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BARRINGER QUESTIONS ALL THINGS

Asks Who Controls This Paper and Votes It.

ALL FUSSED UP

Makes Use of Many Question Marks—Has Gall, But Short on Nerve.

C. P. Barringer, president of the North Carolina State Federation of Labor, chairman of the Farmer-Labor campaign committee, self-appointed censor of labor speakers and guardian angel of the Republican party of which he has long been a member, writes as follows in reply to my expressed resentment of the Big Boy's officiousness in telling President Gompers and Secretary Morrison how much he didn't like my Labor Day speech. I am sorry the letter did not reach The Herald in time for publication last week. Somehow or other copies of the letter got to Wilmington, and Asheville, and Raleigh, all in time for publication in those cities last week. Perhaps it is because Charlotte is so much further from Salisbury than the other cities mentioned that the Boss' letter did not reach The Herald in time for publication simultaneously with the Asheville, Wilmington and Raleigh papers.

Read his letter carefully, if you are interested in such rantings. Then, next week, I shall have a few remarks to make about things

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GOVERNOR SPEAKS HERE NEXT MONDAY

Governor Cameron Morrison will speak at the Mecklenburg county court house next Monday night on the port and water transportation proposition. It is expected that a large crowd will hear the governor, as it is a subject of much interest to the citizens. The special session of the legislature having voted to submit the proposition of state terminal and water transportation to the voters in the November election, people are anxious to obtain all the information they can concerning the proposed measure. Governor Morrison and his co-workers are confident that it will result in saving the state many millions of dollars in freight rates, in addition to extending the farm and industrial interests of North Carolina, because of water transportation competition with rail transportation. Citizens should be interested to the extent of hearing the proposed measure thoroughly explained, and Governor Morrison is capable of giving the explanation.

WHEELER IS NON-PARTISAN

Providence, R. I., Sept. 18.—At a mass meeting in this city Senator Wheeler, independent vice-presidential candidate, declared that Rhode Island citizens should not be interested in party tags.

In refusing to interfere with state politics, he said. "If you find a suitable candidate for governor or anything else, you don't need to look at the party label."

DON'T KNOW LABOR LAW.

Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 18.—The department of labor and industry reports that there "seems to be a great deal of ignorance" among employers with reference to the age certificate section of the child labor law. The certificate is asked in few mills, factories and mercantile establishments, it is said.

McDONALD HEADS BIG UNION DRIVE

Many trade unionists met at the Central Labor Union hall last Sunday afternoon and laid plans for a big campaign of organization to be waged in this city and section. J. W. McDonald, of the Sheet Metal Workers, was made permanent chairman of the organization campaign committee, and Claude L. Albea was elected permanent secretary.

It is the purpose of this big committee to first visit every organized craft in the city and secure the active support of all members of Labor Unions in this campaign. It is known that the A. F. of L. and many International will assist in this work. It was pointed out in the morning that there are several thousands of unorganized workers in this community, and it is the purpose of this campaign to bring such workers into the organization of their craft, to the end that there may be a solidarity among the wage earners of this community.

Charlotte, for the past year or two, has been laboring under a tremendous handicap caused by the large numbers of people coming from other sections into this city to live and labor. Many such workers have come from the farm and small towns, where they have never had the opportunity of learning about the big benefits of organized labor. It is the purpose, therefore, of this big campaign to approach all such workers who have come here, and endeavor to show them the advantages to be gained for themselves and all other wage earners, through the labor organizations.

Every trade unionist in the city is urged to take an active, enthusiastic part in this campaign.

CLOAK MAKERS' STRIKE FORCES NEW STANDARDS

Boston, Sept. 18.—After an eight-days' strike organized cloak makers won a complete victory over small anti-union shops and jobbers in this city. The recognized cloak manufacturers accepted the agreement which places this industry on a new basis.

The principle clauses of the new agreement call for the registration of contractors by the jobbers, a minimum of six machines manned by six operators to a shop; the unemployment insurance fund, conducted by both employers and employed; a sanitary union label; an impartial chairman for the local trade; equal distribution of work among all contractors; no discharge of contractors during the season without just cause, and an obligation placed upon the contractors not to purchase non-union made garments within this state. In case of a strike, notification to the jobber by the union will be considered sufficient for the jobber to cease dealing with the struck concern.

