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STRIKE AT QUEEN CITY PRINTING COMPANY'S PLANT STILL HOLDING PRACTICALLY 100 PER CENT PERFECT

The strike which occurred on Monday, May 6, involving Printers, Pressmen and Bindery Workers employed at Queen City Printing Co., is still under way. It was 100 per cent effective and a picket line is on duty constantly.

The firm has made great efforts to fill the places of all strikers and up to the time this paper goes to press has been unable to do so. They have, however, brought a great number of strike-breakers to Charlotte for this purpose and many have been persuaded after coming here not to accept employment and others have accepted it and have been induced to leave.

Several men who being unemployed in the past and who had made application for jobs prior to the strike, were telegraphed to come here that employment was open to them but they were not informed they were as strike breakers and although broke and away from home turned down the employment offered when they arrived and learned the facts.

A few chronic strike breakers have arrived however and are at work there and there are a number of half baked mechanics who know nothing of labor's aims and who were in desperate need of employment who are having their first fling at being traitors to their fellow craftsmen who are fighting to advance the condition of all workers including those who deliberately choose to rat.

The Lassisters, owners of the plant, quite well to do people who are engaged at Mooresville in the textile industry have owned the plant for about a year and have no knowledge of the printing and binding industry save what they have learned in that time and are stubbornly fighting but are beginning to learn that skilled printing house craftsmen are employed elsewhere at better wages and are not to be had so readily as they thought.

The entire controversy arose over a refusal to recognize the union and enter into contractual relations. The unions are fighting not only to gain recognition but to try to stabilize the industry throughout this section which has been violating in many instances the Graphic Arts Code, as to wages and by price cutting by competitive employers which has had a very demoralizing effect upon the

Central Labor Union

Charlotte Central Labor Union had a fairly well attended meeting Monday night. There was not much excitement through with clock-like precision. Reports of locals were fair and a harmonious spirit predominated. Organizer Hailey, of the Bookbinders Union made a report on the strike activities at the Queen City Printing Company. Mr. Hailey is a versatile speaker and is well-liked by all organized labor in Charlotte. Vice-President Kiser presided. The meeting adjourned a little ahead of time, after a perfect session.

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LEGISLATIVE MIRROR

By ANNE OBSERVER

RALEIGH, May 6.—The Legislature is expected to adjourn the latter part of this week. Some of them will have a lot of explaining to do to their folks back home. It would be interesting indeed to hear some of these so-called explanations.

The State-wide boiler inspection bill has passed both houses, although a number of amendments were added. Labor is looking for something out of this. The bill prohibiting the appointment of police, deputies sheriff and other police officers who have been convicted of a felony and whose citizenship has not been restored, passed the Senate after a hard fight and at this writing is before the House. Senator Bell had Mecklenburg county exempted from the provisions of the bill; Senator Mason exempt Gaston county; Senator Farrell exempt Forsyth county; several other smaller counties were also exempt by their Senators. Possibly these Senators would like to see thugs, gangsters, ex-convicts on the police and sheriff forces. Why so?

The bill to establish a state-wide examining board for plumbers and steamfitters was finally passed by the Senate with only four votes against it. However, when it got over to the House the storm broke loose with Tom Bowie of Ashe and Fenner of Nash leading the fight against it. After much argument Fenner moved that the bill be tabled and it was. Labor's forces immediately got busy in an effort to revive it. A bill that has been tabled requires a two-thirds vote to be put back on the calendar. However, our friends in the House went to work and the next day the bill was taken from the table and put back on the calendar. A vote is expected on it today.

Labor is making a final effort this week to get a vote on the bill introduced in the Senate by Newman of New Hanover providing that all wages be paid in cash or check, that the name of the worker be written on the envelope along with the amount of pay per hour, deductions, etc. This bill provides that no person shall be required to trade at a company store or live in a company-owned house as a condition of employment. A special effort is also being made to get the pick clock bill out for a vote, as this is a worthy measure and should be enacted.

