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TEXTILE UNION LEADER CONTRASTS CONDITIONS IN NEW ENGLAND AND SOUTH

McKosky Returns in Interest of Organization in South— Vice President of United Textile Workers Discusses New England Strike.

The conditions among textile workers in New England, particularly as individuals, is better than is found in the south, was the statement made last night by Frank McKosky, vice-president of the United Textile Workers of America, who is spending some time in Charlotte and this section in the interest of organization of textile workers, says Monday's Charlotte Observer.

A meeting of representatives of the textile locals in the Carolinas was held in North Charlotte yesterday at which agreement was reached to proceed with the organization of a permanent joint council of representatives and a meeting was called for the first Monday in April, in Charlotte, for the purpose of perfecting this council.

Mr. McKosky stated that he did not care to go into the question of comparison of conditions of workers in the New England and the south, but did say conditions favored the workers in the northern mills, in which a strike now exists to resist the efforts of the mills to reduce wages and to increase hours from 48 to 54 a week.

Discussing the claims of southern mill owners that supplying houses at a low cost, water, lights and other conveniences at low rates or free, as overcoming any differences in wages, as compared with northern workers, Mr. McKosky admitted a difference, but said the houses were only places to live, were bare, containing little furniture, carpets or other requirements.

While he is not in close touch with the New England situation, Mr. McKosky reports that his information is that President Thomas F. McMahon is moving along successfully with the strike. The textile union favors arbitration with reference to wages, but not the number of hours of work, the vice president said.

The New England mill owners are using the argument that the workers in the south are being paid less for their work, as a basis of their efforts to reduce wages and increase hours. Mr. McKosky said, adding that he would like to see the workers in the north and south on the same footing, so this could not be used as the reason for the reducing of wages in one or the other section.

The workers in New England mills rent their homes themselves, and for this reason take more interest in them, Mr. McKosky said, contrasting with it the condition in southern mill communities, in which the mill owners furnish the homes and the workers, the textile union official said, feel that they are owned, body and soul, by the mill owners.

Often the operatives, who come under the displeasure of the mill owners or their agents, are ordered to vacate the homes, and not only those, but all of their relatives, he said. Reminded of futile efforts of mill owners to have striking operatives ejected from their homes during the strike in this section several months ago, Mr. McKosky said that it was harder to do while the eyes of the public are upon them, but easy during normal times.

Plan Spring Campaign.
Mr. McKosky has been in Charlotte and this section for the past two weeks and expects to remain here for two or three weeks longer, he said. His presence here is a continuation of the organization efforts started here last fall and held up in November. He announced that a campaign for members will be waged this spring.

He spoke of conditions which he said were not very favorable toward the textile workers in the south and said that efforts are being made constantly to improve these conditions, through collective bargaining. Strikes are avoided if possible, he said, adding that the workers want to confer with mill owners whenever possible in the adjustment of differences.

There are probably about 25 local unions in North and South Carolina, most of them within a radius of 50 miles of Charlotte, Mr. McKosky said, stating that there has been a slump in the membership and activities, but probably not more than has been the case in other organizations.

Vice President McKosky attended the meeting of the representatives of textile locals, held yesterday in North Charlotte, and expressed satisfaction at the spirit of the delegates and predicted that much good to the textile workers and to the section will result from the movement they started.

Meeting in N. Charlotte.
About 50 delegates, representing several of the local unions of the section, were reported to have been in attendance at the meeting, which was called to consider organization of a permanent joint council of the textile locals of the Carolinas.

BROUGHT NEGRO BACK TO TOWN IN GARBAGE WAGON

WINCHESTER, Va., March 21.—Winchester is determined to enforce its quarantine laws at all hazards and this accounts for the ride of "Boots" Lavender, a negro, from Charleston, W. Va., to Winchester, in the city's garbage cart.

Lavender tired of the smallpox quarantine, which he has a week ago and took French leave. He was captured by a railroad conductor and locked up in a train compartment. He crawled through a car window only to be recaptured later and placed in the Winchester detention house.

But he tore out the floor of his prison and fled to Charlestown, where he was again made prisoner, and handcuffs were brought into use. Winchester health officers were notified and the garbage wagon was dispatched.

Deputies armed with shotguns with bayonets attached are on guard around Lavender's home today.

ROTARIANS OFF TO BIG WINSTON-SALEM MEETING

Large Delegation of Gastonia Rotarians and Wives Go to District Meeting at Winston-Salem.

