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A. F. L. GAINS MILLION MEMBERS IN PAST TWO YEARS, MORRISON SAYS; PRAISES THE WAGNER BILL

ELMIRA, N. Y.—Despite the fact that a huge army of workers have been unemployed the unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor have added over one million persons to their membership during the last two years, Frank Morrison, secretary of the Federation, declared in an address here before the thirty-ninth annual convention of the Allied Printing Council of New York State.

He cited the Wagner-Connelly National Labor Disputes Act as one of the most important legislative achievements in the history of organized labor in the United States and paid a tribute to President Roosevelt for his courage in riveting the attention of Congress and the people generally on the subject of unemployment insurance and old-age pensions as contained in the Social Security Bill, which when approved by the President would banish to a very large extent the fear that prolonged unemployment and penury in old age have for working men and women.

On the subject of trade union membership Mr. Morrison said:

"Thirty-nine years ago, when your organization was formed, the total membership of the American Federation of Laborers 204,825 members. I recall saying that if I were secretary when we reached the million mark I would feel that our cup of success was overflowing. Yet we passed the million mark in 1902, the two million mark in 1914, the three million mark in 1919, and in 1920 our membership was 4,078,740.

"From that point the membership receded gradually from 1922 until 1933, when it reached the low point of 2,125,000. This was brought about by the changes made in industry from wartime to peacetime and due to unemployment of millions of our workers in 1932. During the war period tremendous efforts were made to manufacture machinery which was labor-saving, and labor-eliminating devices as well as new forms of production, so that hundreds of thousands of workers were displaced without seeming opportunity for reemployment.

"During the period of the NRA we have increased over a million members with from ten to eleven million idle, and you know it is very difficult successfully to organize unemployed workers.

"The membership of our national and international organizations is gradually increasing, some by leaps and bounds. Half a dozen of our national and international organizations have shown very large increases. While the reported membership of the A. F. of L. for 1933 was the lowest membership that we had had since 1916, the reported membership of all our affiliated organizations and local unions for June, 1935, was 3,149,324—over one million members increase over the average membership for 1933, notwithstanding that there were more than ten million people idle during this period.

"Everything points to a steady growth in membership, and I am certain that when we emerge from the deplorable conditions under which we have suffered during the past five years the A. F. of L. and affiliated unions will have a membership exceeding the wartime membership of over 4,078,740 members."

In discussing the Wagner-Connelly Labor Disputes Act, which incorporates in the substantive law of the United States the right of self-organization of employes in industry for the purposes of collective bargaining, and provides methods by which the Gov-

Leaders In Textile Unions Busy At Mass Meeting For New Membership

The recently announced campaign to recruit a large new membership for the United Textile Workers of America, textile union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, began enthusiastically yesterday with the staging of several meetings in Charlotte and surrounding towns.

The first meeting was held yesterday morning at Paw Creek, where a large crowd heard H. D. Lisk, representative of the United Textile Workers and in charge of the campaign for new members, discuss the collapse of the NRA and other related subjects of particular interest to the textile

CHATting

—Last Sunday evening there was a very enjoyable service of song held at the First Baptist church in this city. Special mention is given this service because it was conducted by an unusual quartet of people, these being quadruplet sisters, 20 years of age, who reside at Hollis, Oklahoma, but attend Baylor University at Waco, Texas. Their name is Keys—Roberta, Mona, Mary, and Leota—and they refer to themselves as "a bunch of keys." And quite an agreeable bunch they proved to be. Also capable of furnishing a class of entertainment that is doing a world of good, as they are all Christian girls and sing religious songs and hymns at their public appearance. This "bunch of keys" opened the aforementioned church by their appearance, and they filled it to capacity—and then some. Every seat was taken, chairs were placed in the aisles, the lobby was filled and the crowd overflowed to the street. No doubt many of those present were attracted by curiosity, but they received a real treat nevertheless. It was a service calculated to lift one's mind to the higher realm, while at the same time enjoying earthly music rendered by an unusual group of sisters. With so many young ladies of this age running here and there in doubtful places in search of amusement, the mother of this quartet has much indeed to be thankful for in the result of her labors to bring these children to an age of Christian maturity. If the Dionne quintuplets should happily grow up with the same line of thought and pursue their respective lives in a similar manner, the world will be richer indeed because they have come in groups.

—Looking backward over the lane of time there comes to mind another group of sisters who became famous in American public life, and there are yet many living who will recall them. They were known as the Seven Sutherland Sisters. They were people of average height and general build, but their fame was in their hair, as was that of Samson of old, except that in the case of Samson he received his strength because he never had his hair cut. With these ladies, their hair was famous because it was extremely long and full and beautiful—estimated or claimed to be seven feet long, and when allowed to fall down the back dragged on the floor. While the Keys sisters are advertising heaven with their singing, the Sutherland Sisters were advertising a certain kind of hair tonic, and if the hair was the result of using the tonic, those manufacturers were deserving of quite a large number of sales, for the hair was extremely long and beautiful, but this writer does not know how it got that way. One thing is certain, at the time they were advertising it was almost impossible to find a paper or magazine that did not contain a picture of that famous group.

