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HIGHER EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS AS TO WAGE AND HOUR PROVISIONS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED BY GOV'T

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The use of government buying power and credit as a means of compelling the co-operation of American industrial magnates in maintaining higher employment standards was advocated by Isador Lubin, Commissioner of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor, in an address here before the National Labor Conference, held under the auspices of the Taintner Economic and Social Institute convened to consider the economic and social problems now confronting the nation.

The United States Government today is the largest single consumer of industrial products," Mr. Lubin said. "Through its purchases for maintaining the Federal establishments, through its contracts for materials used in construction projects, through its orders for the products to be used in its works program, it can play an effective part in maintaining decent wage standards, in keeping hours of employment at reasonable levels and in preventing child labor.

"By compelling compliance with certain specified labor conditions it can serve notices on those who sell materials and services to Federal agencies that those who seek to do business with the United States Government will not be permitted to profit from the exploitation of labor."

Mr. Lubin also recommended that all firms holding contracts to furnish goods to the government should be compelled to agree to make certain minimum employment standards a condition of purchase when they buy materials or equipment to be used in the production of commodities to be delivered to Federal agencies. In addition he urged that all projects undertaken by States and municipalities and all materials used on such projects, when financed in whole or in part with Federal funds, should be made subject to these standards.

By using this vast purchasing and credit power, Mr. Lubin believed the Federal Government could be a vital factor in maintaining decent maximum wages and maximum hours and abolishing child labor despite the decision of the United States Supreme Court holding such provisions unconstitutional in fair practice codes established under the National Industrial Recovery Act.

St. Paul's Mill Is Still Closed; 200 Persons Out

Fayetteville, July 1.—The St. Pauls Cotton Mills, Inc., at St. Pauls in Robeson county has been closed since Wednesday night because of a strike, it was learned here this morning. Approximately 200 persons are being kept from work. The mill was not running full time.

The strike started when the mill reduced wages from 20 cents an hour to 15 cents an hour, and abolished charges for house rent, lights and water.

There has been on bloodshed, the management stated over long distance telephone and there has as yet been no effort to resume work.

The situation is described as tense.

Intensive Label Drive By Typo Union No. 338

Editor The Charlotte Labor Journal: Since the strike at the Queen City Printing Company was called on May 6th, the members of the three crafts involved have carried on an intensive Union Label drive. In addition to organized labor as a whole, they have secured the signatures of several thousand Charlotte citizens who are in sympathy with the labor movement. These thousands of Charlotte citizens have signed a pledge to the effect that when shopping they will give preference to those business firms who are fair to Union Labor and who display the Union Label on their printing and advertising. They have also secured a promise from scores of Charlotte merchants that they will in the future use the label on all their printing. This is only a beginning, and within the next few weeks every merchant and every member of organized labor will be called on in order to bring this campaign to a successful conclusion.

At the conclusion of this campaign, they will begin publication of a monthly bulletin, listing all business firms who have expressed a desire to co-operate with them. This bulletin will be placed in the hands of all persons who have signed the pledge.

Something new in trade unionism is the fact that there will be no threat to withhold patronage from any firm who does not see the advisability of using the label. The chief point stressed is the fact that the union man or woman is disposed to give friendly consideration to the concern which shows its friendliness to them. They are simply trying to educate the buyers of printing that the underpaid non-union printer is of little value as a customer, and even though he may charge a few cents less for his inferior work, that THE WORTH OF A PIECE OF PRINTING IS MEASURED BY WHAT IT EARNS, AND NOT BY WHAT IT COSTS.

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The Union Label is the insignia of the great army of American Labor.

Labor Recognized In Youth Training Plan of President

Washington, D. C.—The National Youth Administration announced that organized labor would have an important part in working out plans for training and apprenticeship of about 150,000 young people whom it is estimated will come under that section of the program planned by the administration.

The Federal Committee on Apprenticeship Training has already worked out in a number of States definite rules governing the period, pay and schooling of apprenticeships.

One of the functions of the labor representatives will be the establishment of regulations to prevent employers from using Government-trained youth to lower employment standards for adult workers.

The Youth Administration is financed by a \$49,000,000 fund allocated from the \$4,800,000,000 work relief appropriation. The President named Josephine Roche of Colorado, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, as chairman of the executive committee of the Administration, and Aubrey J. Williams, assistant FERA administrator, as executive director.

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Zane Gray's "Home On The Range" Fri.-Sat.

