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It is The Herald's intention to publish a list of Communications on any and all subjects of general interest solicited. No communications, the mills that have curtailed and of those that have worked right on through this period just however, containing a personal attack on any man or woman will be published. Words and acts now coming to a close. of public men and women may be as severaly erfticised as the writer may desire, but the line the better signs, for business has suffered along experience, that men will never be free if they is drawn on personal attacks. with the workers during the time that the pay

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**ORGANIZATION DOES IT!** 

Writing in that fine old organ of reaction, The Philadelphia Public Ledger, Raymond G. Carroll draws a rosy picture of the building worker's lot in New York City.

After telling of an iron worker employed on an unfinished hotel in the aristocratic Park Avenue section of New York who dined in the completed part of the same hotel in the evening, Mr. Carroll remarks:

"This is the mechanic of 1924-all doors open to him, swimming in the best that the city has to offer her favored sons. He has a motor car, phonograph and radio set-everything."

"The building construction planned for this year alone in New York," Mr. Carroll adds, "will cost in the neighborhood of \$600,000,000 to \$1,-000,000,000. To do this building construction the city has an army of about 100,000 union workers, who are enjoying the highest wages paid anywhere in the world under agreements made with 900 contractor members of the Building Trades Employres' Association.'

Mr. Carrol goes on to say that it is "labor's harvest time, for the whole situation has been . The control is in a labor democratized. . Congress, where all the building trades are represented."

Perhaps because of fear of wounding the delicate susceptibilities of the Ledger's anti-union readers, Mr. Carroll does not point out that organization, and organization alone, has given the building mechanic the wages and working conditions that he now enjoys. But to the reader of his article it is plain that he recognizes that organization has brough the benefits he so glowingly describes.

Nor does Mr. Carroll point out what would be the plight of New York's building workers if they were unorganized—he does not tell of the poverty, distress and endless suspensions of work by poorly paid and discontented workmen which would prevail. Labor doesn't have to be told what happens without organization, however, and because it knows what organization does, it is steadily extending the benefits of union membership to larger and larger numbers of workers of both sexes.

I fear, until the final adjustment that will be used

years to come. State officials drawing fifteen dollars a day and

force and effect. Hell's going to break loose in this country some day.

NO FREEDOM WITH TRUTH CONCEALED.

Good for your straight-from-the-shoulder reply

For ages the workers have done 'exactly what

your correspondent suggests. They have studi-

masters. They have pleased, they have implored,

they will receive a crumb. You tell the truth because you know, through

to that unsigned correspondent in your last issue

are grinding the faces of the poor.

Fraternally,

E. A. BARNHARDT.

# FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 1924



North Carolinians to learn that William G. Mc-Adoo will be a candidate for nomination for truth lest he offend his master, he rivets his president in the North Carolina primaries. shackles. Friends of the former director of railroads will welcome the opportunity of voting for him, and Washington, D. C. the citizenship generally will feel a greater interest in the government because of the fact that

has acted as a stimulant to the industry, and re- textile workers receiving \$10 and \$12 a week, is ports to The Herald are to the effect that the a condition that cannot much longer remain in

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Editor, The Herald:

JAMES P. EGAN.

ing those who profit by injustice?

conceal the truth.

truth?

all who cared to exercise that privilege were allowed to vote in the presidential primary. It would be galling to many people in this state to have the delegation representing North

Carolina go to New York and cast this state's votes for Mr. Underwood.

OUTLOOK BRIGHTER.

Curtailment among the textile mills is not so

acute now as two weeks ago. The cotton market

situation is improving. It has been a strange proceeding all the way through. The Chadwick-

Hoskins chain has acted in a rather peuliar man-

ner. It is said the Hoskins mill runs full time and overtime, while the Louise and the Calvine,

course there are a few of them afraid to say

anything, thinking they'll be fired if they dare

open their mouths. But a large number of the

workers are determined to either share in the

greater profits when business is good, or else be

relieved from shouldering the burdens of bad

business periods. The publicity following the

action of the Mooresville joint council meeting

has resulted in much good hereablouts, in that

the public was made aware of how the workers

Many mills have not curtailed at all during

the entire spring season, thereby showing that

work can be carried on if the owners are willing

share their part of the risk of the industry.

Business men as well as the workers welcome

M'ADOO TO ENTER.

It is welcome news to tens of thousands of

of the workers has been stopped.

were forced to assume the risk of the business.

of the same chain, are running on short time. Workers in the mills are planning to take the whole matter of curtailment to the public. Of

## TACTICS JUST LIKE DAUGHERTY.

Whether or not Harry Daugherty had anything to do with having Senator Wheeler indicted, it is so much like him that it will always be short-lived, even in those rather rare instances in America's mind that the deposed attorneygeneral actually caused the indictment to be made. That bird proved the kind he is during the shopmen's strike, and it will take a past revise the working day in our major industries master in the art of flimflamming people to ever bring this nation to the place where it will have any confidence in Mr. Daugherty.

