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NEW LANDLORD PROFITEERS ARE ROASTED BY SABBATH

Chicago, Ill.—The common people throughout the United States are among the victims of fraudulent practices of receivers and similar groups that have taken over thousands of real estate mortgages which are delinquent in interest payments, according to a statement here by Representative Adolph Sabath, chairman of the Congressional Committee to investigate receiverships, trusteeships and bondholders' committees in relation to frozen real estate loans.

Prior to opening the Chicago session of the committee, Mr. Sabath said:

"We are seeking to find out why the bondholders' committees cannot be eliminated, why the properties are mismanaged, who gets the tremendous fees, and in general to expose an outrageous condition. Over 10,000 buildings worth \$2,000,000,000 are controlled by 897 committees and the bondholders never get a dollar.

"The life savings of the poorer classes, the funds of societies and unions, money needed for sick benefits and death benefits, are tied up in real estate bonds, and the people are about to be defrauded. We are going to find out about it."

WOMEN'S UNION LABEL LEAGUE HONORS JAMES H. FULLERTON AT ITS MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

On Monday night of this week the Women's Union Label League gave a reception in honor of our townsman, J. H. Fullerton, newly elected first vice-president of the State Federation of Labor. The hall was decorated with palms and cut flowers, and back of the rostrum, on a table neatly draped in linen, was a beautiful cake bearing Mr. Fullerton's name.

The League president, Mrs. W. E. McKamey presided and after a brief business session, during which period three new members were obligated, the gathering entered into the social phase, Madam President presenting Mr. Fullerton, who made a few remarks that were well received, he, as always, proving an interesting speaker. Congratulating the League upon the progress it had made and the work it was doing, being an able ally to the men, who were carrying on, working for the betterment of the condition of each and everyone and for harmony. At the close of his remarks he was given the glad hand by the fair-sized audience assembled.

The next speaker introduced was Hon. William F. Scholl, who went down the line four-square at the last general assembly, and whose friends are legion in the movement. He paid a glowing tribute to Brother Fullerton, and commented the work he had done for the movement, saying that he had always found him a man firm in his convictions, yet never bordering on extremes, during their short acquaintance. Mr. Scholl's address dealt just a little with Labor legislation at the last general assembly, and his talk was well received.

The editor of the Journal was called upon, and in his feeble way added his tribute to the worth in the Labor movement of "Jim" Fullerton, who has time to drop even his own work to take part in any mission that has for its object the uplift of the Labor movement.

Then President Frank Barr, of Central Labor Union was called upon, and, while his words were few, he got in a couple of witty shots at those who had preceded him.

Brother J. A. Dumas was slated for

a baritone solo, but gracefully withdrew from the field to the delight of all present.

The next feature on the program was two recitations by Miss Mary Louise Boate, one of the two accomplished daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Boate, both well known and loved inside and outside of the Labor movement. Miss Boate is an elocutionist of no mean ability, and besides that endowment she is a pretty and petite, and has graciously lent her services to the Label League on previous occasions.

Then came the cutting of the cake, which was presided over by Madam President and Mr. Fullerton, the latter performing the cutting ceremony. And there was enough for all in this cake, which was delicious, being a product of the Family Favorite Bakeries, 311 E. Trade street, operated by Gilmer H. Holton, a member of Federal Labor Union, and was presented to the League by two friends.

Refreshments served by the Ladies of the League consisted of delicious salad, crackers, ham, and fruit sandwiches, pickles, coffee, etc., and there was a plenty for all.

In closing the editor wants to pay tribute to the women of the Label League who have struggled against great odds, but who are now coming into their own, and as the days go by this organization is going to prove a bulwark and a stay to the Labor movement in this section as The Journal has always predicted it would be. It was the first Label League to be formed in North Carolina and Mrs. McKamey was its first president, holding that position up to the present time, and serving both faithfully and well, she is beloved by each and every member.

A Truce Is Reached In Coal Mine Strike Which Threatened

Washington, Sept. 15.—Appalachian soft coal operators and the United Mine workers agreed shortly after midnight Saturday to extend their present wage and hour contract until next Sunday midnight, thus averting a threatened strike in nearly every soft-coal field in the country.

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After A 16-Week Strike, Ginn & Co. Capitulates

The sixteen-week strike of 270 bookbinders and pressmen employed by Ginn & Company, nationally known textbook publishers of Cambridge, Mass., was settled by an agreement providing for the recognition of the unions concerned, the five-day, forty-hour week in place of the former forty-eight-hour week and an increase in wages estimated to run from five to ten per cent.

