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## FRANK BARR NEW PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL LABOR UNION INSTALLED, WITH OTHER OFFICERS

Tuesday night was a hot one, but after two weeks of idleness, due to open meetings, Charlotte Central Labor Union again buckled down to business, and installed its newly-elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Frank Barr, president; H. L. Kiser, vice-president; R. K. Amyx, secretary and treasurer; A. F. Helms, sergeant-at-arms, and J. H. Fullerton, T. R. McEliesce and W. M. Witter, trustees. C. S. Boger and Mr. Barr were elected as delegates to the convention of the North Carolina Federation of Labor, but did not have to be installed locally. All of the officers were present and obligated, and as a new recording secretary had not been appointed, Col. Harry Boate continued at his post. Retiring President Claude L. Albea gave the obligation, at the close of a neat little talk as to duties and asking faithfulness in service. President Frank Barr then took the chair. The meeting then went through the regular routine, with committee reports and working conditions of the locals being gone through with, the body heard a short talk by John Lloyd, of Norfolk, Va., vice-president and organizer of the Journeymen Barbers International Union. Mr. Lloyd is at all times an interesting speaker, carrying a message of the gospel of unionism and preaching the Union Label. He announced that a Barbers' Local would be set up in Charlotte with a healthy membership, and asked that all Union men and women look for the Shop Card.

Organizer Adams, of the Hosiery Workers, also made a talk on the Label, and told of some things happening in the strike field. His activities have kept him in Durham the past week.

President Barr, before the close, made a talk asking co-operation of the delegates in his administration, and past President Albea replied, pledging him his full support and calling upon the membership to do likewise. Brother Albea was given a rising vote of thanks for his untiring services the past eight years as president of Central Labor Union.

## Textile Workers Are Starting Extensive Organizing Drive

The textile workers are starting an extensive organizing campaign in Charlotte, and two meetings a week will be held with the various locals for some time to come. These meetings will be addressed by prominent local labor men, and George L. Googe, southern representative of President William Green, has promised to be present at one or more of these meetings for addresses.

A special meeting will be held at Calvine Local, No. 2285, at 17th and Caldwell streets on Thursday night at 8 and a large crowd is expected.

A meeting of similar nature is also scheduled for Chadwick-Hoskins Local No. 1900, Saturday at 8 P. M. Organizer H. D. Lick is handling the activities in this section for the textile workers, and reports a steady gain in membership.

One of the main objects of these meetings is to educate the workers in the principles of the organized labor movement.

Three meetings at Rockingham last week, one Friday at 8 P. M., one at 10:30 P. M., and one Saturday at 10 A. M. These meetings combined the two locals at that place, and each one was well attended, and a membership gain was noted despite the fact that the mills are not working half time.

A meeting at Calvine mill is scheduled for tonight (Thursday) at 8:00 P. M., with Calvine Local No. 2285, at which time refreshments will be served and prominent labor men will make talks.

**REGULAR MEETING OF TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION TO BE HELD SUNDAY**  
Typographical Union, No. 338 will hold its regular monthly meeting Sunday at 2 P. M., at Central Labor Union hall. Much business of importance is to come before the body and a full attendance is desired.

**HOSIERY MANUFACTURERS DECREE 54-HOUR WEEK**  
Burlington, N. C.—Ninety per cent of the hosiery mills in and around Burlington signed the agreement proposed by the National Hosiery Manufacturers' Association that mills may operate their finishing department fifty hours per week instead of forty, under the limitation of four months out of twelve or two weeks per month.

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## "A Notorious Gentleman" At Charlotte Theatre

Is there such a thing as the "perfect crime"? Can a criminal, no matter how well versed in the intricacies of the law, plan and carry out a murder with such attention to every detail of covering up his tracks that the crime is impossible of solution? Is the "long arm of the law" matched by the long arm of coincidence? Can a criminal ever be sure that every clue is destroyed?

These questions are answered in the story of "A Notorious Gentleman," the Universal drama which comes to the Charlotte theatre Friday and Saturday of this week, with Charles Bickford, Helen Vinson, Dudley Digges, Sidney Blackmer and Onslow Stevens in featured roles.