After the General Assembly adjourns sine die the Legislative Committee of the State Federation of Labor promises to issue a final legislative bulletin that will be of much information and value to the membership. It will contain most of the important record votes. The Legislative Committee has announced it will urge every local union to thoroughly acquaint itself with this information and to file it for reference to be used in the next political campaign.

There were many disappointments over the fact that the Senate by a couple of votes refused to enact the Day liquor control bill which had passed the House. There is a common expression in Raleigh that the Legislators won't do anything about liquor except drink it. And the great majority of them do that and it's no secret. It is a strange coincidence that many of the wettest voted dry and many of the so-called dries voted wet. One Senator, who is dripping wet personally, and makes no secret of it, got up on the floor of the Senate and preached a sermon against the Day liquor control bill, quoting the Bible all the way from Genesis to Revelations. He admitted the greatest money crop of his county, it is said, was the illicit distillers of liquor. Oh, woe it may be that before you read this many changes have been made. You never tell from on day to another what this bunch will do. Someone has stated that they be taken out to Dix Mill and placed in padded cells.

OUR CITY

Charlotte has just emerged from another election of city officials, and as usual, someone lost and someone won, as was bound to be the result, because of the large number of persons seemingly anxious to be connected with the city government. In the primary there were more than fifty names listed for fourteen vacancies, which included one mayor, eleven councilmen, an two members of the school board. The official ballot at the final election contained sixteen names. The victors in this election, as in the past one, have the duty of establishing a new form of city government, and if things go true to form, perhaps in two more years we shall try another plan. Charlotte has in recent years had the mayor and city manager form, commission form, mayor, manager and council form, with a council of five members, one of whom was mayor, and now we shall try the plan of a mayor with eleven councilmen, the recent legislature having passed a new bill of rights for the city. Perhaps they had the same thought as did Solomon, the wiseman, who says in his Book of Proverbs, "In multitude of counselors there is safety." That may work out perfectly, but on the other hand, where there are more ideas there is a greater chance to pick the wrong one.

However, we believe the new official family will be a wise and efficient one, especially if the city as a whole will give them the support they should have, for they have been selected to govern for the city as a whole, including every citizen, and that means you. So do not begin to complain because your favorite candidate did not win, but remember if you remain in Charlotte you are subject to whatever rules are laid down for our guidance, so jump in and help us make Charlotte one of the best cities in the country. Charlotte is heralded as "The Queen City of the South," but if we keep on changing forms of government we shall annex the name of "Charlotte, the Experimental City."

Here is the result of the election: Mayor, Ben Douglas; councilmen: John L. Wilkinson, W. N. Hovis, John F. Durham, J. S. Nance, J. H. Huntley, L. R. Sides, J. S. Tipton, W. Roy Hudson, John F. Boyd, Claude L. Albee and Herbert H. Baxter. So much for the names. In that list we have three morticians, and one each of the following: Transfer man, insurance, pharmacist, gasoline and tires, music, grocer, contractor, printer and lumber dealer. With such a variety of occupations they should be able to undertake most anything. In fact, it should be possible to have a very harmonious government, for the musician member is an artist in his line and being very congenial, he will do his part, even to bringing in the high school band if need be. No doubt the other members are equally efficient in their respective line, and it is the hope of one and all that the new city government will settle down to business immediately, bury whatever differences may exist, if any, and proceed to enjoy their labors, for after all they are not there solely to help you and I, but to help themselves also, for they, too, must abide by their own decisions.

Here's hoping that all citizens will join in with them and help them in the task, for it will not be an easy one. There is much to be done, and when two years have gone by, it will be discovered that there is much yet undone, even though they worked without ceasing and gave the best that was in them.

