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The following letter to members without outspoken champion in pubof the Senate and House of Representatives was adopted by the legislative representatives of organized or the deneral masembly:

Randigit, 11, U., Peu. 6, 1919. Dear on .- We, in our representaare capacity, would most respect-

ully ask your earnest consideration or the nin, introduced in the senate by constur Connor and in the rious. of representative Saunders, to make enecuve the poncy of the State of North Caronna, as deciared in Various acus of its General Assemones, with reference to child labor.

The nexible provisions of this bill,

making possible a uniform and common-sense enforcement, by a commission composed of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the secretary of the State Board of mealth, and the Commissioner of Labor and Printing, the very nature of whose functions as State officers as at present defined and exercised make them the logical and proper persons to administer this proposed

As an honored and trusted representative of a State whose fighting men were "first at Bethel, farthest stay at Halfway House and pass this to the front at Gettysburg and Chickamauga, and last at Appomattox," whose proud boast is that "North Carolina sits at the head of the table," you will be interested in the early passage of this act by which one of the State's problems will be solved by those whose duty it is to find solution, and that the State shall be spared the humiliation of Federal interposition by legislation, ahead of State action, in a matter which it is the State's high priv-

Under the pending bill State inspection can be correlated with Federal inspection and the work of the State inspectors answer the requirements of the Federal Government. The State is now definitely pledged

ilege and primarily its duty to regu-

to a greater rural North Carolina; we have a strong agricultural department with the powers of a sublegislature, headed by a farmer with a large staff of scientists, marketing division, agricultural colleges, etc.; and this probably is as it should be. The army of urban wage-earners are

THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR.

ation because Labor Commissioner Shipman asked for machinery to endisplace Shipman as a member of the commission charged with the enforcement of the statute, the Governor being named in place of Shipman. Governor Bickett does not desire that honor, and representatives of organized labor have made a dignified appeal to the Legislature to pass the original bill. If any measure is passed, it should be either the junkets: original bill suggested by Shipman or one similar. The attempt to punish the Labor Commissioner suggests tionalities." not only petty spite, but the idea that he must be set aside simply the league has kept out o and solely because he asked that the print up to the present time. child labor law be made a reality instead of the dead letter it now is. The Legislature can't afford to cngage in that sort of business .--Statesville Landmark.

UP TO OLD TRICKS.

New York, Feb. 8.—The national

bor, and steamship companies.

Company, Carnegie corporation, Lackawanna Steel Company, Jones & Laughlin Steel Company, Berwind-White Coal Mining Company, Rogers-Brown Iron Company, and other

Among the documents was a cable to the Hamburg steamship line,

lic place. The only department of Legislation of

the government through which the have submitted tate in fact or in name gives official ecognition to the urban wage-earner is the Department of Labor; and foundamental we most respectfully insist that its duties and powers shall be enlarged as occasion, like the present, may

Through the long and fearful ravail of nations that "the world in the relations might be made safe for democracy, Hope has told a flattering tale to the men of toil: they believe in the early triumph of elemental justice, which is the limit of their demands. Those of them who by their bravery and sacrifice in the field and their loyalty and self-denial at home contributed their full share in achieving a measure of liberty for the oppressed of Europe may be pardoned for expecting a reasonable degree of onsideration as tollers and as citizens of North Carolina,

We confidently assume that nembers of this General Assembly of world peace. have sumcient State pride to obviate the necessity of federal legislation law, should strongly commend it to on this subject, the mental honesty those to be most directly affected to concede the necessity for the passage of the Connor-Saunders Child Labor bill, the political sagacity to 'register off' after a protracted bill without emasculation.

With great respect, Very truly yours, W. F. MOODY, LAWRENCE E. NICHOLS, Legislative Committee State

Federation of Labor. H. W. HARGIS. Legislative Chairman Order of

Railway Conductors. C. C. PAGE, Legislative Chairman Brotherhood Locomotive Engineers.

J. E. BAUMBERGER, Legislative Chairman Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

E. J. JONES, Legislative Chairman Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. J. F. McMAHON,

Legislative Chairman Railway Shop Crafts. W. S. BURRUS.

Legislative Chairman Brotherhood of Hallway Clerks. E. R. PACE,

Central Trades Council of Ral-

owe \$7,000 in salaries, rent, printing, etc., and that "unless we pay A bill to abolish the office of La- immediately we will be sued and the time. bor Commissioner, offered as retali- put in bankruptcy with disagreeable consequences for all concerned."

In urging large employers to conforce the child labor laws, found no tribute regularly to the support of favor with the legislators, and an- the league, officers state that "we other bill was offered that would have to send appeals and communications to some 15,000 influential persons, most of them clergymen." It was also stated that it is nec-

essary to send to Washington a number of delegations composed of members of various nationalities. The league gives this hint on how delegates were chosen for these

"But the delegates were not really chosen by bodies of their own na-

the league has kept out of public of North Carolina the other day

SOMETHING NEW.