Gastonia is sending a big delegation of Rotarians to the District Convention in Winston-Salem which meets Tuesday and Wednesday. Many of those going left by auto early this morning going via Salisbury and Mocksville. Other parties have been leaving throughout the day. The sessions open at the Robert E. Lee hotel Tuesday morning and continue through Wednesday. The following is a list of those going from Gastonia:

Fred M. Allen, W. J. Alexander and Mrs. R. M. Alexander, F. W. Barkley, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ball, Mrs. J. P. Bivens, J. S. Boyer, R. S. Clinton, A. M. Dix, P. R. Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Fox, I. H. Gantt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lander Gray, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Haynes, C. C. Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Huffstetter, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kennedy, P. C. Melain, E. G. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Myers, O. L. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sparr, Mr. and Mrs. S. Elmer Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. J. White Ware, Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh E. White, Z. C. Wagoner and Mesdames J. Flay Bess and D. K. Jackson.

WRANGEL ISLAND IS CLAIMED FOR GREAT BRITAIN

Important Land in the Arctic Region Near Siberia Belongs to Great Britain, Say Explorers—Is Strategic Location in Arctic Lands.

(By The Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, March 20.—Wrangel Island, one of the most important lands in the Arctic region, has been claimed for Great Britain, by a party of three Americans, a Canadian and four Eskimos, it has been made known through Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Arctic explorer, organizer of the expedition. Mr. Stefansson said the British flag had been planted on the island September 21, last.

Stefansson, a British subject, said his fifth and latest Arctic expedition, made up of Allen Greaves, a son of a Toronto University professor, E. L. Knight, McMinnville, Oregon; Frederick Maurer, of New Philadelphia, O.; and Milton Gale, of New Braunfels, Texas, with four Eskimos, was sent by him into the northern wastes for the express purpose of claiming Wrangel Island, for the British.

Wrangel Island is about the size of Jamaica, lying 100 miles off the northeastern coast of Siberia and 400 miles west of Behring Strait. Strategically, the island dominates northeastern Siberia. Mr. Stefansson said only the leader of the party, Crawford, knew of the mission of the expedition. The Americans, he said, became convinced with the expedition purely through love of adventure.

Although Stefansson said he knew of the expedition's success the day following the Wrangel landing, he has not made the fact public. He said he is fond of sailing this spring for England, to present Britain's new possession to the British prime minister.

Wrangel Island was first discovered in 1849, by a British naval expedition under Captain Kellett, who sailed close to the land, but did not go ashore, the explorers said. In 1869, DeLong, an American whaling captain, discovered the island, which it was assumed was the same sought by Baron Wrangel, a Russian, in 1825. In 1881 several American naval ships landed men on the island, John Muir, according to Mr. Stefansson, was one of the landing party. But all these landing parties, American and British alike, lost claim to the land after the lapse of five years, according to the explorer.

"Nobody landed on Wrangel Island after the Americans were there in 1881, so far as I know," said Mr. Stefansson. Stefansson claims to have financed his own expedition, which sailed from Nome, August 6, 1921.

CHICAGO LAWYER, HEIR TO EARLDOM, ELECTS TO BE PLAIN U. S. CITIZEN.



Cyril W. C. Armstrong, a Chicago lawyer, was recently notified that he was the nearest living heir to a British earldom and estates in India. He informed the executor of the will that titles meant nothing to him, since he already had the greatest title in the world, that of an American citizen. Armstrong was born at Lahore, India, was educated in England and went to Canada at the age of 16. He was admitted to the bar in 1908.

BISONS START SPRING TRAINING PRACTICE TODAY

Manager George Wiltse and Bison Herd Quartered at Arrington—Moline Club to Be Here Friday and Saturday.

George Wiltse's Buffalo Bisons blew into town early Sunday for their spring training which they will do here at the Lory Park during the latter part of this month and the first of April. Nine teen players reported to Manager Wiltse's headquarters at the Arrington Hotel. Others are to follow on Monday and Tuesday morning. The following men will begin their workouts Monday afternoon: Harry Hritman, Dick McCabe, James Miller, pitchers with the Bisons last year; Ed Miller, first baseman of last year; John Jacobs and Don Donelson, 1921 outfielders; Gene Short, third baseman, formerly with Brooklyn and with New Orleans last season; John Norris, new outfielder; G. Mohart, pitcher obtained from Brooklyn last winter; Kelly, first baseman formerly of Philadelphia Americans; H. E. Jordan, outfielder; Piery, last year's captain of the High Point, N. C. club; John Mezger, outfielder; Harry Crandall, Clarence Fisher, Clyde Russell, pitchers; Mike Dempsey, catcher at Chicago, who Captain Jack Sheehan and short stop brought along; and E. Ketchum, Buffalo boy, his first year with the Bisons; James Hutch, the club's trainer also reported. J. A. Potts, a Charlotte boy, stopped at his home and is expected to report to the Bison manager Monday. Local fans have their eyes on Luke Urbau, young catcher with the Charlotte Hornets last year, and property of the New York Americans, Urban and Joe Burns, who was scouted from the Reading club in a trade, are expected Monday or early Tuesday.

