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## State Federation Of Labor Endorses The LaFollette Ticket

### LEGISLATION LOOKING TO BETTERMENT OF WORKERS WILL BE URGED AT RALEIGH

#### President Barringer's Report Urges Support of the State Labor Papers

## LAFOLLETTE ENDORSEMENT IS TRIBUTE TO SAMUEL GOMPERS

Given Simply Because the N. C. Boys Desired to Uphold A. F. of L.

### LITTLE EFFECT

Will Result from Endorsement—Federation Made No Plans to Place Name on Ticket.

Organized labor in North Carolina displayed the greatest loyalty to President Samuel Gompers and the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor ever witnessed in America when the State Federation of Labor gave its endorsement to Bob La Follette and his running mate, Wheeler, for president and vice-president. It is a known fact that some of the officials of the state body and many of the delegates were personally opposed to the endorsement, but because of the action taken by the parent body, the North Carolina men showed their confidence in the A. F. of L. by giving the Wisconsin senator the endorsement of the State Federation of Labor.

Many members of the convention were in a quandary as to how a vote is to be cast for the La Follette ticket when no provision has as yet been made to have the names of La Follette and Wheeler on the ticket.

The Durham convention was the first state federation to meet since the action of the A. F. of L., and the whole country was looking to North Carolina labor. Realizing the importance of the hour, the officers and delegates agreed upon the endorsement of the La Follette ticket.

Following is the resolution of endorsement:

"Whereas, President Gompers, Secretary Morrison and the American Federation of Labor's non-partisan political campaign committee appeared before both the republican and democratic conventions and presented the resolutions committees of both parties labor's platform containing 16 planks; and

"Whereas, every one of these planks were not only of a constructive, progressive and humane character, but were of vital importance to the workers and to the nation; and,

"Whereas, both the republican and democratic parties flouted our leaders and refused to grant our requests that would mean so much to the workers of our country; and,

"Whereas, both of these parties refused to heed our prayer that they choose as their standard bearers leaders who would stand for human rights as against property rights, men who would stand

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### SENSE FROM CONGRESS

"Neither the states nor the nation should permit coal mines to become charnel houses or slaughter pens. Humanity dictates that the states and nation should see to it that there are less widows or orphans produced in our coal mines."—Representative John M. Robinson, of Kentucky, in speaking on Mine Disasters.

"I believe that all reforms that the people sincerely desire can and should be accomplished by the ballot through constitutional and legal agencies, and that any resort to violence for any purpose is un-American and will be finally destructive of all hope for the happiness of the people of this and succeeding generations."—Representative John J. McSwain, of South Carolina, in address on "The Creed of an American."

"Our marvelous high-speed automatic and semi-automatic machinery requires that our wage earners be as fit as a horse for a race. That means high wages and all that such wages imply in efficiency, good food and housing, courage, determination and good will."—Representative James V. McClintic, of Oklahoma, in speaking on Tariff Legislation.

## C. P. BARRINGER PLEASES WORKERS

Report is Complete in Every Detail and Shows Work Done By Federation.

President C. P. Barringer's report to the convention of the State Federation of Labor is a most interesting document, and was considered by the convention one of the most thorough and painstaking report ever made by the executive of the state body.

Following is a complete copy of President Barringer's report: Officers and Members of the 18th Annual Convention of the North Carolina State Federation of Labor.

I submit herewith my report for year ending August 11th, 1924, as president:

It has been my privilege, and honor to serve this organization as best I could in my humble way. I feel that our efforts for the past year have not all been in vain. My first move was to make a hurried study of the movement, and better prepare myself for the work which was before me. Just how well these duties were performed, I leave to the convention to judge.

After making a hurried study of the situation, my first move was to investigate, and satisfy myself as to the real condition of the textile workers. I found that the textile workers were the lowest paid employes in our state, and the least organized. These employes represent the dominant industry of our state, and should be given every support, and assistance possible to better organize and enjoy conditions, and

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## LEGISLATION WILL BE URGED FOR WORKERS' PROTECTION

### OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR COMING YEAR

Following are names of officers selected to man the ship of the State Federation of Labor for the next year:

President, C. P. Barringer, re-elected by acclamation; H. C. Caldwell, Asheville, first vice-president; Ed Crouch, Winston-Salem, second vice-president; James T. Robertson, Mooresville, elected third vice-president by acclamation; M. F. Sauls, Durham, elected fourth vice-president by acclamation; Jack Smothers, Greensboro, fifth vice-president; D. J. Butler, Salisbury, sixth vice-president by acclamation; L. F. Dixon, Raleigh, seventh vice-president by acclamation; C. G. Worley, Asheville, re-elected secretary-treasurer; J. L. Shaver, Salisbury, re-elected sergeant-at-arms; C. V. Jones, Mooresville, chaplain.