Senator Wheeler is attacked, to be sure. It that he was engaged to prosecute the crooks in dustrial gluttons. the government service. It need not surprise be assassinated.

These "Charges" against Wheeler will not reach very far.

and interested citizens ought to attend. It is schools of though, both radical and unwarranted, equally true that every man and woman ought the long working day and the short working day to be interested citizens, for that is the way government is seucred in America-through political parties and party activities.

rule will be those who stayed away from the precinct meetings.

Have you met Bob Reynolds yet? You ought constitute a working day in this field. to know the next lieutenant governor. He's a This is one of the world's greatest industrial

FROM PENS OF OTHERS

The extremists seldom have their way. They may temporarily succeed, but the length of their stay and the duration of their power are usually

We have had in this country and have yet to a smaller degree those who have undertaken to The capitalistic classes have, naturally, wanted the longest hours possible, figuring on the assumption that the longer a man worked, the more he would produce, and the more each workman is strange that he has escaped this long, being could produce, the matter the coffers of the in-

the government service. It need not surprise the nation one bit if Senator Wheeler should extreme laborites have, in a few instances, sought to have the working day ridiculously shortened, contending that a man could work only

justify the wages he commanded.

claimants, each tugging against the other to have their way and neither within reason in setting up their arguments.

Comparatively few people attended the pre-cinct meetings last Saturday, and it is safe to predict that the very first people to yell ring comes in the case of the United States Steel Corporation; the report of the activities of which indicates that it was untenable in the position

long held by its heads that twelve hours would prince of a fellow, and the chances are you will enterprises and when it switched over from the

# ANOTHER RADICAL VIEW SHATTERED.

584 (Charlotte News.)

wherein they succeed in arising to power.

a fraction of his time and turn out enough to

ATTEND THE CONVENTION. And so we have had to contend with, among The county convention will be held Saturday, some of the more important industries, the two

GRICE AND CARSWELL.

Somebody ought to be made to suffer for the punishment that was heaped upon Grice and Carswell, two illiterate, ignorant Gaston county men who were held in jail for a long time, and tried in the courts upon the charge of murder, a crime which "Speeder Hand" now pleads guilty to, and implicates Orr and others with him in the crime.

Old "Speeder Hand," or Crowder, as he is registered in court, was a great hero about here few years ago. He wrote long letters to the daily papers, cussing the labor unions and the union officials, and his letters were published all about us, and editorials were written about his sweet disposition and his independence.

"Speeder Hand." he called himself, when writing his tirades against the union, and that is what he has proven to be.

So it is with most all of such birds who sell their fellow-workers for a few words of praise from some petty boss. It takes a criminal at heart to commit such acts.

"Speeder Hand" will cool his heels for a few years now in a place that is not often visited by labor organizers, so he ought to be perfectly 'happy and contented." He'll have some one to look out for him, feed him, boss him, and he'll not need the services of labor union officials where he is going.

But 'poor old Carswell and Grice are the goats in this deal. With no friends, no money, they were landed in prison and staid there for a long time, for a crime that "Speeder Hand" and his associates, he says, committed.

## WHAT NEXT?

about everything that has happened in the tex- salaries paid these state employes, many of them verse report, that not even the world's greatest tile industry during the last few years, from to write and thank you and Dr. Alexander for iron and steel industry could resist it, and the the birth of the boll weevil to the death of the publishing such valuable information-informa- eight-hour day was adopted opposing the change 500 per cent dividends that some of the mills made during the war period. But it was left to published hereabouts. I am confident that God sults referred to. The theories of the economic Mr. Hartsell, the sorrel-topped high cockolorem of the Hartsell mill of Concord, to spring the newest one.

he cannot run full time is chargeable to Jim Bar- \$12 a week with which to support their families, ed to an enlightened public sentiment by abolishrett's activities. He tells them, it is said, that I tell you it made me hot under the collar. Then ing a relic of industrial serfdom which had existed every time the mill sells an order that Jim Bar-, when the textile workers try to organize a union too long, and, which was injuring the social and rett follows his salesmen up and in some manner these state officials on such good salaries are economic fabric of the nation's industry. prevails upon the buyer to cancel the order, there- the very first ones to jump onto the workers and by leaving the Hartsell mill with nothing to do, call them bolsheviks simply because they are the plan to abolish the twelve-hour day in the which, in turn, throws the "hands" out of em- trying to raise their pay to above a \$10 a week Steel Corporation has been not only vindicated, ployment for the time being. wage.

