

ROOSEVELT AND HIS VIEWS ON UNIONISM

He is Carrying Out His Argument Before the Engineers—Must Not Forget Each Man Should Work For Others By Working For Himself, Developing His Capacity.

Washington, July 29.—President Roosevelt's recent dictum in favor of the "open door" for non-union as well as union labor in the Government Printing Office and other branches of the Federal service is becoming matter of deep concern to labor union men of the Government service in Washington.

Employees of the Government Printing Office are understood to desire more than anything else at present, modification of the orders of the President. These orders were elicited by the case of Assistant Foreman W. A. Miller, with whom members of the Bookbinders' Union are working under protest, and also under a temporary suspension of their constitution in respect to the provision which forbids them to work with an expelled member of the union. That provision is in direct conflict with the Federal rulings that non-union men must be allowed to work side by side with union men.

It is not known here upon what the union men base their hope that the President's recent order to modify his first letter in the Miller case will be reconsidered. Those who know the President well and are familiar with his opinions regarding labor do not believe he will recede from the proposition he has laid down in the Miller case. As a matter of fact, it is believed here by many that the President took advantage of the Miller case to lay down a ruling in accordance with his conception of his duty to the nation, once and for all. The position of the President is understood to be that no one may be removed from the Government civil service except for the good of the service, and that if the laws of the land conflict with the laws of labor unions the latter must conform to the former until Congress remodels existing legislation.

In his first letter in the Miller case President Roosevelt laid down the general principle: "There is no objection to the employees of the Government Printing Office constituting themselves into a union, if they so desire, but no rules or resolutions of that union can be permitted to override the laws of the United States, which it is my sworn duty to enforce."

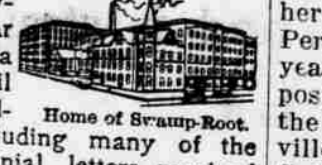
This pronouncement is perfectly consistent with the views of the President on the general question of labor, as reiterated time and again by him in his messages and speeches on his recent trips. He is known to believe first of all in the right of individual initiative. He believes that every man has a divine right to work, and that his individual initiative is always supreme. Second only to this, in the opinion of the President, is the right of working-men to organize. President Roosevelt has time and again declared himself in favor of organization and friendly to trades unionism, but he believes that members of the brotherhoods of toil must recognize first of all the right of the individual.

In his speech on the labor issue before the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers at Chattanooga September 8, 1902, President Roosevelt said: "I believe emphatically in organized labor. I feel that we must always keep before our minds the fact that there is nothing sacred in the name itself. The worth of an organization depends upon its being handled with skill, courage, wisdom, a spirit of fair dealing, as between man and man, and wise self-restraint."

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lished by each working for all, and all for each, but we must not forget that the first requisite in accomplishing that is that each man should work for others by working for himself, by developing his own capacity."

Each must refrain from arbitrary or tyrannous interference with the rights of others. Organized capital and organized labor alike should remember that in the long run the interest of each must be brought into harmony with the interest of the general public; and the conduct of each must conform to the fundamental rules of obedience to the law of individual freedom, and of justice and fair dealing toward all. Each should remember that in addition to power it must strive after the realization of healthy, lofty and generous ideals. Every employer, every wage earner must guarantee his liberty and his right to do as he likes with his property or his labor, so long as he does not infringe upon the rights of others.

Mr. Editor: Perhaps the most interesting question before the people of Mecklenburg county just now is the "Bond Issue," for the improvement of the public roads. It is but natural that should be difference of opinion among men on all public questions, and it is manifestly not only the right, but the duty of every citizen to vote for whatever he thinks is for the best interest of his country. And it is equally obligatory on every citizen to inform himself carefully as to what is for the best interest of his country, before casting his vote. We are glad to see such men as Capt. W. E. Ardrey coming out publicly in favor of the Bond Issue. We endorse all that he says and only wish he had said more. It is a plain business proposition that is before us, and the main question to be considered is will it pay? It is about like this. Suppose a man has a fine farm of 500 acres of land and has it paid for, but finds that he has only money enough on hand to buy two mules and employ two or three hands. Now the question is will it pay that man to borrow what money he needs to stock his farm and hire the necessary labor to cultivate it, or will it pay him better to wait till he has the money on hand to make the necessary improvements? And so the question with us is whether it will pay us better to borrow the money and build the roads now, and get the benefit of them during our life time, or will it be better for us to wait till we have the money on hand before we make the improvements? In other words shall we make these improvements now, and leave the county to the next generation in better condition than we found it, even though we leave them a debt to provide for? That depends of course on whether the investment is wise one or not. But it is too late in the day now to raise the question whether or not the making of good roads is good policy. Good roads, civilization and prosperity are found together everywhere the world over. Now it may be that some men who live in the city, and who do so plainly, or feel the need of them so constantly, may vote against the Bond Issue, but it is to be expected that every man who lives in the country will vote for it. For the last fifty years the people of the country have been paying taxes, and the city people have derived the greater part of the benefit. But in this case the city will pay her part of the taxes and the country people will derive the greater benefit. And this is right, and no man in the city who has a proper sense of right and wrong can afford to vote against it for this reason, though he may vote against it for other reasons satisfactory to himself. And no one should blame the city people if they should not make a special effort to carry this election, but we are inclined to think that if the conditions were reversed, if the city were getting the better end of the bargain, there would be more stir in the camp than there is at present. One more word. It may be said by some that Capt. Ardrey is in favor of the issue because he has been paying taxes all his life for other people's benefit and has no road yet. Well he and thousands of others situated like him, have a perfect right to vote for the Bond Issue for that very reason, if for no other. But we believe Capt. Ardrey is in favor of it because it is right. We believe that if Capt. Ardrey were situated like the writer of this, with the public road already macadamized beyond his place, he would still be in favor of the Bond Issue because it is right.

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—Mr. L. Rosebaum and family have moved to No. 802 North Poplar street.

SHELBY ITEMS.

Union Picnic—Wheat Crop Slim. Other Notes Of Interest. (Correspondence The News.) Shelby, N. C., July 28.—There will be a union picnic of the Sunday schools of New Prospect, Beulah, Stubbs and St. Paul, on Saturday, Aug. 8th. Addresses will be made by Messrs. E. Y. Webb and Clyde R. Hoey. A bounteous dinner will be served.

Messrs. A. E. Elms & Co., of Shade, have threshed 5,000 bushels of wheat this season. Last year they threshed 4,000, however they covered enough territory this year to have gotten 15,000 bushels of grain. There was just about a third of the usual crop.


The Anti-Saloon League will meet in the court house in Shelby Thursday night. Rev. Jno. A. Oates, of Fayetteville, will deliver an address and the League is invited.

Prof. J. W. Griffin, of Rutherfordton, has been elected principal of Sharon High School. The session will open August 17th. Prof. Griffin is a capable teacher.

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Messrs. C. P. Gardner and O. P. Spoke are conducting a singing school at Elizabeth church this week and it will continue until August 6th. Thursday week, when a public concert will be given by the singing class. Mr. Clyde R. Hoey has been invited to deliver an address.

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