—The powers of the world are still endeavoring to postpone that fair weather war which Mussolini is anxious to start with Ethiopia as soon as the rainy season is over in Ethiopia—for that is where the game is to be played. Apparently one sure way to stop that war would be to put in a sprinkling system all over that African land and then turn on the water and throw away the key.

—Last Saturday at Camden, S. C., a light motor truck containing nine people, including a family of seven, was struck by a train on the Seaboard Air Line railway, and all were killed. A sad and complete ending of an entire family at one and the same time.

That is a very interesting debate between Detective Littlejohn, of Charlotte, and the Governor of North Carolina concerning the matter of parole of prisoners. It does seem an unduly large number of prisoners are pardoned, but the governor says it is not so. Why try prisoners, or even make arrests if there is to be no punishment? Last year Governor Blackwood of South Carolina, almost emptied the prisons of that state before he passed over the reins of government to the present executive. If there is no more room in the jails, do as did the man in the Bible who had too large a crop of his barns. He tore down and built larger. But he died that night. It may be we are afraid we may die should we do so.

—President Green, of the A. F. of L., is going to rid his organization of Communism. If he does that he will receive the hearty thanks of all true union men. No doubt we have some, and they are trouble makers.

The Union Label, Shop Card and Working Button are the symbols of collective bargaining and fair play. The Union Label is Supreme. Look for it. You'll never find it on inferior goods.

Your own pocketbook will swell in just the degree that you buy Union Label Goods.

The Union Label is the O. K. stamp of quality!

TEXTILE FORCES ARE BUSY BOTH IN ORGANIZING AND IN HOLDING OF RALLIES

There seems to be a spirit of revival in the textile unions in this section, and "Red" Lisk, textile organizer, is due much credit for the enthusiasm that is existing among the workers.

The Journal is informed that Mr. Lisk made six meetings Saturday, which is "going some."

There was an overflow meeting at Paw Creek at 10 a. m. on Saturday, at which time a delegation was present from Newberry, S. C., where two mills are operated by the same management as the Paw Creek Mill. At 12 o'clock, noon, Mr. Lisk was the principal speaker at Local 2293, at Seventh and Poplar street, a large gathering being on hand. This is the local from which Brother E. A. Thrift, a local from which Brother E. A. Thrift, and there is not a more versatile and competent man in the textile organization than is Brother Thrift. An unusually large attendance at this meeting is reported. At 2 p. m. delegates from the Kendall Mills at Newberry, S. C., and Paw Creek met with organizer Lisk at the Mecklenburg Hotel and formed what is to be known as the Kendall Mills Council, J. M. Dennis being elected president. At

8 p. m. he was at Textile Local No. 1900, Chadwick-Hoskins at 9:30 p. m. Lisk was at a mass meeting of Local 2019, North Belmont, at which time Organizer Lloyd, of the Journeyman Barber's International Union spoke. Mr. Lloyd has been in this territory the past few weeks, and has been an untiring worker in the organization movement which is underway. Rockingham Local No. 2024 is reported as having the largest gathering in its history last Sunday.

The following meetings are scheduled to be attended by Organizer Lisk: Concord Local No. 1902 on Sunday at 10 A. M. At 8 p. m. Saturday the two textile locals at Rockingham will combine in a mammoth mass meeting. This will be in the nature of a grand rally and ice cream supper, and several thousand is the expected attendance. On Sunday at 3 p. m. an open meeting will be held at Paw Creek, at which time R. R. Lawrence, president of the State Federation of Labor is expected to be present. Paw Creek has one of the outstanding textile locals in this territory. It is well officered and its membership is loyal.

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."

WOMEN OFFICE WORKERS, WITH AND WITHOUT JOBS, DISCUSSED BY WOMEN'S BUREAU REPORT

Many applicants for work during the depression have suffered from an inferiority complex due to the false theory of some employers that it is mainly the unfit who have lost their jobs. Evidence that women out of work and seeking office employment even in the earlier years of the depression were average and representative workers, is found in a publication just issued by the Women's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor.

The bulletin entitled "Women Who Work in Offices" furnishes two cross sections of women clerical workers, the first giving a picture of such workers with jobs, the other of job applicants, most of whom were unemployed. The data on the first group—5,000 employed office workers—were obtained through questionnaires filled in by women at Y. W. C. A. clubs and camps in 39 States and the District of Columbia in 1930-31. The data on not far from 5,000 women seeking office jobs were secured from employment services, both free and free-charging in six cities—Atlanta, Des Moines, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, and St. Louis, in 1931-32.