In the story Bickford is presented as a clever criminal lawyer who continually secures verdicts of acquittal in favor of clients undoubtedly guilty of murder, solely through the manufacturing in ingenious evidence. But when Miss Vinson, now a famous actress, visits her home town, Bickford, and his enemy, Blackmer, both become suitors for her hand, and finally the lawyer, after an elaborate planning of his own defense, kills his rival.

How the story progresses to its surprising climax makes a screenplay of unusual interest, and one which has been handled with rare skill by Director Edward Laemmle.

For fun the program offers Charlie Chase in "The Chases of Pimple St." and a looney tune cartoon "Buddy's Bug Hunt."

**MRS. MCKAMEY VISITING IN OHIO**

A post card from Mrs. W. E. McKamey, president of the Women's Union Label League of Charlotte comes to us from Akron, Ohio. She is visiting friends in Massillon and is away on a two-week trip. It is hot in that section she says and wants to know how all the good people down here are. We would let her know but as fate would have it, a drop of ink fell on the street number. Alas and alack it is even thus. But we do know she is on W. Main Street. Her many friends both in fraternal and labor circles in Charlotte wish her a pleasant trip and vacation.

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## PERTINENT COMMENT ON TIMELY TOPICS CHATTING BY HARRY BOATE

For many months the citizens of Charlotte have been hearing the cry of whether or not we should have a closed or open Sunday in the city—in other words, some people have wanted all business closed up on Sunday, and others contend that Sunday should be the same as other days—just do as you please and let Sunday be the same as any other day in all respects except the name. Keep the name just as a label.

The former city council did nothing about the matter save talk. When the present council took over the reins of government the subject came up again and this is what resulted:

Council passed an ordinance closing all commercialized amusements on Sunday unless they chose to operate without charging admission or getting a price on the privilege of playing a game. It was tried out one Sunday and found that its teeth were not properly set—did not bite just as they should—so it was decided to send it back to the legal dental establishment to have a new set made. Now the new teeth have been finished and put in place, and beginning with the first Sunday in August Charlotte will have a closed (?) Sunday. Any person violating the provisions of this new law will find these teeth snapping at his heels, and it will take \$50 in good American money to buy enough salve to heal the wound. Of course all lines of business do not come under the law, as it was found or deemed necessary to make certain exemptions—such as public service corporations and a few others. Yes, we have no closed Sunday. Last Sunday, in the city of Chadbourne blue laws went into effect. Cooked foods and medicines were the only things sold legally. That is a real closed Sunday.

Among the exemptions named in the ordinance above referred to is what has in late years acquired the artistic name of shoe shine parlors. The charter of the State of North Carolina says that public schools are not public necessities, and hence have a somewhat hard journey, especially in the last few depression years. To add to this confusion, we now have the city of Charlotte proclaiming by law that shoe shine parlors are public necessities and may operate on Sunday, while the grocer and dry goods dealer is supposed to keep his place closed. The comparison between the schools and the shine parlors appears to be that bright brains are not needed during the week or on Sunday, but it is necessary to have your shoes shined nicely, so you will look well. These shine parlors are operated mainly by citizens of foreign birth, and the work is performed by the Sons of Ham, who amuse themselves between jobs by sitting at the front door and spitting on the sidewalk, which is, or should be, against the sanitary laws of the city. However, it does keep the dust from rising.

In Chinatown in New York City recently, a man impersonating an officer approached Mr. Chin, displayed a badge, and demanded money. Mr. Chin asked the man to go with him while he got the money. As they walked through Chinatown Mr. Chin always had the characteristic smile on his face and persisted in talking in Chinese, which amused the imitation officer for a time. After walking a few blocks a flock of real detectives came on the scene and arrested the bogus officer. It developed that what the intended victim was doing was saying to every Chinaman he passed: "This is a thief trying to get my money from me. Send a detective." And he got what he asked for. Many years ago Bret Harte made the statement: "For ways that are dark, and tricks that are vain, the heathen Chinese is peculiar."

In Pierre, South Dakota, 19,000 heads of families have been removed from government relief rolls because of refusal to accept work in the harvest fields, where work is plenty at the present time. Apparently they see no need to work when relief is handed out free. There are many such people receiving this relief every day.