Mr. Wiltse states that all of his men are in prime condition and he was well pleased to find all lacking surplus flesh which so many clubs have to combat with when they begin to train.

Old King Sol took a rest Sunday and an advanced April shower reigned in Gastonia. The former resumed his welcome work Monday and everything will start promptly. Should the Lory grounds prove too muddy for work, the Cara Mill diamond is available. A large basketball court is located near the hotel headquarters should the manager and trainers see fit to run their men through some indoor exercises and gymnasium.

TEN BIG INDUSTRIES SHOW INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 20.—Of fourteen principal industries, 10 showed an increase in the number of persons employed in February, as compared with January, while four showed a decrease, according to a tabulation of reports announced today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor. The iron and steel industry led with an increase of 9.3 per cent, and the automobile industry was next with a gain of 4.8 per cent. The greatest decrease in numbers employed, 10.1 per cent, was shown in the cotton finishing industry.

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, fair tonight and Tuesday, colder tonight and on the coast Tuesday.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CALENDAR.	
Monday.	3:00 p. m. Gaston community workers.
Tuesday.	4:00 p. m. Department of Conventions and Public Affairs.
Wednesday.	7:30 p. m. Gastonia Choral Society.
Thursday.	7:30 p. m. Chamber of Commerce Glee Club.
Friday.	7:30 p. m. Chamber of Commerce Glee Club.
Saturday.	6:45 p. m. Annual membership dinner. Hon. Thos. Hefflin speaker.

Cotton Production for 1921 Was 7,976,665 Bales As Opposed To 1920 Crop of 13,270,070 Bales

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Cotton production for 1921 was 7,976,665 running bales, of 7,932,550 equivalent 500 pound bales, the Census Bureau announced today in its final ginning report of the season. The 1920 production was 13,270,970 running bales, of 13,139,993 equivalent 500 pound bales.

The crop was estimated by the Department of Agriculture last December in its final report at 8,940,000 equivalent 500 pound bales.

Round bales included in the crop for 1921 was 125,791 bales, compared with 206,534 in 1920; American-Egyptian cotton amounted to 37,094 bales, compared with 92,561, and an island cotton amounted to 3,316 bales compared with 1,868.

Cotton remaining to be ginned after the March canvass, and which was included in the total crop was estimated at 7,445 bales, compared with 211,893 bales ginned after the March canvass last year.

The average gross weight of cotton bales for the crop was 498.5 pounds, compared with 506.4 pounds, the average of the 1920 crop.

The number of ginneries operated was 16,175 compared with 18,410 for 1920. Ginnings by states, in equivalent 500 pound bales follow:

Alabama 579,965; Arizona 45,323; Arkansas 796,861; California 34,109; Florida 10,905; Georgia 787,952; Louisiana 278,867; Mississippi 812,807; Missouri 481,689; North Carolina 776,096; Oklahoma 481,689; South Carolina 751,231; Tennessee 301,949; Texas 2,197,014; Virginia 163,908. All other states, 8,713.

BELMONT WINS THIRD GAME FROM DALLAS

Final Game Goes to Team From East Gaston by Score of 36 to 26—Basketball Championship of County Goes to Dallas.

In the fastest game of high school basketball ever witnessed on the local court, the Belmont lighs won from the Dallas quintet Saturday night by the score of 36 to 26 in the third and final game of the championship series. Dallas won the first two games, and thus earned the championship title of the county.

Saturday's game was marked by the fiercest sort of play. Both sides played like fiends from the opening whistle, and displayed a brand of basketball seldom seen in high school tennis. Dallas was fighting hard to win all three games of the series, and Belmont was equally determined. The boys should not be blanked. In passing, teamwork and shooting, both teams outdid any previous efforts displayed by either. New stars were uncovered in the persons of Stanley Brown, of the Belmont team and Ratchford, of the Dallas team. These two youngsters did most of the scoring for their respective sides. As usual, the work of the two Dallas guards, the comborgs was outstanding, as was also that of Hand, center and keeper. For Belmont, the Belmont team, for the first time in the county series displayed some of the form which carried them in the state championship preliminaries.

A huge crowd witnessed the game. This game closed the basketball season in the county high schools and the youngsters are now devoting their time and attention to baseball.