In conclusion will say just this: When God made this earth for man He did not quite finish it, for had He done so there would have been nothing for us to do. As a result, man has been busy from then till now, and many things have been accomplished. At the outset God laid down a few rules to guide us. Since that time man has been busy making laws and breaking laws, until we know not what is right or what is wrong, and new laws, like children, are being born every day. Truly will our new city fathers find much on which to bestow their energy.

NATIONAL MANUFACTURERS ASS'N HAS NEVER BEEN ACCUSED OF ANY PHILANTHROPY TOWARD WORKER

The National Association of Manufacturers comes to the country with a proposal which is at once a bribe and a threat.

"Surveys," says the NAM, "indicate that close to \$20,000,000,000 in expenditures, which would give employment to 4,000,000 men for two years, is pent up in the field of factory expansion, renovation and rehabilitation alone."

This idle money will pour into immediate use on certain conditions. All reform legislation must be "shelved." The unemployment insurance bill, the Wagner labor disputes bill, the holding company bill, changes in the railroad laws, the Guffey coal bill, the 30-hour week bill. In a word, every measure that looks to either comfort or security for that enormous majority of people who work for a living must be thrown aside, while the financial masters of the world use \$20,000,000,000 to remodel the industrial machine.

In substance, the NAM says it will bring prosperity if its wishes are obeyed, and continue the depression if its wishes are not obeyed. Labor's instant reaction to that arrogant bluff

and helps establish Myrna Loy as one of the best box office bets of this year.

Charlotte Theater Presents "Wings In the Dark"

No matter whether you're interested in aviation or not—whether you can tell a plane's type by the noise it makes in the sky or whether you're unable to tell an aileron from a wing—you have a stirring, dramatic treat and an hour of thrills, chills, and grand comedy in "Wings in the Air" awaiting you. The picture, starring Myrna Loy and Cary Grant, opens Friday at the Charlotte Theatre.

The story deals with a young pilot who is an inventor of instruments for blind flying. Aided by a beautiful female stunt pilot, he prepares to set out on a transoceanic hop to prove his inventions, but an accident blinds him at the last moment. In this state he conceives the idea of perfecting his instrument so that even in his blind condition he can fly the plane.

The climax of the picture, in which he establishes the usefulness of his instruments, is one of the most exciting sequences which has ever been filmed.

The picture offers Myrna Loy another new characterization as the stunt pilot.

This time she gets further from her earlier exotic roles than she has ever been, and proves herself to be a down-to-earth person and a highly capable actress. This adds another ringer to her recent successes

Cary Grant is also fortunate in getting his most unusual role to date. His part as the inventive pilot, presented some difficult problems in acting. The fact that he contributed largely to the dramatic thrills of the picture speaks well for his performance.

Night Baseball Begins Monday, May 20; Charlotte Meets Norfolk

On Monday, May 20, Charlotte will begin its night baseball games, meeting Norfolk on the 20th, 21st and 22nd. Games will begin at 8:15, and the outlook for a good series is in prospect.

RALEIGH, May 2.—International Secretary-Treasurer Woodruff Randolph of the International Typographical Union spent today in Raleigh on business. He addressed a meeting of the local union in the afternoon in the afternoon in the Manteo room at the Sir Walter. While here he visited with the Hon. Josephus Daniels, Ambassador to Mexico, who is home on vacation. Mr. Randolph stated his organization was in a healthy condition at the present time.

TRADES UNION MOVEMENT CRUSADE FOR JUSTICE — MEN AND WOMEN HAVE GIVEN BLOOD FOR CAUSE

To be a trade unionist means something more than just membership in a union—it means a way of living organized to achieve definite objectives. This is why large accessions to unions often dwindle away leaving only those who really believe in the union way of living and who have the courage to stand by their convictions. A trade unionist believes that all wage-earners have a right to a square deal in all their work relationships and should have a voice in determining what is a square deal. The fundamental principle of unionism is the fundamental principle of free government—the right of the governed to representation. Those who believe in this principle firmly enough to insist on making it the basis of their organization for living are the staunch trade unionists who have made freedom and justice realities in the lives of the masses of wage-earners.