From New York comes the statement that Reuben Greenspan, whose scientific predictions have a habit of coming true quite frequently, has predicted that on July 29 and 30 there will be earth shocks of serious proportions in the Pacific and Mediterranean areas. Before this appears in print we may have learned whether or not he made the right guess this time.

Up in Milwaukee county, Wisconsin, with a population of 750,000 people, eight months have passed without a murder having taken place. It is hard to believe such a report with murders so frequent that they excite nothing more than a three or four line item in the newspapers in many cases. Seems like the population of that county will increase rapidly. Perhaps if it does, the record thus acquired may be broken, unless they are careful about who is permitted to move in.

## S. C. "MILL BOY" GOVERNOR GIVING TEXTILE STRIKERS AT LEAST AN "EVEN BREAK"

COLUMBIA, S. C., July 31.—A renewed effort to settle a 15-day textile strike at Pelzer was launched yesterday in official circles.

Governor Olin D. Johnston announced that arbitration was planned "in an effort to make some disposition of the strike situation," after conferring here with J. L. Bernard, of Greenville, Federal labor relations commissioner, and State labor leaders.

The Governor disclosed that he had asked Sheriff W. A. Clam, of Anderson county, to withhold serving eviction warrants upon the families of 12 union members occupying company houses until the labor dispute is quieted.

He quoted Clam as saying everything was "very quiet" in the vicinity of Pelzer, where national guardsmen have been on duty since July 16, and both sides appeared to have settled down for a long-drawn contest. While union spokesmen charged the management with bringing in strike-breakers, and officials said the plants were operating practically on a normal basis, a number of strikers were reported at Anderson to have taken jobs on work relief rolls of the FERA.

A majority of 80 persons assigned to a road construction project at Pelzer were understood to be strikers and others were said to have applied for the two-day-a-week work assignments and available commodities.

J. D. Fulp, state relief administrator, in commenting on the situation, said: "The relief administrator recognizes neither union nor non-union ties, but only that a person is unemployed and in need of aid."

He said future action, including the retention of the purported strikers on relief rolls, depended upon the outcome of official arbitration.

## LABOR RACKETEERING IN CHARLOTTE CONDEMNED BY CENTRAL LABOR UNION

Racketeering in the name of Organized Labor in Charlotte in the advertising, publicity and co-operative field brought forth the following resolution, which was unanimously passed Tuesday, January 21, by Central Labor Union:

"Resolved, That the Charlotte Labor Journal is recognized in Charlotte as the only official paper of this section, and that merchants and business concerns are warned against outsiders soliciting advertisements or funds in the name of Labor, unless they have secured the sanction of Central Labor Union. For information merchants and business men may call The Journal at 3-4855, or Central Labor Union, 9185. The motion carried unanimously."

## E. A. THRIFT HEADS WESTERN TEXTILE COUNCIL—MEMBERSHIP EXTENSION IS TO BE PUSHED

One of the best and largest meetings of the Western Textile Council held in recent months was on Saturday afternoon at the Bethune School, in Charlotte. The council consists of Mecklenburg, Gaston, and York (S. C.) counties.

One local at Belmont reported 300 new members and other locals are noting a 50 to 100 per cent membership increase.

Mr. E. A. Thrift, of local 2293, is the new president, and L. A. Dawirray, of local 1900 is the new vice-president. Both are of this city.

H. D. Lisk, international representative of the United Textile Workers of America, reported several recent mass meetings in Rockingham and said that two locals in Rockingham wished to affiliate with the Western North Carolina council. Plans for increasing the membership in this section were discussed.

At 7:30 o'clock last P. M. a mass meeting was held with a mock trial as the special feature. The defendant was charged with being a traitor to the organization. R. C. Thomas, of Gastonia, acted the part of judge, H. D. Lisk and R. T. Tendall were defense attorneys and E. A. Thrift the prosecuting attorney.

## Textile Boards Are Averting Strikes, Says F. Gorman

Wellesley, Mass.—Creation of a National Textile Board to stabilize trade and employment conditions in the industry along the lines of the bill with this object in view sponsored by the United Textile Workers of America would prevent most strikes by eliminating their causes, Francis J. Gorman, vice-president of that organization, told the Summer Institute for Social Progress at Wellesley College, Mr. Gorman stressed the point that the textile union under the set up would be of the vertical type.

