#### CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT ADOPTED IN CONGRESS BY LARGE MAJORITY

(Continued From Page One.) ple the best dressed senator has rethe measure, or words to that effect. enactment of federal laws.

Already the plea is being made to rambling editorial Wednesday morning, containing far-fetched ideas in an apparent effort to bumfuzzle the farmers. Rather early in the game to start such stuff, for it goes without saving that the farmers are much too intelligent to accept such teachings and interpretations.

and have, employed children in pref- still more effective course is adopterence to adult labor.

This proposed amendment is much more effective in its provisions than a large number of telegrams within was either of the previous federal the next 48 hours, and he ought to laws that the big interests succeeded be told that the citizens of North in having declared unconstittuional. Carolina—the majority of them-So it will be in the future. It is are in favor of this amendment, and needless for the fight against child he ought to be guided by the sentiprotection to be carried any further. ment of his state, and he ought to History ought to prove this fact.

the textile workers especially to children in preference to adults, Senator Overman, and to these peofought every effort the state made children in preference to enact child labor laws until the plied that they are not informed on federal government took a hand. the question, else surely they would Then these same fellows turned to not be advocating the enactment of state laws, in an effort to avert the

Federal laws were passed, two of the farmers in an effort to line them them. The first was declared unup against the amendment, and The constitutional by five men, thus set-Charlotte Observer published a long, ting aside the action of both houses of congress and the president of the United States.

The second law was then enacted, more effective than the first. This, too, was set aside.

Now comes a proposition much more effective than either of the others, showing clearly that Ameri-America is going to protect its ca intends to protect its childhood, childhood against those who would, and every time the plan is hindered a

Senator Simmons ought to receive vote for the amenament.

#### TEXTILE WORKERS WILL RESIST EFFORTS TO REDUCE WAGES

(Continued from Page One.) ness and conditions.

For many months the textile mills have been curtaiking, running only a very small part of the time. This long slack period has resulted in depleting the savings of the textile workers.

Now it happens, as it has happened in the past under similar conditions, that many mills have announced their intention of reducing wages of the textile workers when full time operations are resumed.

This reduction in wages is not only wrong, but is an outrage. We do not intend to tamely submit to it. If necessary, we are going to use our only weapon

against any reduction in wages. If, after we have been idle so long through no fault of ours, and our standards of living have been reduced, then to accept a reduced pay would mean that we would be forced to abandon all

hope of ever regaining our losses, as any reduction from the already small wages paid us would make it impossible for us to ever enjoy a decent standard of living.

Wages in all other trades are on the upward trend. Why should our wages be reduced?

Now in the event we are forced to use our economical power in some section, or in many sections, we do not believe the public will look upon us as radicals or bolsheviki, but as citizens of the community resisting an injustice that if allowed to be perpetuated would hurt not only the workers but all the business men our workers deal

To the merchants we make this further appeal:

Study well the people who support your business. Is it the manufacturer? Not much! We workers are the ones who make your business go, and if we are forced to use our only weapon-

the withdrawal of our labor from ened cut in pay, the merchants should at and by us in our efforts to be able to resist a starvation wage, which would also result in dull business.

This also applies to the professional men with whom we deal. It should also appeal to the newspapers, whose circulation lists

And finally, it should appeal to all men and women who love justice, and right, and honesty, and who believe in the teachings of the Bible.

It is our sincere wish that all trouble may be averted, yet it is likely that trouble will be experienced, and we wanted to state our case plainly and frankly, which

we have now done. The meeting was presided over by Vice President Jones, in the absence of President James F. Barrett. Delegate Ballard, of Huntersville, open-

ed the meeting with prayer.

Delegate Johnson, of Rock Hill, made an interesting report, stating that the Highland Park mill of Rock Hill runs one week and then stands idle one week. Because of the unsatisfactory conditions existing Rock Hill, Mr. Johnson said, the workers are rapidly turning to the union, recognizing in it the only avenue of relief for the workers. Another Rock Hill man, Mr. Alexander, made some timely remarks. It was reported that although the Rock Hill mill stands idle half the time, and more than half in some instances, the workers are called apon to pay full house rent and other living charges put upon them by the mill owners. Reports from all the centers show-

ed the period of curtailment is general, with some exceptions. Paw. Creek is running day and night, and as not curtailed at all. Several other places made similar reports. Another resolution presented rought forth much discussion. It was an absolutely new thought, and has for its purpose a campaign to offset the activities of the paid labor agents of the mills who go about over the country seeking new families to bring to the mills of the Carolinas. One great obstacle in the way of the advancement of the textile workers is declared to be the over-supply of labor the mill companies always keep about. The resolution, or recommendation, was

tabled for one month, and was ordered to be a special order of business at the next regular meeting to be held in Lexington, N. C. This proposition is as follows:

I recommend the creation of a fund that will bear the expenses of missionaries to go through the great mountain regions of the Carolinas, and across the plains! of the lowlands, and carry the truthful message of the textile workers to all those people from whom the employers draw their over-supply of labpor. At all seasons of the year the manufacturers send their paid agents into every nook and corner and prevail upon the people to leave their homes and come to the mills. Rosy pictures of good pay, electric lights, running water, moving pictures, community houses, athletics, churches and schools, are held up to the view of the people on the hill and in the vale.

As a result of this constant work, there is a steady stream of people leaving the farm and entering an already over-crowded industry. It makes no difference about the dissatisfaction after the rude awakening for the family is in the mill village, and there they stay, for it is seldom they have sufficient funds to leave and return to their former abode and

resume their old occupations. In every mill village there are families who came to those villages just as described. They have the names and addresses of all the people in their respective neigh-borhoods. With this to work from, families who would likely come to the mills can be reached, and the actual truth given them about prevailing conditions, and this would put an end to the constant stream of people entering the textile industry. Of course, the benefits to those already in the industry can be seen at a glance.

