produced the commodity received less than 30 cents from each dollar that the consumer paid for it, so that there went to handlers, speculators, dealers, carriers, and other middlemen 70 cents from every

Mr. Huddleston went on to say that the highest duty of the statesmanship of America is to bring the producers face to face with the consumers in direct dealing so as to permit the least possible intervention of middlemen.

This is a sentiment to which the masses of America can subscribe, with the wish that the seemed good to me, also, having had twenty years day is not far distant when the nation will see or more experience as a textile worker to write its way clear to bring about that cooperation that Like Peter and John of old, we textile workers Mr. Huddleson so srongly advocates.

#### HERE, MR. SUNDAY, PLEASE TOUCH THEM UP ON THIS ONE.

In that powerful sermon preached Thursday by Rev. Mr. Sunday, when the master preacher of a family by the employer of that family.

The following letter was received a few weeks ago by The Herald. It is filled with tragedy, and tells of a condition that should not exist in a in salary for over a generation. The salary of civilized community, to say nothing of a Chris- thousands of children found in our textile centers tian community. It tells of an industry where is now recognized as grossly inadequate, measured the husband and father cannot get a job, simply because the wife and mother in that home cannot

practice. Here is the letter:

> "Editor, The Herald: "Please send my Charlotte Herald to the address below:

"L. O. Blackwelder, Statesville, N. C. "I had it sent to Troutman some time ago, and when I went to work they wouldn't work me because my wife wouldn't work, so I had to move. I wrote two weeks ago to have it sent to Statesville, but they still come to Troutman, and that is too far for me to walk for my paper, so please send it to States-

"Yours truly,
"L. O. BLACKWELDER."

Rev. Mr. Sunday is eternally right in what he It isn't the public's fault that he has so many says about the influence of the Mother, but what industries, that their combined earnings may eke out an existence for the family. What about a condition like that disclosed in the above letter. where the father is denied work, simply because the wife and mother does not go to work with that father and husband?

In the proper settlement, which means the elimination of such conditions, will motherhood what Judge Cohalan makes in one year, and this be raised to that standard so clearly set forth by Rev. Mr. Sunday.

### PRISON CRUELTIES NOT ENDED.

Grave doubts as to whether the United States is as civilized as we have been led to believe are considers the treatment of convicts in the West Virginia penitentiary at Moundsville.

Despite the long agitation for humane and fair treatment of convicts, which has accomplished much in some states, West Virginia still maintains a prison system which has drawn strong condemnation from prison experts. Apparently not content with its bad record on the industrial field, They should be condemned by public with its armies of gunmen and thugs maintained by the non-union coal operators, West Virginia is adding to the blackness of its record by the way in which it treats its convicts.

A few facts on the Moundsville penitentiary, as revealed by J. Howard Holt, chairman of the committee on crime of the State Bar association, tells the story of West Virginia's prison cruelty. Mr. Holt says that most of the 1,585 men in Moundsville are exploited by contractors, who

secure this labor for 70 cents á day. "Under this contract," says Mr. Holt, "each prisoner must average from 12 to 18 workmen's shirts a day. This means that one of these shirts costs from four to six cents. The material costs 36 cents, and the shirt sells for \$1. It is understood that there are now more than 500 convicts working under this contract and the contractor and associates make a profit of hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly."

Directing attention to the fact that cells in this prison are five feed wide, eight feet long and seven feet high, Mr. Holt says:

"Into many of these cells the sun has never shone. And it is needless to say that in such limited space there is no room for exercise. In nearly every case two men are confined in each cell. With the utmost care that can be exercised by any administration these conditions breed immorality and degredation. There are only about five acres of yard space for these 1,585 men to occupy. They are crowded in the shops, in the yard, and at night confined in othese unsanitary speptic devil who has dysentary of the mouth cells. Men are infected with tuberculosis. Some of them die within the walls and some of them go forth to spread the disease in the outside world."

Watch the fireworks start in Washington. Sencuckle burrs and Spanish needles, producing hate- ator "Bob" LaFollette is back in harness.

# Letters To The Editor

#### PROFITEERS MUST WORK.

Editor, The Herald:

Europe has been for several months trying to kick up another war, and drag the United States into it. Every move for war is the direct clamor of capital, and should be protested from one end of the land to the other by the workers. We have plenty to attend to here at home to promote peace and happiness, which means more to the American people than dragging our young men over the seas to spill their blood for the classes.

The profiteering devils are at the bottom of all that disurbance over there, just as the private ownership of the public necessities of their country is speading misery and suffering over America Thousands of columns of matter is being today. printed daily about strikes, but there is very little space ever given to the cause of the strikes. Just so long as men are given a legal right to own the necessities of life, and rob the masses by privileged profiteering, the gluttonous marauders will practice it, and there can be no improvement in the wretched condition of strikers who are having their God-given treasures stolen from beneath their feet. Private ownership and distribution lies at the bottom of every strike that has occurred in twenty years.

Government control of all public utilities, operated for and by the people collectively, will put an end to strikes forever.

Just use your head to think with a little; it is healthy-and good for you. J. A. MULWEE.

Belmont, N. C.

