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Herald No Longer Carries the Endorsement of the Charlotte Central Labor Union—Reasons

Unfairness of the C. L. U. in Presenting Questionnaires to Candidates, and Then "Endorsing" Bailey Before Any Replies Had Been Received, the Cause—Herald Objects to Half a Dozen Men Running Labor Movement—Herald Will Stand for Labor But Will Not Be Dictated to By "New" Citizens.

BY JAMES F. BARRETT.

It became necessary, last Tuesday night, for me to tell the Central Labor Union of Charlotte that I would no longer carry the caption, that The Herald is endorsed by the Central Labor Union of this city.

Possibly, in the heat of the moment, I told the Central body to take the endorsement and "go to hell with it." Believing that the facts in the case, leading up to Tuesday night's action, would be of interest to my readers, and to the workers, I would like to give the following facts:

For twenty-two years I have served organized labor in an official and semi-official manner. I defy any man or woman to bring one iota of proof that I have ever proven false to a single charge imposed upon me or assumed by me, in the name of labor.

For nine years, I have been editor of labor papers in North Carolina, with my activities confined to Asheville and Charlotte.

About five years ago, the Charlotte Central Labor Union telegraphed me to come and assume charge of The Charlotte Herald, which was at that time, in Dutch, in debt and in a "devil of a fix." I took it, and for some time, printed the paper in my Asheville office and sent it down here for distribution.

This was not satisfactory to the Charlotte Central Labor Union because they wanted a paper published in an office here in Charlotte. Well, I came. I started out big, believing in the bigness of Charlotte labor unions for support. It took about four months to throw the whole thing "bloody."

Coming back from that, fighting the prejudice against the old Charlotte Herald, before I had anything to do with it, having to face the opposition to labor caused by A. W. Keller's fool efforts to go to the legislature on the labor ticket, and in face of all the mistakes that labor had made, I struggled on and on.

From time to time, and those times seemed to be several times each day, the anvil chorus of the knockers' club was heard on the street corners.

Finally, 1924 came, and things were looking brighter. But with

the coming of the new year, had come some new union men to Charlotte, who seemed to know how everything ought to be run. The Central Labor Union allowed Mr. R. L. Lyle, of the 'carpenters' union, who by the way is a South Carolinian, and whose family still lives in South Carolina, to have a room in the Central Labor Union hall. Mr. Lyle worked hard to build the labor movement, but the fellows took advantage of his office and converted it into a bedroom, a bedchamber and all other kinds of chambers. It was here that the knockers met to knock The Herald and about brothers.

I had an editorial praising the Old Man Duke for the bigness of the man's vision, in opening up work in North Carolina, and as soon as this little chorus down in the Central Hall read my words of praise of Mr. Duke, the question was immediately asked, "How much did Jim Barrett get for writing that editorial?"

This question was just beginning to lose its general interest when I wrote another editorial praising Clarence O. Kuester for his activities and wonderful influence for Charlotte and North Carolina, as a representative of the Chamber of Commerce, and then the new question arose as to how much Jim Barrett got for writing that Kuester editorial?

In the meantime, not a single pat on the back had been given me for the miles and miles of labor union editorials I have written.

Then came the gubernatorial campaign. I knew both men as I know all men in public life in North Carolina. I knew Josiah W. Bailey to be a demagogue. I knew Angus Wilton McLean to be a democrat. I knew Bailey to be a man who had never been called upon to make one single sacrifice in life. I knew Angus Wilton McLean to have been a plowboy in his youth and a man whose judgment was such that the United States called him to Washington to serve upon the war finance board during the strenuous days when we were all battling for

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Textile Workers Meet In Lexington Saturday

At Lexington next Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the Joint Council of Textile Workers of the Carolinas will convene.

There are many matters of importance to come before the meeting and it is expected that an unusual number of delegates will be present.

The matter of curtailment among the mills will be thoroughly discussed. It is not giving away any secret to state that there is open revolt among the textile workers because of a long period of unemployment. This unemployment has been aggravated by the fact that many mills have charge for house rent, lights and water just as though the workers had been employed full time.

Another matter that will make the meeting of more than ordinary interest is the fight that has been waged upon James F. Barrett, president of the Joint Council. It has been predicted that his resignation will be called for at this meeting in Lexington on Saturday. Others state that Barrett gained his popularity among the elite of labor, because of his constant and uncompromising fight for the cotton mill workers. Therefore, some say, the cotton mill workers are ready to cross Hades on a spiderweb for the man who has waged battle for them. At any rate, it is destined to be the most important meeting ever held by the Joint Council of Textile Workers.