### WOMEN VOTERS MAKING PLANS

Women voters of North Carolina are banding together to capture vote-getting laurels in the coming November election.

They are out to win the prize silver loving cup, offered by the National League of Women Voters to the league in the state which records the greatest proportional increase in the vote of 1924 over the vote cast in 1920.

Miss Belle Sherwin, president of the national league, has just been notified by Miss Gertrude Weil, president of the North Carolina league, that North Carolina has entered the race for the national cup. In accordance with regulations governing competition for the cup, North Carolina's get-out-the-vote plan has been received at national headquarters. Clergymen, teachers, school children, motion picture operators, radio broadcasters, telephone girls, news boys, milkmen, salesmen, librarians and taxi-drivers have been enlisted in the North Carolina drive for votes. Many influential organizations, composed of men and women, have been recruited for the work.

Many other state leagues are now putting the finishing touches on the outline of their campaign, preparatory to notifying Miss Sherwin of their intention to compete for the cup.

The cup, a handsome trophy standing two feet high, is on exhibition in Washington headquarters. The name of the 1924 winner will be engraved on the cup, but it does not become the permanent possession of a state league. It is to be competed for every two years, and in 1926, when state and congressional elections hold sway, there will be another keen contest.

### Ratification of Proposed Child Labor Bill.

### CONVICT LEASING

And Workmen's Compensation Bill Among the Chief Requests to Be Made of Solons.

Demanding ratification of the proposed federal child labor amendment, asking for a law that will prohibit the leasing of state prisoners to private concerns, calling upon the state to furnish free school books, and making plans looking toward the enactment of a workmen's compensation law were the high spots in the adopted report of the legislative committee of the State Federation of Labor convention held in Durham this week.

A heated discussion arose when the report of the committee was read about the leasing of convicts. The committee has made an indictment against the church for its passiveness and inaction concerning this state of affairs. President Barringer led the fight against the adoption of that part of the committee report, and was finally successful in having the sentence struck from the resolution.

Following is a complete report of the legislative committee:

**Setting Newspaper Right.** Attention of the convention is called to the splendid editorial appearing in Monday afternoon's issue of the Durham Sun. While the delegates are deeply appreciative of the sentiments and words of welcome contained therein, there is one misstatement of facts which the delegates are confident was not purposely made.

The editorial stated that the delegates to this convention did not represent the mill workers of North Carolina. This convention would respectfully call the attention of the Durham Sun to the fact that every ounce of energy, every thought, every impelling motive embraced in the North Carolina State Federation of Labor are at the service of the mill (Continued on Page 13).

## Barringer Re-Elected; Worley's Opposition

As predicted in The Herald last week, C. P. Barringer was re-elected president of the North Carolina State Federation of Labor by acclamation. Secretary C. G. Worley had opposition, as was also predicted in last week's Herald, and Ed. F. Snakenberg, of Charlotte, received a flattering vote for Worley's place. This is the first time since Mr. Worley has been holding the office that he has had opposition, and the vote cast against the Asheville official was in the nature of a vote of protest against Mr. Worley's actions during the printers' strike last year.

As a further manifestation of protest, First Vice-President H. C. Caldwell, a partner of Mr. Worley in The Asheville Advocate, had strong opposition and won by a narrow margin. Many there were in the convention who stated that this is the last year that Ashe-

ville men will completely dominate the affairs of the State Federation of Labor, and the protest vote recorded in Durham in evidence that such will be the case.

In the election of officers Charlotte received not a single place. Although Charlotte is the biggest city in the state, and is the very heart of the commonwealth's industrial life, no delegate from the Queen City was selected for an office in the federation. It was rather disconcerting to some of the delegates from Charlotte as well as to many delegates from cities and sections surrounding Charlotte.

Yet in the main the state as a whole was pretty well satisfied with the distribution of offices, and even Charlotte is looking forward to the next convention when it is confidently expected that an entirely new personnel will manage the affairs of the state body.

### WISDOM

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

"In all true labor, be it but true hand labor, there is something divine."—Thomas Carlyle.