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### EMPLOYERS WAITING FOR CONGRESS TO ADJOURN BEFORE BEGINNING WAGE CUTS AND LONGER HOURS SAYS JOHN LLOYD, OF NORFOLK

In an address at Central Labor Union hall on Tuesday night, John Lloyd, of Norfolk, Va., vice-president of the Barbers' International Union, expressed the fear that employers were only waiting for Congress to adjourn before instigating wage cuts and the lengthening of hours for their employees.

Mr. Lloyd's address, along with several others, was the feature of an open meeting of Charlotte Central Labor Union, which is beginning an extensive organizing campaign of this territory. He is at all times interesting and at certain periods became dramatic in his portrayal of what the rights of workers were and stressing the point that they were to be obtained only through the medium of organization and seeing that the right men were put into political office. He called upon union men to put their shoulders to the wheel, forget self, set aside petty jealousies, eliminate internal friction and work one with the other to bring workers into the fold. His slogan was to "Keep the bell of organization ringing morning, noon and night, make Charlotte a 100 per cent union town." Organization of labor was described as the only way for labor to keep its hours, working conditions and wages at a high standard. The American Federation of Labor, he declared, has advocated better wages, better hours, and better working conditions for 50 years.

He deplored the "satisfied" man or woman in the Labor movement as a stumbling block, and declared the organized worker needed no NRA. He lauded and called for support of President Roosevelt, and spoke in favor of the 30-hour week bill. He stressed the importance and necessity of all union men and women demanding the Union Label on all purchases, stating that it was an important weapon in the hands of the workers.

There are "card" men, and "union" men. "Anyone can carry a card," he said, "but the Union man takes an active part in the work of his organization." He further stated that a "Christian worker will not take an honest man's job at a salary of \$2.00 to \$3.00 a week less than the man is getting. Such a man is a hypocrite."

Mr. Lloyd's address was well received and at the close of the meeting was thanked by many present for the message he had brought.

Textile "Red" Lisk also made a short address, but it carried the usual fire and sound logic that only Brother Lisk can put into his talks. He paid his respects to a few unfair business concerns in Charlotte and the attitude they hold toward Labor, urging organization. Mr. Lisk receives a glad hand at Charlotte meetings, for he is a tireless worker and a forceful speaker.

E. A. Thrift, a local labor worker and an interesting talker, closed the meeting with an appeal that the talent among the workers for more useful service in the cause be sought out and cultivated to the end that the harvest of intelligent Labor workers would be a bounteous one.

### Judge Criticizes Our Antiquated Jury Machinery

GASTONIA, July 22.—"If you ran your business like the courts are compelled to run in North Carolina, you would be in receivership in 60 days," Judge Wilson Warlick told the members of the Gaston county grand jury in his charge in superior court here today.

"The courts of the State need a general overhauling," said Judge Warlick. "Under the circumstances the grand jury is not worth what it costs the county. The grand jury is dependent on the workings of the solicitor, acting when he sends in bills, and is powerless to investigate anything on its own hook."

"You have had but little power," he told the grand jurors, "and when you will look back over it and wonder what it's all about. Restricted by our cumbersome laws, the present day grand jury is like a one-horse wagon in an age of speed."

### TIPOGRAPHICAL UNION MEMBERS TAKE NOTICE

The following invitation has been sent out to members of the Typographical Women's Auxiliary, and is self-explanatory:

The Auxiliary members (to Typographical Union 338) will meet at Bryant Park Sunday afternoon about four o'clock. Each family bring a picnic supper. No other meetings planned for July and August. Please come and bring your family.

MRS. ROBERT F. WHITE, Sec'y-Treas.

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### Pickets Hurt In Durham Mill Strike

DURHAM, July 23.—Quiet prevailed tonight at the No. 1 plant of the Durham Hosiery mills where this morning two local union officials in the picket line thrown around the plant by striking seamless hosiery workers were slashed with knives when a group of non-strikers forced their way through the front gate.

Union leaders said that efforts to persuade those still at work to leave their jobs will be redoubled tomorrow morning by pickets who have been instructed to employ no violence. A strike committee appointed by the local central labor union pledged support to Lawrence Hogan, field representative of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers.

He added that "there are as many workers out on strike, if not more, than when the difficulties first began."

### 916,720 WORKERS WERE HIT BY LABOR DISPUTES DURING FISCAL YEAR

Labor disputes during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934, numbered 1,140, according to a report by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins. The disagreements involved 916,720 workers who lost 25 million man days of employment. Most of the strikes broke out in the Spring of 1934, when the Recovery Act seemed firmly established. In 1933 there were 1,562 disputes involving 812,137 workers and a loss of 14,818,847 man days.