As to age, there was comparatively little difference between the group of all employed women and the applicants. Just about the same proportion, over two-thirds in each case, were from 20 to 30 years of age. As

"Strange Boys," Those Mdivanis Says L. Blythe

LeGette Blythe, pinch hitting for Julian Miller in the Observer's Event and Comment column, has this to say, in part regarding the Mdivanis', and it is really worth reading:

Alex Mdivani, youngest of the marrying Mdivanis, has gone upon his last and greatest adventure.

A true Mdivani to the last, he met death as a Mdivani would be expected to meet death—in a Rolls-Royce sport roadster doing 75 miles an hour, a beautiful woman by his side, his pockets full of American dollars, on a night in Spain under a Spanish moon—

A smooth road that stretches ahead into the night, a streaking motor, a curve, a bridge culvert, a crash—and for Alexis Mdivani there will be no polo game tomorrow no dance tomorrow evening, no soft words upon the palm-fringed balcony of some Spanish hacienda.

Strange boys, those three Mdivani brothers, David and Sedge and Alexis. Sons of an aide-de-camp to the dead Czar Nicholas of Russia, princes of an old house of little Georgia, now a province of Sovietland, there was no especial reason why they should have become world figures overnight, why they should have blazed across newspaper headlines as meteors news across a summer sky. Yet who has not heard of the marrying Mdivanis? They were successes in their way—David and Serge and Alexis. They knew what they wanted, and they went after it. They wanted American dollars, and they got them.

Fayetteville Weavers Buying Homes From Co. (?)

Fayetteville, Aug. 5.—The largest transfer of residential property made in Cumberland county in many years was probated last Friday by Charles W. Broadfoot, clerk of the court, when the Puritan Weaving company formally transferred ownership of 69 homes to its employes. About \$25,000 is involved in the transaction.

The workers employed in this rayon plant will be enabled to possess their own homes by making monthly payments for a period of 100 months. The purchase of the property by the 69 mill families was financed by the local branch of the Home Federal Savings and Loan association, of which Hoke Smith is secretary. The houses were originally built by the mill owners and rented to the workers.

Paw Creek Local Had Good Meet Last Saturday

Local 2078 held its weekly meeting Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, with over one hundred members present. We had one of the best meetings we have ever had. There seemed to be so much interest shown. We had with us H. D. Lisk, who made an interesting talk that was enjoyed by everyone.

We also had with us representatives from other Kendal chain of mills. Important business was carried out by representatives from each local. Saturday evening in the Mecklenburg hotel. We also had interesting talks from each representative which was very much enjoyed by every one. PAW CREEK, 2078. Paw Creek, N. C.

"Cheating Cheaters" Fast Moving Picture At Charlotte Theatre

If you were sworn to uphold the law, and you were faced with the problem of shielding the man you love, what would you do?

Would you, if you were a woman, let him go free or give him up?

Fay Wray has this problem to solve in "Cheating Cheaters"—Universal's unusually clever crook drama, showing at the Charlotte Theatre Friday and Saturday.

Cesar Romero, handsome young screen newcomer, is the man with whom Miss Wray is in love, realizing he is one of the most notorious jewel thieves in the world. They meet accidentally, on board a Paris to New York ship, and it is love at first sight. Numerous complications set in when Romero believes the charming Fay to possess a rare collection of gems, valued at many hundreds of thousands of dollars, which he is very desirous of getting his hands on. Miss Wray on the other hand is involved with rival gang of crooks, who believe Mr. Romero is a young millionaire on the loose, in possession of an equally valuable assortment of baubles.

From this point onward in the story, it's check and double-check between the opposing factions, with Miss Wray and Romero playing at the double game of love and adventure, neither knowing the others identity until the very end of the most startling and unique climaxes is revealed.

"Avert Strikes" Is Plea of S. C. Labor Head

Spartanburg, Aug. 6.—H. C. Godfrey, president of the State Federation of Textile workers, in a statement here Saturday night advised textile workers to "avert a strike if possible and await the setting up of the Wagner board."

Godfrey said he knew of no labor meetings to be held to consider State-wide matters and characterized any existing strike sentiment as purely "local affairs."

He said: "My opinion is that there should be no strike that can be averted. . . and I further believe that unions should act according to the U. T. W. constitution and notify national headquarters before calling a strike."

Woman's Union Label League Met Monday

The first August meeting of the Woman's Union Label League was fairly well attended, the hot weather not deterring the "old guard." Owing to the absence of Mrs. Ckamey, the president, Mrs. A. J. Dumas, vice-president, presided.

Three applications for membership were received. The matter of sending delegates to the State Federation of Labor Convention at Durham was deferred until the next meeting, August 19th.

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