Bheriff Lasater says the blockaders have discovered a new process for making liquor, and can now manufacture it without a still and without spending their time in the woods liberal immigration league has is exposed to all kinds of weather and sued a statement against the pro-to the possibility of being captured posed stoppage of immigration for a by officers and imprisoned. They period of four years. The league ig- prepare the meal or other material nores industrial conditions in this from which the liquor is made, and country and declares that it "would after it has undergone fermentation they place it in a pot on the kitchen be wiser to wait until we have a stove, and as it boils they catch the ics and farm hands, who would truly He has given notice that he will take problem before we attempt to solve steam in an ordinary bath towel. represent a majority of the people a hatchet and smash all the machines it."

After it has been absorbed by the in the State, what a howl would go before he will deal with the union. This league opposed the passage towel, they wring the towel and up incessantly from the lawyers, the of the present Burnett immigration from the accumulation of steam is restriction law in 1915. At that produced the liquor. A simple protime President Compers made pub- cess, and yet it is said that it is one lic a series of sensational documents that will produce results. The slops which showed that the league was are thrown to the hogs in the yard, financed by large employers of la- and were an officer to make a raid on the man's home he would find The list included the Pittsburg no evidence of blockading, unless he Coal Company, Susquehanna Coal found a large quantity of liquor.— Sanford Express.

COOPERS UNITING.

Kansas City, Kans .- Officers of the Coopers' International Union report that tight and slack barrel trimLABOR AND PRACE TREATY.

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sals to the con

"We declare "A league o

the world in a genuine and pr secure justice, "The entrance of any free nation

into the league world shall be "No reprisals based upon purely indictive purposes or deliberate devindictive purpo sire to injure, but to right manifest

"Recognition of the rights of small nations and of the principle 'No people must be forced under a soverign-ty under which it does not wish to

ments of power except in the fur-therance of the welfare of the peoples affected and in the furtherance

"That in law and in practice the principle shall be recognized that the labor of a human being is not a commodity or an article of com-

"Involuntary exist except as a punishment for crime of which the party shall have been duly convi

"Trials by jury should be estabassemblage, free

shall not be detied or abridged.
"That the seamen of the merchant

"No article of commodity shall be "The Skinner & Eddy Corporation shipped or delivered in international sold two ships to Japanese interests commerce in the production of which children under the age of 16 years have been employed or permitted to 000, which gave a firm a net profit

No article or shipped or delivered in international commerce in the production of which convict labor has been employed o

"It shall be declared that the work day in industry and commerce shall not exceed eight hours a day except o life and property. such as danger

factured in private homes shall be prohibited.

"That equal wages shall be paid

work performed. "The incorporation of the points sured of better protection-

land down by President Wilson."

CAROLINA NOW.

Hon. W. O. Saunders, editor of the Independent at Elizabeth City, and also member of the House from Pasquotank, and patron of the Child Labor bill, has the following in a recent issue of his paper:

A POLITICAL THOUGHT. I took a casual inventory of the

Since President Gompers' expose personnel of the General Assembly and observed that it was composed largely of merchants, manufacturers, lawyers and land-owners. And thought how fortunate these representatives of the classes were to be able to sit there in peace and privilege and make laws to suit themselves and their class interests without having the laboring masses of the State throwing bricks, cabbages.

> rotten eggs and verbal denunciations at them day in and day out. And it occurred to me that if that General Assembly were composed of day laborers, carpenters, cotton mill with the Matilda Waist Company il workers, saw mill laborers, mechan-the manager carries out his threat.

the land barons! The privileged classes in North know it. And maybe the working good." classes are blessed also. If the working classes asserted their ma- the girls are paid 35 to 40 cents for jority strength and captured a ma- a dress or suit that is sold for \$30. jority of seats in the General Assembly they would immediately cease to be good citizens, in the eyes of the classes, and would be branded Bolsheviki. The average workingman in North Carolina would rather starve to death than be called a Bol-Hamburg, Germany, in which officers of the league state that they couver, B. C., coopers.

Hamburg, Germany, in which officers nave been class interests should be to make the cents an hour, second year, 55 cents, and fourth year, 55 cents.

HUGE SHIP PROFITS SHOWN BY

Seattle Wash.—The strike of shipouilding unions were given authority by Mr. Piez (Shipping Board) last nonth to negotiate separate agree-nears with shippards if they desired

rades Council, has made public s figures on the profits of ship-

ie Seattle yards \$145 per ton for hips. At this figure the builders vere able to pay an increase of \$1,75 per man per day. This amounted to

"In July, 1918, the builders were paid \$167 50 per ton and admitted that the cost of construction, covering everything, was \$1,000,000 per

an 8,800-ton ship at \$167,50 per on brought the builder a price nounting to \$1,474,000. Taking the admitted cost of construction net profit of \$474,000. If the rates asked by the Metal Trades Council, amounting to an increase of \$66,000 per ship, had been paid, the build-ers would have had a net profit of servitude shall not \$408,000 on 1sst summer's figures.

"It is admitted that the builders at the present time are getting \$186 per ton, which for an 8,800-ton ship means a price of \$1,636,800. It is further admitted by the builders that the present cost of construction of these ships is \$1,350,000. This illows a profit of \$286,000. If the ull demands of the men were met, marine shall be guaranteed the right the builders would still have a net of leaving their vessels when the profit of \$200,800 per ship at the same are in a safe harbor. oresent time.
"The Skinner & Eddy Corporation

for the sum of \$5,000,000. The admitted cost of each ship was \$1,000,on that one deal of \$3,000,000."