MARRYING TO GET OUT OF THE COUNTRY

(By The Associated Press.)
ODDESSA, March 20.—Marriage to the frontier only is one of the new forms of commerce in Russia. Women are willing to pay handsomely those foreigners who, by virtue of their passports, may pass freely out of Russia and also enter Poland or Rumania, Germany or other countries, and take with them women passing as their wives. As Russian subjects neither men nor women may easily get permission to leave Russia, and, if so, the other countries will not receive them. Subjects of Turkey and other Moslem countries engaged in this marriage business sometimes take out four wives at a time, the number allowed by their marriage laws.

Sometimes such marriages of the moment end unhappily. The husband a Baku body of beauty succeeded in getting out, and then planned for his wife to marry a local official for the journey.

The official fell in love with the woman and insisted that she remain as his legal wife, as she had in fact become through her own declaration before the local soviet marriage bureau.

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WIRELESS TELEPHONE PROGRAM FOR TONIGHT

- 1. Robert L. Johns, baritone soloist of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh.
- 2. Mrs. Robert L. Johns, accompanist.
- 3. The A. W. Giles Orchestra, Selections.
- 4. April Showers, Orchestra.
- 5. Giordanna Selection, Friml. Orchestra.
- 6. a. Mattinata, Tosti.
- 7. Friend of Mine, Sanderson, Robert L. Johns.
- 8. Lonesome Hours, Orchestra.
- 9. Blue Danube Blues, Orchestra.
- 10. a. Shalimar Song, Finden.
- 11. b. The Trumpeter, Dix, Robert L. Johns.
- 12. Indian Lyrics, Finden, Orchestra.
- 13. Tell Her at Twilight, Orchestra.
- 14. a. Life, Curran.
- 15. b. Prologue from I Pagliacci, Leoncavallo, Robert L. Johns.
- 16. Right or Wrong, Orchestra.
- 17. M'He Modiste, Herbert, Orchestra.
- 18. When Buddha Smiles, Orchestra.

ONE DEAD IN CLASH WITH OFFICERS AT TRENTON, S. C.

Constable Surprises Robbers in Act of Blowing Safe—Had Previously Robbed Another Store—Other Robber Is Captured.

(By The Associated Press.)
TRENTON, S. C., March 20.—An unidentified man is dead and L. K. Rowles, said to be of Batesburg, S. C., is held in the jail at Edgely, S. C., following a clash between officers and robbers here early this morning.

The unidentified man was shot to death by Constable C. M. Cronch when he surprised two men in the act of blowing the safe of Mathew & Whitlock, Trenton, merchants. The two men and a few minutes before successfully looted the safe of George Wise's mercantile company.

Following the exchange of shots between the constable and the unidentified robber the second man leaped into an automobile standing in the street and made his getaway. He was immediately followed by a posse of Trenton officers and citizens and captured in Aiken county.

Money, the amount of which cannot be ascertained, taken from the Wise store, was found in the pockets of the dead man.

Constable Cronch was on his rounds, and near the Mathew & Whitlock store, saw a man peering at him from the corner of the building. Challenging him the constable was met by a pistol shot and replying brought down his man. The safe in the store was found charged with nitroglycerine and ready for the match. It is supposed that after preparing the safe the dead man went out to reenter before touching off the charge.

APRIL 7TH DATE FOR ROLLER SKATE CONTEST

Friday, April 7th, is the date which has been selected for the Roller Skating Contest which is to be held under the direction of Community Service, Inc. A list of the events was published in the Gazette last week. A list of the prizes now being prepared and will be published within the next few days. Much interest is being manifested by the young folks especially in this contest. They are putting in considerable time practicing.

\$250,000 FIRE LOSS IN MCKEESPORT THEATER

(By The Associated Press.)
PITTSBURGH, March 20.—Loss estimated at \$250,000 resulted when fire gutted the Literary Theater building in McKeesport, near here, early today, and for a time threatened the entire block in which it is located.

A general alarm brought out the city's entire fighting force and assistance was asked from nearby points. The building is owned by Harry Barney, who was giving a luncheon to 125 members of the Progress Club in the club rooms on the second floor when the blaze was discovered.

UMPIRE WORE EAR-MUFFS IN HOT SPRINGS GAME

(By The Associated Press.)
PITTSBURGH, March 20.—Some thing new on the baseball diamond was inaugurated by field umpire Von Sikel in the game between the Boston Americans and Pittsburgh Nationals at Hot Springs, Ark., yesterday, when he wore ear muffs at a protection against the cold. It was the coldest weather the Pirates had experienced since their arrival and fans bundled in winter clothing to witness the contest, which the Red Sox won 11 to 5.