In a sense the trade union movement is a crusade for justice. Men and women have given their blood and all that makes life worth living for this cause. But the crusade for the adoption of principles only clears the way for their use. The trade union must be able to direct wage-earners in the exercise of their rights and in the fulfillment of the accompanying obligations. The trade union executive must not only know what are the abstract rights of union members but what are their rights under the specific working conditions and what is fair production in return. The technical side of production is as much a field for his study as it is for management.

While the union executive has the responsibility of leadership, union rank and file members have just as important obligations. If they are true trade unionists the obligations of union members are a primary responsibility. Maintenance of union membership becomes a fixed rule of living with the responsibility of practicing union principles of living in all relationships.

The union member must know union principles and policies and will use his influence to support the work of the union. Union membership and the union movement are positive—standing for great principles of human freedom and welfare. The union movement is an institution which can help our nation reach new levels of prosperity and national greatness.

Pres. Lawrence Welcome Visitor At Journal Office

President R. R. Lawrence, of the State Federation of Labor, who has been putting in a lot of hard work at Raleigh in behalf of Labor legislation, dropped in on The Journal Monday, and his visit was a welcome one, as "Roy" has the "ins" and "outs" of the problems of labor at his finger tips, and is an indefatigable worker for the cause. He had been up Shelby way and reported the strike at the Ella mill is in a state of "Status quo." He goes back to Raleigh to gather up the loose ends and "take stock." His estimable wife has been a great aid in keeping the records straight the past few months, being always on the job.

Women's Label League Change Meeting Night

Due to the "Mock Trial" at Brevard St. Methodist church, May 20, the Women's Union Label League will meet at Central Labor Union Hall May 27. All members are urged to be present as this will be the last meeting before the "Mock Wedding."



Mr. W. E. McKamey
Prominent in Fraternal and Labor Circles

The subject of this sketch, Mrs. W. E. McKamey, has been a factor in the activities of fraternal organizations in Charlotte for many years, and is well and favorably known for the interest she has taken in civic affairs. She is Past High Priestess of the White Shrine and one of the founders of the Women's Union Label League of Charlotte.

RE-ELECTION OF ROOSEVELT IS PREDICTED BY THOMAS

MANCHESTER, N. H.—May 6.—re-election of President Roosevelt, barring an unexpected crisis, was predicted here tonight by Norman Thomas, former socialist candidate for President.

Thomas said it was true the new deal had suffered a reversal of popularity, then asked, "how can you defeat a President with five billion dollars to spend?"

He observed, however, that if Mr. Roosevelt ever wrote his memoirs he would be "compelled to express deep regret to being re-elected."

Continuing his fight for the southern "share-croppers" Thomas here and in Claremont this afternoon urged a congressional investigation into the situation of these farmers. Terming the Bankhead bill for the rehabilitation of the "share-croppers" too ambitious, Thomas said he "would give Tugwell a billion dollars" for that purpose.

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SAYS U. S. CHAMBER COMMERCE DOES NOT REPRESENT ATTITUDE OF THE SMALLER BRANCHES

The statement of C. A. Noyes, Secretary of the Owosso Chamber of Commerce, that the United States Chamber of Commerce does not represent the attitude of most of the smaller chambers throughout the country, is very timely.

Retail business, smaller business men, and professional men are beginning to find out that the control of the Chamber of Commerce in the hands of the larger employers of the country is not for the best interest of business generally.

There can be no prosperity in any business community unless the workers are steadily employed at decent wages. To regard an industrial city as a reservoir for cheap labor such as we have here in Detroit is actually a menace to legitimate business.

All taxpayers in this community have been compelled to carry the welfare burden in order to subsidize the automobile manufacturers and others in carrying their surplus labor.

It is about time some of our business men got wise to themselves. Let's hope Mr. Noyes makes a little more noise in the Chamber of Commerce.—Detroit Labor News.

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