BAILEY MAN AND McLEAN MAN EXCHANGE BILLET DOUX

Gallatin Roberts, Former Mayor of Asheville, Wants Jim Barrett to Support Bailey—Barrett Fears Roberts is Losing His Sanity—But After It Is All Over the Two Will Still Be Friends—Each Gives the Other the Right of Opinion.

Gallatin Roberts, of Asheville, N. C., is one of the finest fellows in the world. He is for Bailey for governor, therefore he writes a letter to James F. Barrett, with whom he attended college. Barrett replies. It is not so much to give their ideas of their respective candidates that these letters are published. Gallatin Roberts was long in the legislature, later that men can disagree and both still be honest and sincere, that these letters are published as it is to show to some boneheads about Charlotte becoming mayor of Asheville, Jim Barrett is just Jim Barrett, but with it all a friend to Gallatin Roberts.

Read the two letters and above all remember that whatever may be the outcome of the present election, Roberts and Barrett will continue to be the best of friends. That is the purpose of this publication. We hope all citizens get the drift. Here are the two letters:

ROBERTS FOR BAILEY.

May 16, 1924.

Mr. James F. Barrett, Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Jim:

Just a line to you, old friend. I have just wondered how you stand in the fight for the governorship of North Carolina. I am for Mr. Bailey first, last and all the time. Mr. Bailey delivered the greatest speech here last night ever delivered in the City of Asheville, and he comes back into this section again at an early date.

I have heard many of the great men of the nation speak, but there is not a man on the face of the earth that could have beat Bailey last night. When he finished that superb effort every man actually sprang to his feet in a great cheer for the Raleigh man.

I am for him in that he is a man that copies after no man. He stands four-square to that which he believes to be right. There is no comparison between Mr. McLean and Mr. Bailey. Bailey is a man of great power and ability. He would make a governor that would delight the people of North Carolina. Jim, don't you remember when I was making my fight for the Australian Ballot and for women suffrage when I was a member of the Legislature? Mr. Bailey was always for equal suffrage for the men and women of North Carolina. The old Machine men would laugh at me when I was fighting for equal suffrage in 1911, 1913, 1915 and 1917.

They defeated all my bills, but the time came when under the leadership of that great man, Woodrow Wilson, the State of Tennessee ratified the 18th amendment just after the legislature of North Carolina had refused to ratify, and too, in the face of the request of Governor Bickett that the Amendment be ratified.

Jim, take your pen and write some of those soul-stirring thoughts of yours, and let's see the state nominate and elect that brilliant man, Hon. J. W. Bailey the next governor of North Carolina.

Wish that I might see you personally, and we would talk over the situation. Our thoughts usually run some-what along the same direction.

If there ever was a time in the history of this country when we need honest men in public office, now is the time. I am thinking of the governor of Indiana, and many other public men who have forever damned themselves in the United States.

I just felt that I wanted to write you as an old friend and tell you how I felt.

Give my kindest regards to Mrs. Barrett and the children.

With best wishes for your success, I am, yours sincerely,

GALLATIN ROBERTS.

BARRETT FOR McLEAN.

May 27, 1924.

Hon. Gallatin Roberts, Asheville, N. C.

My Dear Old Friend:

Your letter of May 16 came in my absence from the city, hence the delay in replying.

The best of men go wrong at times, and while I believe your life has been about as free from mistakes as most men, yet like all good men, when you do go wrong you certainly pull a boner. I could understand your joining the Mormons, or moving from West Asheville or taking a fee to defend bootleggers whom you hate so cordially. I believe I could understand your motives should you decide to give up your law practice and go to selling Singer sewing machines or dishwashers. But to save me, I cannot understand why you of all men should be supporting Mr. Bailey for governor.

From the time we sat on the banks of Big Ivy, dangling our bare feet in the cooling mountain stream, and dreamed of the time when you and I would have a part in this life's great work, I have followed you and supported you and swore by you. When you were first presented as a candidate to the legislature I worked for you with all might and main. In fact, my friends soon came to the conclusion that if you failed of election I would be to bury.

When the delegation first approached you to become a candidate for mayor of Asheville, I was so happy that I couldn't run a lino type that night for pure joy at your progress and success.

You were successful in all these undertakings and you acquitted yourself with honor to yourself and to the gratification of your friends.