#### TWENTY YEARS IN THE MILLS AND HAPPY.

Editor, The Herald:

Inasmuch as many have spoken of those conditions that exist in the various textile centers, it cannot but speak of the things that we do see and know. We have just celebrated the birthday of Him who came to bring peace and happiness to all. While many were rejoicing other hearts have been made sad becauce there are many in our midst who are in very destitute circumstances. They are in almost every case textile workers.

There is a cause, of course, for this. They should be removed. Now it is not my purpose to knock the mill owners, but to speak to the worker was a great sermon, but there is one phase of a through our paper. We should, I think, know mother's life that Mr. Sunday did not touch upon. each other better. We have been taught that paper of the New York Lawyers' Union, in com- That phase is the treatment accorded the Mother every child is born with four distinct natures. They are: Physical, social, intellectual, and religious nature.

Textile workers; look around you and ask yourself the plain simple question whether or not the have a chance to develop along these lines as they should? As a textile worker myself, I don't think they have, or ever will, under the present condiwork, or will not work. Read it, and score such tions. There is, then, a great work to be done for the textile workers of the South. This work can be done by the workers themselves, through united organized effort. Let's get together then and build up an organization that stands for the making of every one the highest type of citizen.

We textile workers will never be considered an asset to our town in the broadest sense of the word so long as we allow ourselves to be used as a tool in the hands of the other fellow. The boy or girl who is put in the mill when young, to work long hours, deprived of the privilege of an education, will grow up a weakling, both physicially, mentally, socially and otherwise, and therefore bcomes that type of person who is referred to as

The God who made us created us equal, and has made ample provision for all. We are told also that the Lord helps those who help themselves Then if we would make the highest attainments in this world, we must put forth special effort, children. He shouldn't inconvenience the public about the home where the mother has to leave It is time for us old tallow-faced, oil-soaked, hideby striking. Why, the man is totally indifferent her children and go with her husband into the bound wretches who have been hanging around these cotton mills for half a century or more, t wake up and look up, reach out and take hold of the possibilities and responsibilities of this life and see to it that the next generation of textile workers is an improvement over the present and

over those who have preceded us. Bu somebody says: "I can't feed, clothe and educate my family at the present rate of wages." That's alright, my brother. That is one of the things we must consider. Another says: "I can't do these things and buy and operate a car or a Ford," while another says: "If we could get a child labor law that would be constitutional, then we might do something."

In my judgment the best thing we can do under the circumstances is just get together and say to h- with child labor laws, the Fords and all the other things that are robbing the youth of those things that make for progress. There is a law, my friend, that is constitutional, and that law says my child is entitled to the very best the public school system has to offer. Also to fair working conditions, and fair wages. I believe it will stand the test any time the fathers and mothers get together and say they shall have it. because duty requires it and eternal justice demands

Textile workers, think it over and talk it over wih your fellow worker, every day. Let's make up our minds as a great people engaged in not only the leading industry of the South, but one that is destined to become even greater, to step out and take our righful place in the social educational, political, fraternal, religious, and industrial life, if you please, of the community in which we live. We can do it, and we are nothing but a gang of cowardly weaklings if we don't do it. I believe we will, some day, and woe to the man or the set of men that undertake to defeat us in our high resolution! Because it's a work of love prompted by Him who is the source and embodiment of the same.

We go to church and sing, "Send Us a Shower of Blessings," and "Lord Plant My Feet on Higher Ground," forgetting that life's pathway is literally paved with stepping stones to higher and nobler achievements, but we walk around them Let's begin the New Year with a definite purpose in view as individuals and a people working to gether for the advancement of the textile worker of the South, and when we have done that I believe we will not only have served our day and generation in an acceptable way but through it and by it we will have rendered effective and efficient service to our country and to our God.

B. C. BROWN. Concord, Dec. 27, 1923.

If the republicans just keep it up, next November will be another 1912. Steam rollers are things of the past in American politics. Republicans sought to be allowed to express their choice for a candidate.

# U. S. TRADE COMMISSION ACCUSES COAL DEALERS OF UNFAIR COMPETION

Association, including its officers and members, are cited by the Federal Trade Commission in a complaint charging unfair methods of competition in the sale and distribution of the commission in the commission of the commission in the commis tition in the sale and distribution of coal. The association is composed of sented by increased value in three retail coal dealers of Illinois and Wisconsin, and according to the com- Indiana, and California, with a total Wisconsin, and according to the complaint such dealers are qualified for membership under the definition of a retail coal dealer, adopted and approved by the association, which definition is in substances: Any individnition is in substances: Any individ-ual, firm or corporation regularly and continuously engaged in selling coal at retail and maintaining an of-fice regularly open for business, and equipped with scales and adequate storage facilities to meet the public needs of the community in which he does business.

The complaint recites various methods by which the association and its members enforces its cooperative scheme of boycotting so-called "irregular" or "illegitimate" dealers, such dealers being determined by the association as being outside of its definition of a retail coal dealer.

The complaint further states that the association's acts constrain producers and wholesalers of coal to confine the distribution of coal in respondents' so-called "regular channels" and to prevent so-called "ir-regular dealers," cooperative associations and groups of purchasers from securing coal at wholesale or from any other source than from "regular' or "legitimate" retail coal dealers thereby unduly obstructing and hindering free competition in the distri-bution and sale of coal in the association's territory.

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# **Holidays Gone! Looking Ahead!**

Now that the holidays are but sweet memories, the cold, hard facts of life call us to attention.

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