A thundering turf classic set against a romantic background of the Old West is the colorful pattern into which is woven a strutting drama and a pulsating romance Friday and Saturday at the Charlotte Theatre. The film is Zane Gray's "Home on the Range," produced by the Paramount studios.

Interpreting the chief characters are Jackie Coogan, ho returns to the screen in grown-up roles, Evelyn Brent, Randolph Scott, leading Western actor of pictures, Fuzzy Knight, eccentric comedian and Ann Sheridan, the Texas beauty.

"Home on the Range," is a simple, vibrant story. Two men and a woman ply a crooked trade in Alaska, that of selling "salted" gold mines to the gullible. When the far north gets too "hot" they move to newer and greener pastures in the United States.

In the background of the main plot is the stirring horse-race story, which is climaxed when Jackie Coogan, playing brother to Randolph Scott, rides their horse, Midnight to a thundering victory.

Jackie Coogan, now grown to a six-foot man, is the dramatic surprise of "Home on the Range." Athletic, supple, handsome and bronzed, Coogan proves his ability to stay with the best of them in both acting and action shots.

Evelyn Brent and Randolph Scott prove an engaging and romantic leading couple, while the supporting roles are ably handled by Dean Jagger, Addison Richards, Fuzzy Knight and Ann Sheridan.

BY HARRY BOATE	CHATTING	PERTINENT COMMENT ON TIMELY TOPICS
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"If a man die, shall he live again?" That question was asked of Christ while yet on earth, and the answer was that he shall. Now we are confronted with what may or may not be an up-to-date verification of the truth of that answer. On May 19, last, at Wool, England, there died a man who bore the mystical name of "Lawrence of Arabia." It was reported he had received mortal injuries in a motorcycle accident, and he was generally supposed to have been given a burial in accordance with his wish, quietly, as he had lived lately, and with secrecy. Now we have another story, which says he is not dead, but is living in Ethiopia, training troops for the Ethiopian ruler, in preparation for the expected conflict of that country with Italy. Whether or not this latest story be true, it does make good and interesting reading, also bringing up a few other cases of quite recent date and equal mystery.

In 1928, Alfred Lowenstein, the Belgian banker, flying over the English channel, was reported to have stepped from the plane and been drowned. He has never since been officially seen. Later his accounts were found to be in bad shape. In 1932 Ivar Krueger, the Swedish match king, was reported to have committed suicide. His death was not made public for eight hours, and the greatest secrecy surrounded his supposed funeral and burial. His accounts, also, later were found in bad shape, and several suicides and perhaps a few murders have been the aftermath of this reported death. Also some persons in high position in France had trouble explaining certain circumstances involving the Krueger affair. Both Mr. Lowenstein and Mr. Krueger are believed by many people to be yet living and in hiding. Time may clear the mystery surrounding them, also this latest story concerning Mr. Lawrence. In ancient Bible times we read of the fact that Enoch walked with God and was not. Later Christ came, performed his duties, then in the presence of few people was gathered up and taken to heaven, and still another disappearance from earth is that of Elijah, who was taken up in a chariot of fire. Not one of these people has ever been seen again on earth so far as the present generation is aware.

Some other mysteries of later date are the disappearance of the Russian czar and his family; P. H. Fawcett, a British scientist, lost in the wilds of Brazil, and many times reported still living; some people doubt the death of John Dillingham, also that of Wilkes Booth, who killed Abraham Lincoln. Then we have the story of Paul Redfern, lost with his plane a few years ago in an attempt to fly to Brazil, and just recently again reported to be living captive with Brazilian Indians. How much of all this is true may never be known.

While the Key brothers, Fred and Al, in Mississippi, are up in an airplane in an effort to see how long they can keep off the earth without actually going to heaven, up in Milwaukee, Wis., another record has been broken. In a contest to become the champion beer drinker a bartender of French-Irish descent drank a half gallon of beer in 34 seconds, defeating his German competitor. That is a real record for the Irish. We believe he just poured it down.

From Cerro Gordo, N. C., comes a report, vouched for by the mayor, that a truck farmer there has a pig covered with feathers instead of the usual coating of bristles. The report also states that the pig crows for the midnight hour, also for the break of day. If this story carried a Milwaukee date line it would be harder to believe than it is.

In a report from Chicago stating that in 1934 the deaths from traffic accidents reached the all-time record of 36,000, and that up to the present time the number of accidents from the same cause this year has reached 15,000, almost half-way to last year's mark. It looks like the old mark may be left behind, as we still have several holidays to check up on yet. During the past week-end 49 lives were lost, according to a report from Washington, D. C., covering 20 states east of the Rockies. Charlotte had one such death last Saturday evening. Drive carefully.