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### PERTINENT COMMENT ON TIMELY TOPICS CHATTING BY HARRY BOATE

—It is one of the commandments of our Master that, when we give of our money, we should do it secretly, that even our left hands are ignorant of what our right hands are bestowing. To give anonymously is the Christian ideal of giving, and that is true whether the nature of the gift may be. A fine tale from the past is very much to the point here. Once, Oberlin, the French philanthropist, was traveling among the mountains of Alsace in the depth of winter. The cold was intense, the snow lay thickly on the ground, and before he had completed half of his journey he felt himself yielding to fatigue and to the desire for sleep. He felt that if he gave way to sleep he would wake no more. But, in spite of this thought he found it impossible to resist his desire, and soon he lost consciousness. He did awake at last, to find a waggoner in a blue blouse standing over him, urging him to take wine and food. By and by his strength revived, and he was able to walk to the man's wagon and was given to the nearest village, where, in warmth and shelter, he was soon himself again. Before departing he wanted to reward his rescuer, but the man refused money, saying that it was his duty to assist men in distress. "At least tell me your name," said Oberlin, "when he could not prevail on the man to accept reward, 'so that I may remember you in my prayers.' 'I see,' said the waggoner, 'that you are a preacher. Tell me the name of the Good Samaritan.' 'I cannot do that,' answered Oberlin, 'for it is not recorded.' 'Ah, well,' said the waggoner, 'when you can tell me his name, I will tell you mine.'—From N. C. Christian Advocate.

—Below are recorded a few interesting remarks taken from the same publication as the above:

When a man has the last word with his wife, it is generally an apology. "Every man in this world is either an anvil or a hammer," said a speaker, quoting from some writer. To which remark has been appended the statement: "This is not true. Some men are merely bellows." . . . How true is the last remark. . . . In remarking on travel through the country in our present age the writer says: "In the old days a trip by ocean or wagonette was a beautiful long story, but a car ride today is only a synopsis." . . . Expressed in a very accurate manner. . . . Speaking of the ten most beautiful words in the English language, what about this list: "Business is improving steadily, so we are raising your salary."

In gathering at the dinner table one day a father noted that his child's hands were soiled and remarked: "You can't have visited the bath room on your way down. What would you say to me if I came to the table with hands looking like that?" To which the child replied: "Well, daddy, I fink I'd be too polite to mention it."

A father was talking to his young son, and in the course of the conversation he asked the boy what he was going to be when he became a man, to which the boy remarked he was going to be president of the conference. Said the father: "I hope you will some day, but that means a lot of hard work. You can't be a president all at once. You can't begin at the top in life. You must begin at the bottom and work up." To which the boy replied: "Yes, daddy; but suppose I want to dig a well?"

Mayor Douglas has promised to appoint a committee to investigate the proposition about the city accepting the Airport. We thought that had been settled long ago, but it seems that the question will not die. Never before heard of a going concern offering to give itself away and not being able to find a taker. There is a joker in the offer. If the city takes it for five years and puts it on its financial feet, then the city may buy it from the owners at a handsome price. Very generous. Several times have citizens of Charlotte expressed their views on this subject, but the owners of this place do not seem to believe what was said by these voters. To firmly impress the decision on those endeavoring to unload seems impossible. If the city does not want it, let "No" be the answer and make it emphatic. True, we should have an airport, but why not build a new one if we do not want the one already in existence?

### ALEXANDRIA CITY GOVERNMENT GIVES WORKERS FULL SUPPORT IN DEMAND FOR DECENT LIVING

ALEXANDRIA, Va.—E. C. Davison, Mayor of Alexandria, told 95 women workers who walked out of the plant of the Century Manufacturing Company here in militant protest against a 10 per cent wage cut that they would have the full moral support of the city government in their demand for decent living standards. In addition to being mayor, Mr. Davison is secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Machinists, with headquarters in Washington, D. C.

The Century concern manufactures shirts. According to strike leaders the 10 per cent reduction in wages knocked the pay of average workers down to between \$6 and \$9 for a 49-hour week. The strike was in charge of a representative of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, who announced that all but ten of the 105 operators in the plant were enrolled in the union.

Mayor Davison told the strikers that they would have the protection of the police against outside interference with the orderly progress of the strike and that rather than work for starvation wages they should go on the relief rolls.