But your "off-day" has come. You have gone off chasing the wil-low-wisp, and I fear for your sanity. No man of your intelligence and past experience should be for a man like Bailey for governor. You know he has never turned his hand for the very people you love and serve so well. You know he inherited his first job and his standing from his father. You know he inherited his law practice from his father-in-law. You know he has served the big corporations all his life, and you know he cannot now be true to the people you love.

For God's sake, Gallatin, recant, repent, face about, and get with the crowd you've led so successfully and finely in years ago. Let your common sense rule you now, as it has in the past. That common sense would suggest to you, as it has to me, that you vote for Wilton McLean, a man who came from the ranks to rule over his people. A man, is McLean, who loves to know that his neighbors believe in him and in what he says. If you knew him you would love him.

Come on, Gallatin, and get with your friends, get right with yourself. You're too good a man to be going in this direction.

I love you, Gallatin, and hate so awfully to see you making this mistake.

With best love to your family, I am,
Your old friend,
JIM BARRETT.
Charlotte, N. C.

PRINTERS MEETING TIME IS CHANGED

Local 338, Typographical Union will meet in the Central Labor Union hall, West Fourth street, at 2 o'clock next Sunday afternoon.

All members are requested to note that the hour of meeting has been changed from 8 to 2 p. m., and a full attendance is requested, as the newly elected officers will be installed.

Friends of Gov. Smith claim 400 votes assured for him in Democratic convention.

New York State to send out bonus checks to former soldiers at rate of 2,000 a day.

NATION HAS FAILED IN CARE OF DISABLED, SAY VETERANS IN DENYING COOLIDGE CLAIM

(By International Labor News Service.)

Washington, May 26.—President Coolidge's assertion in vetoing the soldiers' bonus bill, that the nation is doing what it should for disabled veterans, has aroused intense indignation among World War veterans, who declare that the President misrepresented the situation.

"I am not ungrateful," wrote the President in his veto message, "that this bill also embraces within its provisions the disability of our veterans and the dependents of those who fell. To state that the disabled veterans and these dependents are entitled to this additional gratuity is to state that the nation is not meeting its obligations to them. Such a statement can not be truthfully made. The nation has spent more than \$2,000,000,000 in behalf of disabled veterans and dependents of those who died. It is now spending for compensation, training, insurance and hospitalization more than \$400,000,000 annually. Solicitude for the disabled veterans and the dependents of those who lost their lives is the nation's solicitude. To minister to their every need is a sacred obligation, which will be generously and gratefully met. The nation stands ready to expend any amount needed for their proper care."

While not denying that vast sums have been appropriated for the care and treatment of disabled veterans, as specified in his message, World War veterans point to appalling conditions in the Veterans' Bureau revealed by Senate investigation as proof of their contention that the nation has failed to care properly for its sick and wounded soldiers. They charge that the Veterans' Bureau fraud upon the Government, its neglect of sick and disabled men, its manifest shortcomings in handling the whole situation, give effective answer to the President's contention that the nation has not failed in meeting its obligations to its former soldiers.

So bitter has been the feeling against the Veterans' Bureau among former soldiers that Senator Tasker L. Oddie of Nevada made the sweeping statement in the Senate that "it can be said with practical certainty that wherever men have dealt with the Veterans Bureau their efforts have been ignored or treated with contempt."

How One Veteran Feels About the Bureau.

To back up his assertion, Senator Oddie read a letter from a former soldier which is a revealing human document of the bitterness of feeling which exists among many soldiers. Leaders in the movement to obtain justice for the veterans declare that it is typical of complaints made against the Veterans' Bureau, which President Coolidge blandly intimates has met the obligations of the nation to the veterans. The letter reads as follows:

"The American Legion Allein Post No. 3, 'Vicksburg, Miss., April 10, 1924. David A. Reed, Esq., Chairman, Tasker L. Oddie, Esq., and David L. Walsh, Esq., United States Senate, Select Committee on the Investigation of the Veterans' Bureau, Washington, D. C.

"Gentlemen: The writer, a permanently and totally disabled ex-officer of the Army in the World War, respectfully petitions your honorable committee to hear and give heed to this, his complaint, of treatment at the hands of the United States Veterans' Bureau under both Directors Forbes and Hines.

"Discharged from the Army, captain, Quartermaster Corps, May 25,

WISDOM

Each week a quotation from some wise and famous person whose writings are tucked away in the store-house of history and achievement.

"The attempt to regulate, control and proscribe all manner of conduct and social relations is very old. It was always the practice of primitive peoples. Such governments assumed jurisdiction over the action, property, life and even religious convictions of their citizens down to the minutest detail. A large part of the history of free institutions is the history of the people struggling to emancipate themselves from all this bondage."—Calvin Coolidge, Address to the American Bar Association, August 10, 1922.