Astronomers now come forward with the statement they have been wrong in measuring the distances of stars from the earth. They say the distance is about one-half as far as formerly believed. Well, they are not yet so close it will bother our range of vision, and we are happy to be still able to look at them, for they are worth looking at. What bothers us is how that comet lost its tail. The one recently reported as a new comet. Perhaps it is not yet old enough to grow a tail.

The sales tax is now in full force in North Carolina. The only thing that does not carry a tax is milk. Live on milk, if you can.

DENIES RIFT BETWEEN THE TEXTILE WORKERS, TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION AS RESULT S. C. FEDERATION MEET

The following is an Associated Press story relative to a reported rift in the ranks of Organized Labor in South Carolina:

SPARTANBURG, S. C., June 26.—H. C. Godfrey, president of the South Carolina Federation of Textile Workers, tonight issued a statement denying that a rift exists between the Textile union and the Typographical union as a result of the convention of the South Carolina Federation of Labor in Greenville Monday and Tuesday and also asserted that there is no dissension within the membership of the State Federation. At the same time J. W. Nates, newly-elected president of the Federation, issued a statement declaring he has received assurances of co-operation from all active and important local unions and from the American Federation of Labor. Concerning his own union membership, Nates said he has been a member of Brotherhood of Railway Carmen for 18 years and is not a "former" member of the Textile union . . . Godfrey asserted his friendship with members of the Typographical union was shown by the fact that he seconded the nomination of Dowell E. Patterson, of Charleston, Southern representative of the International Typographical Union, who was elected to represent the State Federation of Labor at the fall convention of the American Federation of Labor. There is no fight or dissension between loyal members within the ranks of the State Federation," Godfrey said. "The differences in the recent convention were purely between individuals and in no sense should it be construed that there is a fight between the different crafts within the organization."

An Organizing Campaign Is To Start in Asheville

Atlanta, Ga., July 1.—It was announced at the Southern Headquarters of the American Federation of Labor here today that an intensive organizing campaign would be started immediately in all sections of the South. The campaign will be opened in Asheville, N. C. on July 15 with a mass meeting in the county courthouse. This will be followed by six other mass meetings in important North Carolina cities the same week. George L. Googe, southern personal representative of President William Green will be the principal speaker at these mass meetings and his subject will be "Rights of the Workers Under the Wagner Labor Disputes Law." R. R. Lawrence, president of the N. C. State Federation of Labor, is making arrangements for the seven big mass meetings, which will be held at different points on July 15-16-17-18-19-20-21.

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Enacting of "Tax-Rich" Bill Will Take 2 Months

Washington, D. C.—Speaker Byrns predicted that the enactment of President Roosevelt's program for Federal inheritance, higher gift taxes, higher graduated corporation income taxes, and increased individual income taxes on incomes over \$1,000,000, will keep Congress in session for another two months.

Under the President's recommendations it is estimated the income of the Government will be increased by about \$340,000,000 the first year and by larger amounts thereafter.

The legislation must originate in the House of Representatives. It was announced that the Ways and Means Committee hearings would occupy at least two weeks and would not begin until the second week in July. After the tax bill has passed the House, it will be taken up by the Finance Committee of the Senate, which will also hold extensive hearings.

Increasing taxes on the rich, who are abundantly able to pay the bill, is regarded by Congress as a very serious matter.

Every dollar spent for Union Label goods and services means better wages, shorter hours and decent working conditions for every worker.

Western Textile Council Holds Meeting—Other Textile Notes

One of the biggest meetings of Western Textile Council was held at Gastonia last Saturday that has occurred in recent months. Evidence of a revival of the old-time spirit was evident, Lawrence and Lisk, Thomas and Thrift, all well known in the Labor movement made spirited and interesting talks.

Two big mass meetings were held at Rockingham last Sunday afternoon. Organizer Lisk addressed both meetings. Interest is running high at this place, there being close to 1,500 members in the two locals there.

Organizer Lisk informs us that while this is his vacation period, there is no rest for the weary, as the harvest is ripe unto the reaping.

There will be textile mass meetings in Concord tonight, Kannapolis Friday night, East Belmont 7:30 Saturday night, North Belmont the same night at 8:30.

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Charlotte Textile Plants Taking A "Vacation!"

