

CHARLOTTE OBSERVER EVIDENTLY LIED

Misquoted Statement Made by Marvin Ritch in Regard to Street Car Strike

The Charlotte Observer charged Mr. Ritch with making an incendiary speech at the court house in Charlotte some days ago. This charge was reprinted in several papers and commented upon, in many instances, to the injury of Mr. Ritch, in fact it forced him to announce through paid advertisements that the charge made was a lie. The statement of Mr. Ritch is borne out by the statement of Mr. Tillet, who is one of Charlotte's most prominent young lawyers, as follows:

"As being pertinent to an accusation which is being made against Mr. Marvin L. Ritch I wish to make the following statement: I was present and heard the speech which he made from the court house steps in which he is alleged to have made a 'covert' threat of the use of violence in the event cars were operated during the strike. He made no such threat. What he said was that if the company undertake to operate cars with men new at the business and trained only in the car barn—which was the procedure Mr. Taylor had said he would adopt—anybody riding in such ill-manned cars would ride at their peril. The reporter who quoted him as saying anything more sinister than that was incorrect.

"In Mr. Ritch's speech there were no threat of violence either direct or covert.

"I write this in the interest of fair play and so that a bad situation will not be made worse by misrepresentation.

"Respectfully yours,
"C. W. TILLET, Jr."

"I ASKED FOR BREAD,
YOU GAVE ME A STONE."

By James (Pitchfork) Henderson.
The state of New York, acting through its Industrial Commission, investigates causes for industrial unrest. Strikes, or rumors of strikes, find representatives of the commission holding public hearings or lending their services to adjust grievances that end to lead to greater disaster. The work of the commission is practical, and avoids all display of theatrical trimmings, either in the manner of the dignity that surrounds the hearings or the reports issued to the press. The fact that its members are subject to civil service rules relieves the situation of all tendencies that might influence political pressure to the detriment of both parties to the dispute.

In comparison with neighboring States, particularly Ohio and Indiana, when it comes to handling strikes, etc., New York deserves the commendation of persons who believe that the various States are competent to adjust all difficulties that may occur inside its own borders. The question of "State rights" is traditional with all Americans. Just as the individual defended the "line fence" property of his homestead, so with the family quarrel—it is the concern only of the parties inside the two walls. The American is a born individualist, and "State rights" are the foundation stones of this republic. Few will deny strangers are more likely to listen to gossip than gospel. Who will deny that the influence near home will bring peace quicker than unknown and disinterested parties?

There is a sense of pride and confidence in feeling that each State in the Union is responsible for its own personal welfare, and when the States are robbed of this duty their civic pride fades, and in due time pauperism will supersede patriotism, for the unit responsibility in governmental affairs brings forth wholesome citizenship.

Just as we seek cause for industrial disorders, it's but right and proper that we should likewise seek cause for governmental disorder, and the city of Toledo, Ohio, presents a typical example of what may spread all over North America unless citizens awake from their sleep of social indifference. A strike occurred at the Willys-Overland plant. Employers' agents applied for an injunction through a selling agency in the State of North Carolina. Counsel for strikers appear in court to argue against issuance of injunction; court refuses to listen to either side; injunction issues against officers and representatives of various unions; court restricts picketing; specifies the number of pickets per day; court selects or rejects pickets selected by union; court appoints two employers to represent his purposes inside the factory; declares these two persons not to be termed "receivers"; court permits armed guards provided by the mayor for protection of property inside the fence; court appoints armed guards to carry out wishes of employer representatives; court orders United States marshal to swear in deputies at desire and demand.

With no consideration of citizenship, as was required from pickets; court confiscates "Sailor and Soldier" weekly journal; court orders soldier editor from Toledo; delay in obeying court order gave the victim TEN MONTHS IN JAIL.

The above events occurred in the ear of our Lord 1919 in the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Ohio, Federal Judge John M. Killits presiding. After reading these events, who will deny "There is equal voice on" among the dumb, equal minds only among fools; equal success only among the failures, and equal strength only among the dead?"