BAILEY LETTER MISCARRIES

According to information received in this city yesterday, the much embattled answer to the questionnaire mailed by the special committee of the Central Labor Union of this city, to Josiah W. Bailey, candidate for governor, has at last turned up and is said to have been mailed to the special committee under date of May 19.

The answers were mailed to Raleigh, according to statements made yesterday, where it was supposed that Ed. F. Snakenberg, chairman of the special committee would be in attendance at the Farmer-Labor convention.

Mr. Snakenberg did not attend the convention and as a result the answers miscarried. The endorsement of the Central body was based upon verbal answers made by Mr. Bailey to the committee in this city, while a short resume of his written answers are to be found in this issue of The Herald.

The communication of Mr. Jimison addressed to Mr. Snakenberg reads:

"I am informed that you have not had a written answer from Hon. Josiah William Bailey to the recent questionnaire of the Charlotte central labor body. I want to say for your information that copy was mailed to you on May 19. I have copy of it, signed by Mr. Bailey, and am enclosing it herewith. I am at a total loss to know what became of the one which was mailed to you unless it went like the one you mailed to Mr. McLean. I would be glad to re-m sure Mr. Bailey would, if you will publish his answer with this letter."

SHAKENBERG IS TYPO PRESIDENT

In a close and interesting contest Wednesday, Local 338 of the International Typographical Union, of this city, elected Claude L. Albea, of the Charlotte News Chael to represent this city at the International Typographical Convention to be held at Toronto, Canada, August 11 to 16.

Mr. Albea won over W. R. Layton, of The Observer chapel by a vote of 23 to 18. This ballot was the hardest contested of the entire election.

Officers elected for the local are as follows:

Ed F. Snakenberg, of The Charlotte Herald, president; C. L. Albea, Charlotte News, vice president; K. A. Duke, Charlotte Observer, financial secretary; T. F. McNally, Charlotte Herald, recording secretary; delegate to state convention, James F. Barrett, editor of the Charlotte Herald; delegates to Central Labor Union, James F. Barrett, editor of Charlotte Herald; C. L. Albea, E. F. Snakenberg, George S. Coble, Charlotte Observer and Watson Connell, Charlotte News.

Results of the voting for officers of the International Union, which also played an important part of the local election, will be announced at a later date.

Prohibition officials padlock three more New York city cabarets.

Manufacturers adopt resolutions attacking Congress.

James Brown, miner, reigns in Holyrood Castle, Edinburgh, as Lord High Commissioner of Scotland.

Many persons hurt in Ruhr strike disturbances.

New York City trade reported hurt by boycott of Ku Klux Klan in West.

Baerfacts

BY J. M. BAER, The Congressman-Cartoonist.

International Labor News Service

Voting and Vetoing

The former Vice-President has become the Veto-President, much to the pleasure of Big Business. President Coolidge hopes to be the next President. He expects to win on his veto program of killing the will of the people as expressed by the great Progressive victory of 1922.

Recently the President vetoed the Bureau pension bill, which provided a little additional compensation for the Civil War veterans who preserved our nation. The attempt to override the veto was lost. He vetoed the bonus bill, which provides paid-up life insurance for World War veterans, but fortunately for the former soldiers, the veto was not upheld. The Progressives and Democrats have a tax bill that will tax the rich and relieve the small fellow—Coolidge will in all probability veto it. Coolidge thus works to relieve those with big incomes and throw the burden on the small taxpayer.

When Coolidge was President of the Senate he helped in a plot to kill the Norris-Sinclair bill, a splendid measure

for farm relief. Big Business does not like legislation to relieve the farmers and if the present farm relief bill, known as the McNary-Haughen bill, is passed by Congress, the President will no doubt use his veto power.

The Old Guard is now trying to kill the new railroad labor bill. If by filibuster and dilatory tactics, the railroad owners cannot kill it in Congress they have full confidence that Coolidge will veto it.

Congress is condemned by the subsidized press and its sheep-like ridiculous readers for not doing anything. The truth of the matter is that Congress has done a great deal but that "Veto Cal" has done his best to nullify what the national legislature has accomplished.

But Coolidge's veto power is not all-powerful. There is a power greater than the veto. It is the voting power of the people. If the men and women of this country take as much interest in voting as Big Business does in vetoing they will add Coolidge to the list of Newberry, Fall, Denby, Daugherty and Bryan.

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