And some of the poor fools believed such rot! That's the tragedy of the thing.

Are you going to attend the commencement the savings to payment on the state's debts. exercises of the Birck Masons' School?

receive a call from him before the primary on June 7.

### THE TRADE UNIONIST.

An old man going a lone highway Came at the evening cold and gray To a chasm vast and deep and wide. The old man crossed in the twilight dim, The sullen stream had no fears for him, But he turned when safe on the other side, And built a bridge to span the tide. "Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near, "You'rt wasting your time with building here, You never again will pass this way, Your journey will end with the closing day. You have crossed the chasm deep and wide, Why build you this bridge at evening tide?' The builder lifted his old gray head, "Good friend, in the way that I've come," he said,

"There followeth after me today, A youth, whose feet must pass this way. This stream that has been as naught to me To the fair-haired youth might a pitfall be. He, too, must cross in the twilight dim, Good friend, I am building the bridge for him.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### twelve to the eight-hour day, the eyes of the for Register of Deeds for Mecklen county and the eyes of industrial factors abroad burg county, subject to the action looked on to see what was going to happen. of the primaries on June 7th, 1924.

The latest report issued, following a period during which the experiment of an eight-hour day had been made, reveals not only a growth of tremendous proportions in the volume of business but the declaration also of extra dividends, and the report is being uniformly interpreted as a for the office of Treasurer of Meck-

vindication of the claims of those who protested lenburg County, subject to the acagainst the long and ardous and killing hours of tion of the Democratic Primary on work which Judge Gary, head of the system, June 7. I will appreciate your vote strongly, insisted upon. and influence. Less than a year ago Chairman Gary of the

board read a report before the American Iron and Steel Institute opposing the change from the

Amendment to "Workmen's Comlong working-day with the contention that it would be to the interests neither of employer and employes nor of the public. He presented figures amend the "Workmen's Compensa-to support this view; but figures are frequently tion Act," of the Province of New interesting in theory, and do not bear practical Brunswick, by providing that bene-Widespread protests followed Judge Gary's contention. Meantime experience of a comparatively small independent iron and steel industry act, has been submitted to the legisdemonstrated that the eight-hour day, accom- lature.

panied by certain operating economies, was more

profitable than was the twelve-hour day. It was 1924, 57,900 unemployed persons, also demonstrated that the argument against the eight-hour day on the ground that sufficient and their 60,000 dependents, were men for a three-shift basis could not be obtained supported by subsidies from the national government. To this number should be added 34,000 unemployed, was not well founded. It was further claimed that abandonment of the twelve-hour day would increase the cost of production about fifteen per who receive support through private cent. Experience also proved that this was er- concerns.

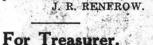
roneous. The increased cost of steel products has advanced less than ten per cent.

It was contrary to the opinions of enlightened people, according to The Birmingham Age Hercame to the article by Dr. Alexander, showing ald, which reminds us in this connection that the names of the employes the state has in the public sentiment for the eight-hour day became This paper and its editor have been blamed for Department of Agriculture, and the amounts of so strong a few months after Judge Gary's adtion that we failed to find in the other papers from the long working-day with the favorable re-

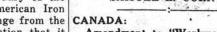
approves of the work you all are doing. As I sat and read that paper, and studied the tenables Operation of the shorter work-day has As I sat and read that paper, and studied the tenables Operation of the snorter work-day has cigar stores, etc. Applicant should either be thoroughly acquainted with not only been wise and practical as regards the either be thoroughly acquainted with the line or have a thorough acquainted with the line or have a thorough acquainted with the line or have a thorough acquainted in the territory, and then thought of the nancially and by removing much of the former It is said on what is considered good and receiving as much as \$15 a day and doing very steel Corporation's interests economically and fi-reliable authority that Mr. Hartsell, he of the little work at that, and then thought of the nancially and by removing much of the former large number of citizens who make only \$10 to friction among its operatives; but it has confront-

The position of the moral forces which caused

but strengthened by the absence of that economic If the citizens of North Carolina had sense disturbance which was predicted as a result of enough to make a jay bird fly head forward they the change. In those plants where the new schedwould reduce this expense to the state and apply the savings to payment on the state's debts. These things are going to continue in America, of time:



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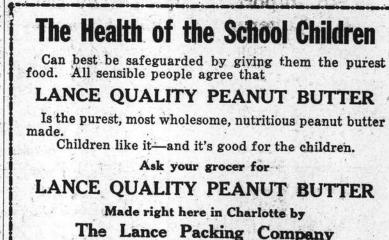
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