This abuse of power is the result of weakness on the part of State officials from the governor down; a craving for lofty political ambitions and the greater desire not to injure these chances by taking sides in any controversy that may bring them enemies. Allowing employers to ignore the functions of the State, representatives of the Ohio Industrial Commission only begged for a smile, and received a scowl. Ohio labor was asking for bread, and the State gave them a heart of stone. New York State realizes that when "law ends tyranny begins." Indiana and Ohio State officials apparently lack the spirit of self-reliance and self-control, and their office-seekers will prefer to go to the golden calf, instead of the people they have betrayed, for their political support.

Someone has written these words: "The history of human thought is filled with the rise of doctrines, laws and generalizations not drawn from human experiences, and not sanctioned by science. The attempt to use these ideas as a basis of human action has been a fruitful source of human misery."

The multiplying abortive laws upon our statute books today gave little consideration to the ideals and philosophy of labor. The action of Federal Courts in the issuance of

"injunctions," and the biased attitude of these institutions in labor disputes compare their various legal instruments with the duties of the ancient candle snuffer, which, when used, extinguished the light. Dare we allow the light of industrial liberty to be extinguished by usurped judicial despotism?—Mechanist Monthly Journal.

PRESIDENT'S COURSE IN SHOEMEN'S CASE APPROVED BY STONE.

Washington, D. C.—Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, has endorsed President Wilson's stand on railroad wages, according to a dispatch to the New York Tribune. Mr. Stone said:

"The solution of the wage problem, not only on railroads, but in all other lines of business, lies in a reduction of the living costs, not in increased wages.

"For the last year or so we have seen wages advanced and have watched living costs mount to the new level. Then we have enjoyed another raise, and then again costs approach and soon exceed the new level.

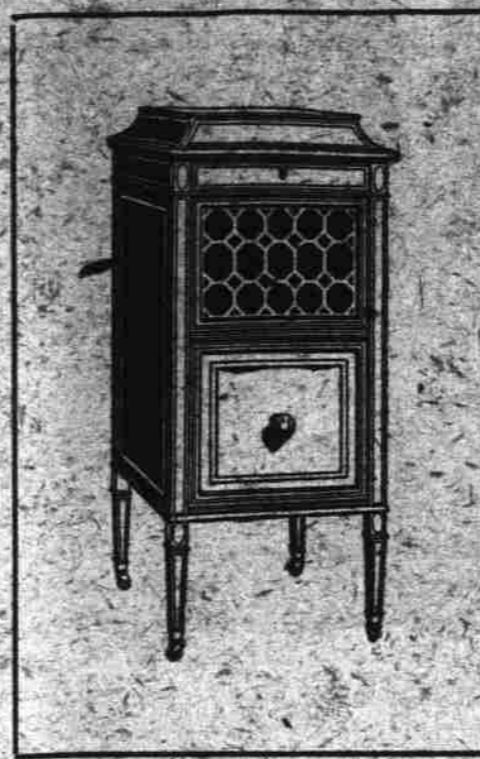
"This race has got to stop. The remedy lies in checking the high cost of living. No matter how high you make wages, living costs have demonstrated that they can climb as fast, in fact, take delight in so doing."

NEW BLACKLIST SCHEME.

Chicago, Ill.—The Crane Company has adopted a new scheme to check up undesirables. It forwarded ballots with self-addressed envelopes to its 7,000 striking employees, with a request that they vote on the question whether the "works should again be reopened." The company can now check up the names it forwarded ballots to with the returned ballots.

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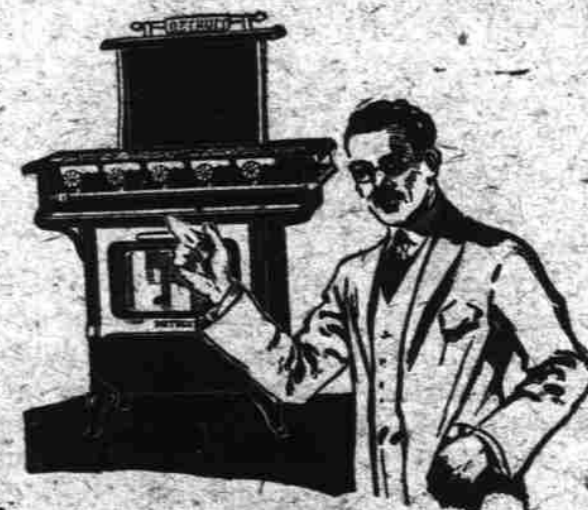
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