WORKERS' WELFARE

Munich, Jan. 10—(Correspondence the Associated Press).—The new covernment department for socia ffairs, one of the first fruits of the revolution, has announced a program which contains some novel feature the workers.

One of the most important of its "It shall be declared that an ade- plans is to organize a new bureau quate wage shall be paid for labor of public health, to be charged with John Lind, ex-Governor of Minneperformed-a wage based upon and the task of ascertaining the causes commensurate with the standards of of illness among employees in all pay conforming to the civilization of trades and the discovery of means of preventing them.

All industries are to be inspected to women as is paid to men for equal by representatives of labor organizations so that workmen may be as-

It is intended to prohibit after April 1 the publication of advertisements offering employment. The LASS LEGISLATION IN NORTH reason for this it not stated. Other plans announced by the new department are: Extension of the powers of the in

lustrial physicians, Interesting of capital in the construction of workmen's homes. New arrangement of the working iours of house servants, including

nore free time. Farmers, peasants and country laborers are to be placed on an equal basis with industrial and trade

New arrangement of the payment of war pensions for the families of hose injured in the war. Alteration of the existing home worker laws, with specia to women who labor at home.

THIS BOSS IS REAL MAD.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., Feb. 8.-Dress workers a liated with International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union are demanding a 44-hour week but they won't get very far

The unionists don't seem worried merchants, the manufacturers and over this sabotage threat. They laugh at the irate boss who is assured that others have made similar Carolina are blessed and don't statements, but failed to "make

A representative of the union says

CARPENTERS WANT MORE

Waco, Tex.-Organized carpenters have prepared a new wage scale, to men rates are advanced to 85 cents mers have organized in Cleveland, shevist. The chief enterprise of the one hour; apprentices, first year, 45 the Harvard medical school to train class interests should be to make cents an hour; second year, 50 cents; physicians and subordinates in the

HAS STRIKE "SOLUTION."

5,000 workers being waged by the nternational Ladies' Garment Work-

Mr. Gordon said the manufactur rs will employ workers who have no mion connection and of a type different from our present class of

There are enough workers, une loyed in this city, due to the abannment of government work, he aid, to supplant the strikers, "we men and men who do not submit to the bolshevistic doctrines which the strikers drink in so readily."

"The new class of help which the sanufacturers intend to employ," ontinues Mr. Gordon, "will be kept ermanently. The workers will be arefully selected from the army of marching through the streets in this and other cities, and our permanent solution of the great difficulty—the class of help-will have been

not a manufacturer and knows nothing of the garment industry. He is a hired man a lawyer. The fers to are a demand for the 44-hour work week and a living wage. These mands have been endorsed by A. F. of L. Secretary Frank Morrison of the International Union, congratlating the trade unionists on their plendid fight for better conditions.

BOOKBINDERS GAIN.

Salt Lake City. Utah.-Organized bookbinders have increased wages to \$31.50 for journeymen and \$35 for

Birmingham, Ala .- The Bookoinders' Union has established a new wage scale. Women workers in this industry have recently organized, and they are included in the advance.

just one year old, and has proved the value of organization by

TOURS REDUCED: NOT WAGES

in the case of the International Paper Company versus its employes. sota, rules that a previous award means an eight-hour day for inside workers and nine hours for outside workers, with no wage reductions.

The umpire calls attention to the refusal of the National War Labor Board to recognize bonuses "or other forms of gratuities" as constituting part of the minimum wage scale that has been adopted.

"Any bonus or gratuity paid by the International Paper Company or by any other mill shall be wholly disregarded in the computation of the arrears of wages accruing to employes under the award," rules the umpire.

DISCUSS CONVICT LABOR.

New York.-The only way to reorm the county jail is to abolish it and substitute the State farm on the employment compensation system for the benefit of the State, said Edwin M. Abbott, general secretary of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, at the annual conference of the National Commit-

ee on Prisons and Prison Labor.
"The articles made by prison labor should not be stamped prison-made," said Mr. Abbott, "but at the same time they should not be thrown upon open markets. They can all be util-ized in State institutions."

CAN'T MINE ITS COAL.

Harrisburg, Pa .- A State normal thool cannot engage in the mining of coal on its own lands, according tiorney General Myers.

The official held that there is no

act of the State Assembly that permits this action, although the State 'can engage in any business or do anything not expressly forbidden or prohibited by the constitution."

TO STUDY HEALTH IN STORES.

Boston.—A scientific investigation the health of mercantile employes throughout the country will be undertaken by the Boston Board of Trade, representing retail merchants, and the committee on industrial hy-

giene at the Harvard University. The plan includes every phase of hygiene in these stores. The information will be compiled and used by

local newspaper, Federal Indi earned that Congress had raised the calaries of federal judges \$1,500 a

"I haven't any troubles that money

Judge Bledsoe recently issued an he were asking for a living wage.

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