Under the proposed Act, which experts are drafting for presentation to Congress, the President of the United States would appoint three labor members of the board, all members of the United Textile workers, three employer representatives and an impartial chairman. Textile labor would choose its own representatives, the employers would choose theirs, and the President would select the seventh from a panel submitted by the other six.

The public pays the bill. Why not buy Union-made, American products which will increase our payrolls, instead of buying non-Union, foreign-made goods which will increase our relief rolls?

## ATTITUDE OF DURHAM POLICE QUESTIONED BY HOSIERY WORKERS; GO BEFORE COUNCIL

DURHAM, Aug. 1.—A committee representing striking seam-less hosiery workers of the Durham mills at the next meeting of the city council formally will protest what union leaders term "unfair activities" of city police at the picket line.

Lawrence Hogan, representative of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, said tonight the committee will charge that officers have told pickets "the strike is broken" and urged them to return to work.

They further will charge, he said, that the officers have refused to arrest workers who have committed breaches of peace in their presence unless warrants first were obtained but have arrested pickets without securing warrants and have resisted attempts of union men to secure their release under bond.

Chief of Police G. W. Proctor had "nothing to say" when informed of the charges. He said on days the mill has been in operation all three platoons of the police department were on duty to preserve order—an emergency measure that has not been placed in effect before in his remembrance.

Comparative quiet prevailed at the mill today, a much smaller crowd of spectators and pickets being on the scene than were present yesterday morning when two strike sympathizers were arrested for minor breaches of the peace.

The trial of the two men arrested—Walter Emory, charged with an assault upon a woman who was attempting to enter the mill, and C. H. Ho-

cutt, charged with disorderly conduct—this morning was continued by City Court Judge W. B. Bass to August 9 at the request of Chief Proctor who said to recall the arresting officers from the strike zone would weaken the force needed there. Mel J. Thompson, local attorney, who represents the defendants, formally protested the continuance.

D. Yates Heafner, conciliator of the U. S. Department of Labor, who has conferred with union leaders and mill officials for several days, today returned to his headquarters in Charlotte after vainly attempting to reconcile the two factors. He may be recalled at any time by either side.

Henry I. Adams, Carolinas manager of the hosiery workers federation, left the city today after conferring with leaders of the strike. He expects to return tomorrow.

The strikers met tonight and appointed relief committees who will solicit local merchants and representatives of other unions for financial assistance in order to continue the picketing.

## \$4,100,000 Cut Off Payrolls Month of June

Washington, D. C.—Employers who operate American industries contributed to industrial recovery negatively during June by discharging 118,000 persons as compared with May employment and decreasing weekly payrolls by \$4,100,000, according to figures made public by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins.

A survey by the Department of Labor including 50 per cent of all business and industry showed that employers covered had 90,000 fewer persons on their payrolls in June than in May with a reduction of \$400,000 in pay envelope contents. Assuming that the same percentage of dismissals took place in the remaining 50 per cent of business and industry, employers as a whole threw 180,000 workers into the unemployed army during June.

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## Ladies' Auxiliary To Typo Union 338 Have Outing Sunday

While the attendance was not so large at the outing Sunday afternoon of the Women's Auxiliary to Typographical Union No. 338, the occasion was an enjoyable one. Most of the "faithful" were on hand, and the good women had prepared a bountiful repast, and after every appetite was appeased there was plenty left. Chicken, ham, cake, lemonade, pie, and almost everything you could think of was spread upon the table. The men and women enjoyed themselves in conversation and reminiscences.

It is just such gatherings as these sponsored by the good women that help the men to work the harder to attain the goal for which we are striving and has a tendency to sweeten some of the bitter morsels we have to swallow. This Auxiliary is doing a good work and is to be commended for their activities, both as a Union body and socially.

**ATTENTION! MEMBERS WOMEN'S UNION LABEL LEAGUE**  
The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Women's Union Label League will be held at Central Labor Union Hall, corner Fifth and Tryon streets, next Monday night at 7:30 p. m. A full attendance is requested.

## NIGHT BASEBALL

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