When he was informed that the management of the company threatened to remove the plant from Alexandria unless the wage cut was accepted, Mayor Davison said: "If the factory will not pay decent and respectable wages, we will be very glad to have it move from the city."

### 30-Hour Week Strike Opposed By Hos. Workers

Philadelphia, Pa.—The convention of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers here tabled a resolution calling for a general strike of hosiery workers on Sept. 1, if manufacturers refused the demand for a 30-hour week in place of the present 40-hour week without reduction in wages. A number of delegates declared the thing to do was to organize the unorganized portion of the industry. Otherwise with the 30-hour week employers would employ four shifts a day and throw lots of employes out of work. Emil Rieve, president of the Federation, said the manufacturers claim they will not accept the shorter week proposal.

William Smith, secretary-treasurer of the Federation, estimated the cost of the strike would run from half a million to a million dollars. He pointed out that the 1930 strike at the Aberle Hosiery Mill in Philadelphia, cost the union \$285,000, and that the strike at the Kenosha Mills in Wisconsin in 1929 cost \$1,500,000.

### Textile Organizing Activities Bring Forth Good Results

Word comes to us through Textile Organizer H. D. Lisk, of the following meetings and meetings to and from them:

Last Saturday at 10 A. M. he was with Local 2293, at Poplar and Seventh streets. A good meeting at Kannapolis at 8 P. M. with Local 2265. Last Wednesday night at Rockingham one of the biggest meetings ever held in that section took place. On Wednesday night of this week another overflow meeting was held, and one is scheduled for today (Thursday) at 12 o'clock, noon, with another one at the same place at 10 A. M., and on Sunday afternoon at 2:30. It is reported that the organization spirit is going great blazes at Kannapolis.

There will be a great mass meeting at 8 P. M., at Rockingham, also one at the same place at 10 A. M. Saturday.

Mr. H. D. Lisk, textile organizer in this section, along with other organizers, reports a wave of membership increases that is passing the hopes of even the most sanguine union worker.

### ASHURST PRISON GOODS MEASURE IS PASSED BY HOUSE WITHOUT DISCUSSION — SENATE FAVORABLE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The House of Representatives passed, with practically no discussion, the Ashurst bill prohibiting, with certain exceptions, interstate transportation of prison-made products.

The bill would make it unlawful "for any person knowingly to transport or cause to be transported, in any manner or by any means whatsoever, or aid or assist in obtaining transportation for or in transporting any goods, wares, and merchandise manufactured, produced, or mined wholly or in part by convicts or prisoners" in interstate commerce in violation of any law of the State or Territory into which they are shipped.

The bill does not apply to commodities manufactured in Federal penal and correctional institutions for use exclusively by the Federal Government. The object of the measure is to supplement the Hawes-Cooper Act which contains similar prohibitions but no penalty for violation. The Ashurst bill fixes a penalty of \$1,000 for each offense together with forfeiture of the goods.

The Senate Judiciary Committee has already reported the Ashurst bill favorably but the Senate has not acted on it.

### Washington, D. C. Street Railway Men Ask Increase

Washington, D. C.—Over 2,000 street car motormen, conductors and bus operators, shopmen and barnmen employed by the Capital Transit Company are affected by the wage increase demand submitted by Division 689, Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employes of America. The proposed agreement includes the following conditions: Establishment of an eight-hour day, six day week, minimum; increase in the hourly rates of pay during the first three months of employment from 49 cents to 79 cents, and for the next nine months an increase from 53 to 83 cents, with 85 cents an hour after a year's service. The union also asks that the rate of pay for one-man operation be 15 cents an hour higher than for two-man operation, with a reduction in the time spread to complete a day's work.

Shopmen would be placed on a five-day week of eight hours per day with time and a half for all over eight hours and for Sundays and holidays with an increase of 30 cents an hour. Barnmen would work eight hours a day, six days a week, with 30 cents an hour increase.

### TEXTILE LOCAL OFFICERS FROM THE PAW CREEK TEXTILE LOCAL VISIT US

Among other visitors to The Journal Monday were the president and secretary of the Paw-Creek Textile Local No. 2078, one of the strongest and best in this section. These boys are up and doing, and a news article from this local will appear weekly in The Journal from now on. Brother Kendall piloted them hither, and he is some "pilot," too, take it from us. He is a machinist worker now five days in the week and a Labor worker seven days in the week, excepting his church attendance on Sunday.

