

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS SECTION

Way Workers Strike To Compel Buyers To Keep Word

STATE FEDERATION MEETS IN DURHAM

To the Affiliated Central Bodies, Railroad Brotherhoods, and All Labor Unions—Greetings:

Two months ago the railroad workers of Cuba went on strike, demanding certain readjustments in conditions and wages.

UNORGANIZED TRUCKED; PUBLIC NEXT VICTIM

New York, July 3.—Pacific northwest lumbermen recently reduced wages of their unorganized employees, and sought to force the public to pay higher prices.

The lumber men were aided in their wage cutting by their company "union," known as the loyal legion of loggers and shippers.

PULLMAN COMPANY SPLIT

New York, July 3.—The Pullman company has organized a new corporation to handle the manufacturing part of its business.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL MEET HEARS OF LABOR'S DEMANDS

New York, July 3.—Organized labor presented to the Democratic national convention the identical demands that the Republican national convention was asked to approve.

STRIKE OF PALEFACES IS AIDED BY REDSKIN

New York, July 3.—An Indian chief in this city aiding structural iron workers in their strike for union recognition and higher wages.

LABOR SITUATION IN W. GASTONIA

(By Rev. C. J. Black, in The Gastonia Daily Gazette.)

That the world is in a bad shape financially, no one will try to deny, but what has gone wrong with the world? Why do we see so many idle folks on our streets from Thursday until Monday? Well, we say that our mills are not running as they should.

Each delegate, to be entitled to a seat in this Convention, shall be required to present a proper credential from his organization to the Secretary of the State Federation of Labor.

METAL WORKERS GAIN

La Crosse, Wis., July 2.—Organized sheet metal workers have raised wages through negotiation.

SENSE FROM CONGRESS

"By collective bargaining labor has made itself secure. . . . Everybody is aware of what labor has done in the way of bargaining. Every honest man must admit how impossible would have been this advance of labor from a veritable serfdom to the present position without collective bargaining."

"The great toiling masses of the people, who are not often articulate at Washington, must organize to make their influence more powerful in the legislative branch of our government."

"Some will tell you that we made a great mistake in passing the bonus law. The only regret that I have in that connection is the fact that I had no opportunity to vote for a cash bonus."

LABOR NO LONGER HAS TO DEFEND NON-PARTISAN POLICY

Where are those of yesterday who denounced organized labor's non-partisan policy? Who insisted that our unions should endorse a labor party?

The trade union movement was the pioneer in the new order. It was the first to plead for political independence. It was the first to protest against judgment-blinding partisanship.

In the days of yesterday, trade unionists were told political power and economic power are of equal importance. Sort of a huge bird, or a flying machine, with a wing on each side.

Where are these wise men—the intelligentsia of their day—who brought turmoil into our unions by their padded-cell logic?

Yesterday organized labor pleaded alone for non-partisanship. Today, this is a nation-wide characteristic.

Party discipline is destroyed and party feeling is passing. Public opinion, rather than the secret caucus and the party lash, is the governing power.

Textile Workers Urge Nomination of McAdoo

Resolutions urging support of McAdoo for the presidential nomination by the North Carolina delegation at the Democratic convention as long as his name is before the convention, petitioning the extra session of the Tar Heel legislature to enact a 48-hour work week law for the textile industry, and calling upon the legislatures of North and South Carolina to ratify the child labor amendment.

A large group of textile workers from the locals of the two states was present for the meeting, credentials being presented by delegates from Lexington, Salisbury, China Grove, Landis, Kannapolis, Concord, Greensboro, Durham, Roanoke Rapids, Mooresville, Statesville, Huntersville, Gastonia, Rock Hill, C. Gaffney, S. C., and Columbia, S. C.

The council decided to hold its July meeting in Salisbury. This will be the last Saturday in July and a meeting will be held over Davis and Wiley Bank in the center of Salisbury's business district.

C. P. Shippman, of Salisbury, president of the North Carolina State Federation of Labor, was present and addressed the meeting.

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Big Business Voices Satisfaction With Republican Party Platform: Wins Twelve of Thirteen Planks

Washington, July 2.—Big Business, acting through the National Association of Manufacturers, has presented to the Republican and Democratic parties a series of thirteen platform demands.

Harden Colfax, writing in The Washington Evening Star, says that twelve of the thirteen planks were written into the Republican platform at Cleveland.

"Open Shop" Plank Wins Qualified Approval. Of the thirteen plank Colfax says Big Business regards the platform declaration, not as a denial of what Big Business wants, but as a non-antagonistic declaration of principles.

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WISDOM

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

"Give me the money that has clothed every man, woman and child in an attire of which kings have spent in war, and I will build a school house in every land and queen would be proud. I will crown every whole earth. I will crown every hillside with a place of worship consecrated to the gospel of peace."—Charles Sumner.

TEXTILE WORKERS ARE NOT DECEIVED

Cotton mill workers are not by any means deceived by the present mill situation. They know that the plan on foot is to begin operation at a reduced rate.

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PRISON-MADE GOODS OPPOSED BY BUSINESS

New York, July 2.—Work shirts made in Florida prisons will be sold throughout the country without a distinguishing mark, said F. A. Allison, secretary of a garment manufacturers' association, in protesting to Governor Hardee of Florida against convict labor in that state.

The question of high school graduates from the homes of textile workers was considered at a meeting of the textile workers' union in Salisbury, N. C., July 2.

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RESISTING WAGE CUTS.

Toledo, Ohio, July 2.—"Business men's administrations" have put this city on the financial rocks, and political Babbits who talk of their "business connections" are urging a reduction of 15 per cent in the wages of municipal employees.

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High School Pupils Win Prizes for Best Essays On Immigration Problem

CHURCH REPORT EMBARRASSING

That report made to the Statesville conference of the M. E. church a few weeks ago by the missionary society of North Carolina has been very embarrassing to the members of Charlotte churches which have been contributing to the North Carolina extension work.

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REVOLT AGAINST HIGH TAX

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