Secretary T. E. Reid was unavoidably detained, and James T. Robertson was acting secretary of there are not going to submit to

their part of the losses like men, and making the period as easy as possible on the workers, were made by some of the delegates. The wish was expressed that all manufacturers would do likewise.

James T. Robertson and President C. P. Barringer made short addresses which were thoroughly enjoyed. The next meeting will be held in

Lexington on the last Saturday in open meeting at 8 o'clock in the stitutional.

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Labor through the Bureau of Labor the United States, was made a party bones are hard and his muscles are Statistics shows that here was a de- and prepared and argued the case crease of 1 per cent in the retail in support of the statue. cost of food in February, 1924, as "I cite these former acts of Con- of men." compared with January, 1924.

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(Continued From Page Onc.) of children in industry, but is based upon other grounds sincerely and ionestly entertained by him.

"A compelling interest, however, controlling the employment of immature children in hazardous and ourdensome occupations, prompted ready vested in Congress. On two separate occasions has congress acted upon this nation-wide subject.

passed by a democratic congress. President Wilson strongly urged and advocated such a measure. It was to him a magna charta for the childhood of the republic. At the time of signing this act, President Wilson

any reduction in wages with a remyself.'

Nation-Wide Demand.

The retail food index issued by tinguished colleague, Mr. Hammer, the United States Department of who was then district attorney of his rightful inheritance before his

gress and those decisions of our su-

preme court for the purpose of showing a national desire for action by the Congress of the United this same great message: States upon this subject. Both acts of Congress, that of 1916 and that of 1919, apparently met with a wide wide approval of the people.'

Mr. Weaver continued: "This amendment proposes merely to confer upon the Congress definitely and certainly, but with the n adequate laws for the purpose of approval of three-fourths of the states of the union the power to legislate on a subject in regard to which it was already thought Conme to vote to submit to the several gress had sufficient power. This states an amendment to the constitution that would confer upon Con-gress the power. It has twice un-dertaken to settle definitely the question of the employment of young childlertaken to exercise this power with ren in gainful occupations and to a feeling that such power was al- regulate the hours of employment to

minors under 18.' Mr. Weaver analyzed the pending proposition, and gave a history of "I may point to my democratic the movement against child labor. It may be that the states can and colleagues that one of the acts was He made a strong argument for the will abundantly take care of it. It 'If you grind the seed corn there amendment, and said such legislation had become a necessity.

> Position of Locke Craig. He declared:

"North Carolina has had many remarkable governors. Among these and other forward looking men and weight bread is sold in this city. The "I want to say that with real in the latter years was Governor emotion I sign this bill because I Locke Craig. He now resides in my know how long the struggle has home city of Asheville. He was a advocate this amendment because I mercants can be punished they the session. A telegram was received from Concord stating the workers there are not going to submit to Reports of manufacturers who are genuine pride that I play my part in islature convened in 1915. He had working with their employees during this dull business period, sharing their part of the leaves like the country and felicitate myself. of those whom it affects. It is with or of North Carolina when its leglaying upon immature boys and girls the destroying hand of grinding toil. "Again the congress, {responsive | I do not mean by this that children to an apparent nation-wide demand should not work; that they should for child labor legislation, in the not do ordinary duties that come revenue act of 1919, enacted that to them around the household or any manufacturing establishment upon the farm; that they should not employing children under 14 years be trained to work, but I refer to of age or employing children be- the hired man of 14 years of age, tween 14 and 16 years of age for the boys and girls whose youth is more than eight hours a day or denied them. Governor Craig has working them at night, should pay observed the blighting hand of toil Lexington on the last Saturday in a tax of 10 per cent upon gross pro-May, the business meeting at 4 duction of their mines and factories. 1915, he delivered a message to the o'clock in the afternoon and the This act was also declared uncon- general assembly of that state. In this message he called the attention "Both of those cases originated of the legislature to the child labor in my own state of North Carolina, problem, and he used this language: and in one of them my present dis-

> firm. If we grind the seed corn there will be a failure in the crop

"'If, in our most progressive centers of industry and thrift; the fam children and the drudgery of woen down and is a failure."

fines of the nation. Protection of Childhood.

my judgment a national problem. places in the great duties of life. much progress. My own state of men." North Carolina has done much. In 1915 the provisions for child labor SELL SHORT WEIGHT BREAD were meagre and insufficient, but Dayton, Ohio, April 26. — City 1915 the provisions for child labor due to the efforts of Governor Craig officials have discovered that short women of the state, those laws have law seems very considerate in these

not work, how shall they live, but adequate legislation has been adopt-Governor Craig answered that in ed has been due in no small part to the manufacturers themselves.

"North Carolina is today in my opinion in more respects than one ily cannot live without the work of the first state in the American union. men, then our civilization has brok- amendment is for the purpose of depriving North Carolina and other "It is true that in this message states of an advantage which they Governor Craig was directing him- have made in the manner of emself to a state legislature, and it is ployment. I deny most vigorously, no part of my purpose to commit if such be the idea, that the growth him to a statement in favor of a of North Carolina has been built constitutional amendment. He was upon the labor of immature and uneager that his own state should meet developed children. This amendthis problem, but I do know that the ment is national in its scope upon heart of this great man goes out for the broad ground that childhood it-childhood every where, whether in self is national. It would seem North Carolina or in New York or natural therefore to conclude that in California or the remotest con- the general government might well be invested with legislative powers that would protect if necessary the "The protection of childhood is in children who are so soon to take our

"As Governor Craig so well said: 4 is true that the states have made will be a famine, in the crop of

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