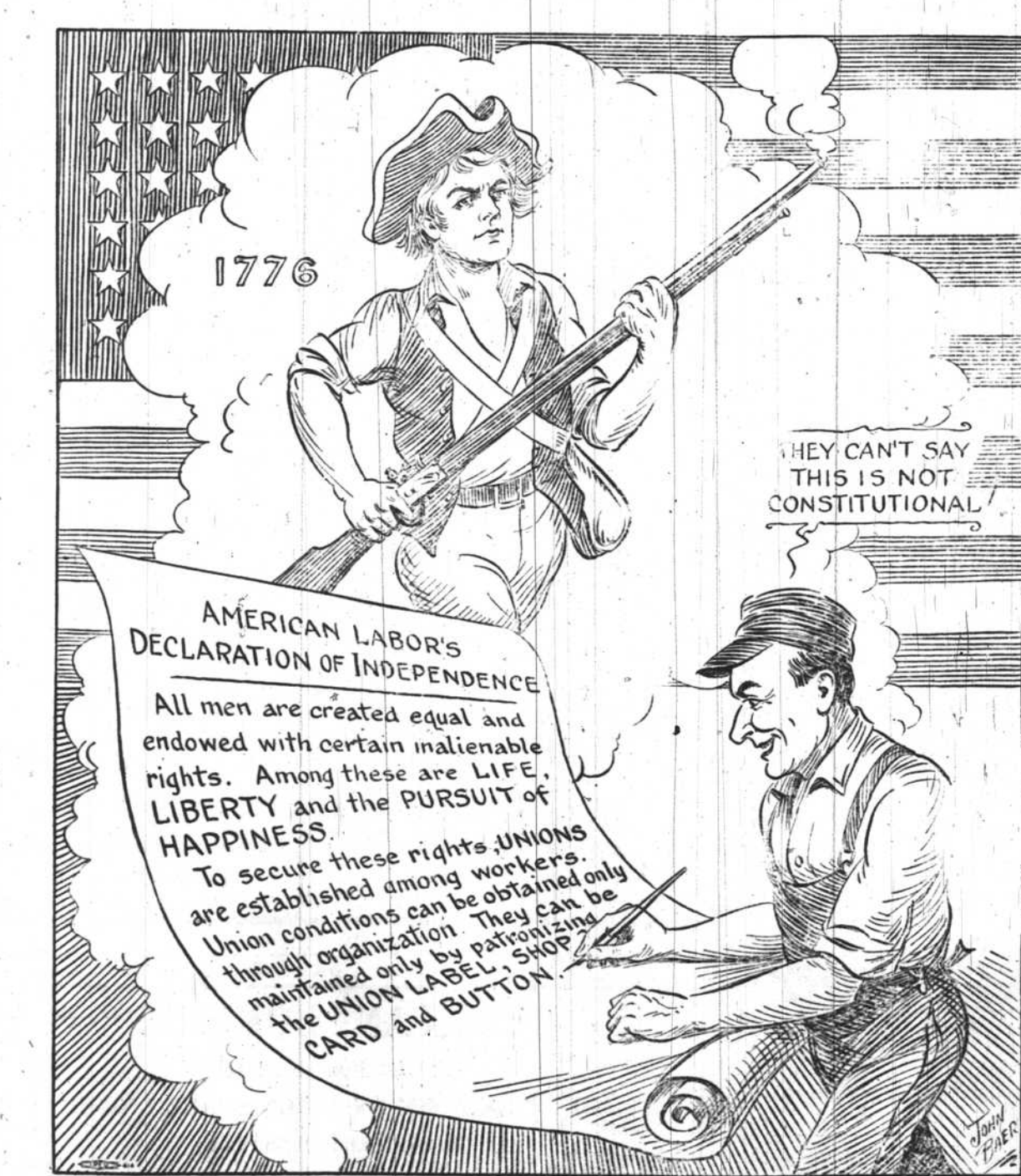
Several thousand textile mill operatives at Charlotte will begin a 1-week vacation period tomorrow when the manufacturers start a program of extra curtailment.

All plants of the Chadwick-Hoskins chain and those of the Johnston and Highland Park companies will be idle throughout the week, according to reports obtained from the managements.

C. W. Johnston, head of the Johnston and Highland Park group of factories, said he understood that most of the mills in the south will give their employees a full week's vacation this week.

Announcements regarding operating schedules of these plants after this week were not available yesterday. —Sunday's Observer.

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