SENATOR MCMUMBER ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR RE-ELECTION

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 20.—Senator Mcumber, Republican, North Dakota, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, today announced formally his candidacy for re-election. Former Senator Asle J. Gronna last week announced as an opponent. Senator Mcumber said he would run "as a straight, conservative Republican," and added that "true Republicans always stand for progress."

BISHOPS FROM PULPITS URGE THAT TEXTILE STRIKE BE SPEEDILY SETTLED

Thousands of Idle Mill Workers in Manchester Walk Streets—Bishop Sumner Says That 48 Hours Is Logical Working Week.

(By The Associated Press.)
MANCHESTER, N. H., March 20.—Bishop George A. Gurin in a letter read in all Catholic pulpits in this city yesterday, urged a speedy settlement of the strike that has kept the cotton mills here closed for five weeks. He suggested that mill owners and strikers submit the questions of wages and working hours to arbitration. The letter praised the strikers for their maintenance of order.

Mass meetings in the largest theaters of the city were addressed by strike leaders. Thousands of the idle mill workers walked up and down the main streets. Bishop Walter P. Sumner, of Oregon, addressing a large congregation at Grace Episcopal Church, said that economists all over the country agreed on the efficacy of 48 hours labor a week, and that any man who started to work in the dark and went home in the dark was not getting the "fulness of existence."

The bishop said that nine or ten hours a day weakens a worker's power of resistance.

WANT BOXING MATCH BETWEEN TWO PARSONS

TACOMA, WASH., March 20.—American Legion officials of Washington state are attempting to arrange a boxing match between the Rev. John W. Beard, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church here, who was the "fighting chaplain" of the 91st Division, and the Rev. Earl A. Blackman, pastor of Chanute, Kansas, and national chaplain of the legion.

Both men are known to have considerable ability with the gloves and both are in the middleweight class. If arranged, the bout will take place during the 1922 state convention of the legion to be held in the fall at Wenatche, Washington.

Before Rev. Beard went overseas with the "Wild West" division during the war, he was known as the "Sky Pilot of the lumberjacks" and was popular with lumbermen throughout the Pacific northwest.

When the 91st Division went into training at Camp Lewis here, Rev. Beard attracted attention by riding a bucking broncho. The wildest horse at the remount station was picked out for him and he successfully navigated the animal.

PRESIDENT HARDING HAS NO RECOMMENDATION TO MAKE ON SOLDIER BONUS QUESTION

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 20.—President Harding told republican house leaders today that in view of expressions of the soldiers' bonus he had previously made, he did not think it essential to offer any recommendation at this time.

Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, who headed the House delegation, made this announcement in a formal statement and added verbally that it was his plan to go ahead with the compromise bill recommended by the Ways and Means Committee.

The formal statement issued by Mr. Mondell, after the conference which lasted almost two hours, follows: "The legislative situation relating to the bonus bill was fully presented to the President, with detailed explanation of the provisions which remove the menace of excessive drafts on the treasury in the immediate future and avoid any program of added taxation. The President went over the entire situation, with an appraisal of commitments made."

JOHN D. DODGE IS RELEASED FROM PRISON

(By The Associated Press.)
DETROIT, March 20.—John Duval Dodge, possessor of a fortune of \$1,600,000, left the Detroit House of Correction this morning with \$8 in his pocket, having completed a five-day prison sentence for automobile speeding.

His release came at 8 o'clock and was carried out with the greatest secrecy, at the request of the prisoner. Dodge was taken to the rear of the House of Correction, allowed to slip unobserved through a backdoor, and was whisked away in a prison automobile to the home of the father-in-law, M. P. O'Connor, in this city. Given his freedom an hour earlier than the time originally set the prisoner escaped a battery of newspaper camera men gathered in front of the institution. The camera and newspaper men waited in vain in front of the prison for Dodge to appear.

When Dodge entered the prison last Thursday he had \$108 in his possession. He paid \$100 of this to the city, the amount being exacted as a fine in addition to the jail sentence. Dodge left so hurriedly this morning he forgot to take with him a sterling silver eork screw, that was among his possessions when he entered the prison.

The eork screw will be mailed to Dodge, prison authorities said. Although his punishment for violating the city's speed limit is ended, with expiration of loss of his automobile driver's license for a year, Dodge is not yet "out of the woods."

Cotton Market

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET
NEW YORK, March 20.—Cotton futures closed steady. March 18.05; May 17.90; July 17.30; October 16.88; December 16.73.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Cotton seed 51¢
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