WISDOM

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

"The freest government can not long endure when the tendency of the law is to create a rapid accumulation of property in the hands of the few, and to render the masses poor and dependent."—Daniel Webster.

miners accept a reduction in their wages.

Lewis Writes to Stone. Mr. Warren S. Stone, Chairman, Board of Directors, Coal River Collieries Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir and Brother: The Coal River Collieries Company owns and operates four mines in the Kanawha coal district of West Virginia, which is within the jurisdiction of District No. 17, United Mine Workers of America. My information is that you are

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HIGHLAND PARK MILLS START WORK

Highland Park Mills, North Charlotte, started up last Monday morning, and it is said that a large crowd of workers were on the scene for resumption of work. Many of the former employes who had left North Charlotte seeking work elsewhere during the depression were back at the mills. Folks who think there is plenty of work and no unemployment about here should have seen the great numbers turned away Monday morning, there being many more showing up for work than the mills could employ.

Huntersville mill, belonging to the same company, has not started work as yet. Rock Hill branch of the Highland Park chain is said to have started up Monday morning.

The Chadwick Hoskins chain is adding more workers all along. Mills in this chain have not curtailed as much as other plants in this section.

Beginning of operations of the mills means much to all the textile workers and to the state as a whole.

IMMIGRATION CUT.

Washington, Sept. 18.—The new immigration law, which took effect July 1, practically stopped immigration the first two months of its existence, according to figures compiled by the immigration bureau.

COOLIDGE AND THE LABOR BOARD

President Oppose d to Any Change in Labor Provisions of Transportation Act Unless Roads Agree

(Labor)

President Coolidge is opposed to the Howell-Barkley bill. If he has his way, the mischievous Railroad Labor Board will not be disturbed until railway management agrees to a change.

The President made his position clear in his Labor Day address and in the supplemental statement issued the following day.

The labor provisions of the Transportation Act were an "interesting experiment," according to the president. It might be well to "modify" them, he admitted, but only by "mutual consent."

Of course, the president knows that railroad management will never consent to the "modification" of the labor sections of the Transportation Act so long as it can control the majority of the

members of the Railroad Labor Board.

That does not mean that all railroad executives are satisfied with the board. They are not. Privately, many would admit the utter worthlessness of the board. Publicly, they would oppose a change.

President Coolidge's Labor Day statement, therefore, means that so long as he is in the White House the labor provisions of the Transportation Act will stand as they were written by the attorneys for the railroad companies in 1920.

Labor is glad that this particular issue has been clarified so early in the campaign. Railroad workers will now understand that a vote for Coolidge is a vote for Ben W. Hooper and the Railroad Labor Board and will conduct themselves accordingly.

Textile Workers Strike Against Wage Reductions

Henderson, N. C., Sept. 18.—A large number of textile workers went out on strike here this week because of a big reduction made in their wages. Those workers have suffered much during the year because of curtailment in the industry, so when the mills started full time operations, with a reduced wage, the workers rebelled. Wages here are lower

than in many textile centers, the average weekly earnings being less than \$10. The workers say they cannot live on this small income, feed and clothe their families and send their children to school, as the law provides. Many business and professional men and women and the farmers of this section thoroughly agree with the workers in their contentions.

Brotherhood Men and Coal Miners Fight Over Union

Following is the correspondence that has passed between John L. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers of America, and Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, in regard to the refusal of the Coal River Collieries, owned by members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and of which Stone is chairman of the board of directors, to sign a wage agreement with the United Mine Workers of America. Ever since the first of last April the Coal River Collieries has insisted that the union

miners accept a reduction in their wages.

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C. P. Barringer Distributing Replies Of Candidates

C. P. Barringer, president of the State Federation of Labor and chairman of the Farmer-Labor non-partisan campaign committee, is distributing the replies made by Hon. I. M. Meekins, Republican candidate for governor, and Hon. A. W. McLean, the Democratic candidate, to the Charlotte Central Labor Union questionnaire. These questions have bearing upon many important subjects, and the replies of the two candidates make interesting reading.

President Barringer requests the publication of the replies and

on, which follow:

To Charlotte Central Labor Union: We, your committee on political questionnaire, appointed in accordance with the non-partisan political policy of the American Federation of Labor, beg to submit the following report:

Under instructions from this union, a set of twelve questions were duly submitted to the candidates for the office of governor, both Republican and Democratic,

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