### CAB RATE CUT BLOCKED BY MAYOR LA GUARDIA

Mayor La Guardia of New York City declares he will not permit taxicab rates to be lowered until he is compelled to by a court decree. The Board of Aldermen has the power to fix the rates, which are now 35 cents for the first mile and 20 cents for each mile thereafter. He made the statement in connection with the filing of a suit by a taxicab driver to have the installation of low-rate cab meters. "Unless compelled to do so by the courts," the Mayor said, "I will under no circumstances, under present conditions permit the establishment of reduced rates. When taxi owners have established a decent living wage for their drivers and have fixed an eight-hour day, there will be time enough to discuss reduced rates."

### Teachers' Union Seek Freedom Intellectually

Chicago, Ill.—Intellectual freedom for teachers and adequate financial support of the schools are the topics of main interest scheduled for discussion and action at the nineteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Teachers, convened to meet in Cleveland, Ohio, the week of August 25, officials of the Federation announced at its headquarters here. The statement regarding the convention read:

"In the face of the Hearst Red-baiting program, the deluge of loyalty oaths and other restrictive legislation, the wholesale dismissal of teachers for thinking thoughts not in conformity with those in authority, the attacks upon the schools by chambers of commerce, pseudo-patriotic societies and big business interests interested in tax saving, resulting in drastic curtailment of educational opportunity, the American Federation of Teachers will launch a counter-attack and an aggressive campaign for school and teacher protection."

Raymond F. Lowery is president and Florence Curtis Hanson, secretary-treasurer of the Federation.

### A "Thrill-Filled" Zane Grey Picture On At the Charlotte

A thrill-filled and exciting Zane Grey picture, which combines murder drama with breath-taking outdoor action, Paramount's "Rocky Mountain Mystery" brings one of the most competent casts ever seen in this type of picture to the Charlotte Theatre where it opens Friday.

The plot of this unusual picture centers about the murders committed in a radium mine owned by an aged recluse. Randolph Scott, a young engineer makes it his business to trace down the murderer who is supposed to be a mysterious black horseman. In the process, however, he falls in love with the old recluse's niece, Ann Sheridan.

As the action proceeds to its climax the girl is spirited away by the murderer. In the final, gripping scenes, she is rescued by Scott who solves the puzzle of the murders and brings the criminals to justice.

Charles "Chic" Sale, who plays the part of a bungling "constable," needs no introduction. His characterization in "Rocky Mountain Mystery" is a worthy addition to his many famous stage and radio characters.

Other notable members of the cast include Kathleen Burke, George Marion, Sr., Mrs. Leslie Carter, James E. Eagles and Florence Roberts.

The direction on the film is a credit to Charles Barton who has done a job easily comparable to the successful "Wagon Wheels" which he also directed.

The program also includes Thelma Todd and Patsy Kelly in "Bum Voyage"; Popeye, the Sailor in "Pleased to Meet Cha"; Screen Snapshots and Rhythm.

### ROCHESTER WAITRESSES ASK \$10 FOR 5-DAY WEEK

Rochester, N. Y.—Claiming that many waitresses in Rochester receive only 10 cents an hour in wages and are forced to pay for their uniforms, Mae Yost, business agent of the organized waitresses here, said she would recommend \$10 for a five-day week of 40 hours before the public hearing scheduled to be held by the State Hotel and Restaurant Wage Board in the near future.

### HOSIERY WORKERS DRAFT A NEW CONTRACT

Philadelphia, July 23.—The convention of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers empowered its national executive board today to negotiate a new contract with the full-fashioned hosiery manufacturers, the terms to be binding upon the federation without further convention action.

### W. B. WITHERSPOON A JOURNAL VISITOR

"Bill" Witherspoon, he of Linotype machinist and operating fame, was a Journal visitor Monday, and we had to look twice before we could believe our senses. He is hale and hearty; looks better than he did around seven years ago when he was "cussing" Observer operators for being bone heads. "Bill" as he is affectionately called has a heart of gold, and if there were more people like him (with all his faults) the world would be better off. He is now doing Linotype repair work hither and yon and is with the Linotype Maintenance Company, which is located in Charlotte.

### TERRA HAUTE STRIKE COMES TO AN END; GUARD HAS HANDS FULL

TERRA HAUTE, Ind., July 23.—Labor leaders called off tonight the general strike that has caused business stagnation in this city for two days but their announcement brought further disorder at an enameling company where the strike had its inception. Almost coincident with a statement by T. N. Taylor, local labor official, that the general strike will end tomorrow, crowds rushed national guardsmen stationed at the enameling plant. Tear gas bombs were tossed and rifle butts were used in repelling the rush.

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