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TYPO WOMAN'S AUXILIARY HOLDS FIRST FALL MEETING NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED

To the Editor of the Journal:

The first fall meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Charlotte Typographical Union was held at the home of Mrs. H. F. Carraker 415 Pecan Ave., Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

New officers were installed. The new president is Mrs. J. E. Kump and the first vice-president Mrs. W. P. Benton; second vice-president Mrs. H. H. Lawing; secretary and treasurer Mrs. R. F. White. Mrs. White has been our secretary and treasurer since we first organized in 1929.

Mrs. E. G. Cleaver was elected guide and Mrs. L. A. Hearn chaplain.

After the business meeting a very delightful social hour was enjoyed.

A gassing contest was held and Mrs. Charles Granger and Mrs. Hearn tied for the prize. Mrs. Hearn won the draw.

A voting contest was held to see who was the most popular member and Mrs. Hugh M. Sykes won the prize.

A beautiful sewing cabinet was presented to Mrs. Hugh M. Sykes, the retiring president for her loyalty the past four years. Another new member was obligated, Mrs. Ray Nixon.

We are anxious to have all the ladies join that have a husband, father or brother that is a member of No. 338. We meet at the home of different members each month on the second Thursday at 8:30 P. M.

By Mrs. H. M. Sykes

CHATting

It seems rather strange the various ways used by many in America to amuse themselves or to correct current evils, or what some people conceive to be evils that need correcting. We have in every state in the Union laws to regulate the purchase and possession of firearms of any and all kinds, yet as we read the daily papers it appears that most every person owns a gun and knows how to use it. Not only that, but many of them are not permitted to become rusty from disuse. For many months the gangster seemed to have the upper hand, and they had artillery enough to supply a large army, and they were of the latest type and efficiency, despite the laws prohibiting sale and possession. Happily, that class of person is gradually going out of business because of the activity of the G-men. They appeared to have gotten off to a late start, but when once in action they did good work and are deserving the hearty thanks of our entire population. The kidnaper is also slowing up in his activities, and it appears that at no distant date it may be perfectly safe to own a few dollars without being stolen or shot.

Among the latest events of national importance is that which took place at Baton Rouge, La., when a doctor took upon himself the task of laying low one who had been making a big noise throughout the land for many months. This reference is to the shooting of Huey Long by a doctor who may or may not have been demented, but the world will never know, as he was immediately riddled with bullets and died on the spot. These bullets were fired by the hired bodyguard of Mr. Long, who had been trailing him for some time. Had a few of them been in front or at his side, this sad event could not have happened. While many in the land had little or no use for Mr. Long or his activities, there was no just reason why he should have been cut down as he was, for he lived little more than a day after being shot. He was buried with great honors in his own state and given all the honors by the United States government due a Senator of this great country, a position he occupied by vote of the people of Louisiana.

After this shooting and the covering up of the cause and effect by the undertakers in charge, we were not given a rest from such occurrences, for immediately followed the fatal shooting at Downingtown, Pa., of Evelyn Hoey, a torch singer. This was the culmination of a wild drinking party in the home of Henry Huddleston Rogers, III, son of a Standard Oil baron, and well known among followers of the Great White Way in New York. It has not been learned whether it was murder or suicide, since all claimed to have been so drunk no one knows what happened, or how. All of which sounds like a parallel case to that which happened in Winston-Salem some time ago. How strange it is that drink does no one harm, yet it manages to kill people and if the survivor happens to have a little money, it is possible to cover up responsibility with American dollars. What a strange people we are. Sometime in the future we may be able to regulate both guns and drink, and if that time ever comes, it may be possible to learn the true facts in any case where life and death are concerned.

In a radio speech on the Connery resolution in Congress to outlaw use of Federal munitions and national guardsmen in strike areas, Gen. Smedley D. Butler said:

"You know the way it is now, a life is worth less than a pane of glass. Particularly in a strike. Some thugs hired by the mills slams a blackjack across the head of a striker. And someone hurls a rock. Maybe it breaks a 60-cent pane of glass in the factory and maybe it doesn't. The hired thugs or the police—or the national guard, whoever is there to guard the property—gets excited and shooting starts. And a striker or an innocent victim, maybe a woman or child, gets shot. That seems to be all right with the authorities. There is an investigation to determine who broke the window glass. But there is no investigation to determine the shooting and killing. No one takes away the rifles and the revolvers and the machine guns from those who did the shooting. No; the shooting was to preserve peace, law and order. What they really mean is that the shooting was to preserve the property and break the strike."

LABOR DEFIANT

By BUDD L. McKILLIPS

I builded your ships and I sailed them,
I worked in your mills and your mines,
I sweat o'er your network of railroads,
I crushed the ripe grapes for your wines.

I toiled weaving cloth for your garments,
I gathered the grain for your bread,
My hands made your beautiful mansion,
I printed the books you have read.

I linked two great oceans together,
I spanned your rivers with steel,
Faced death on your lofty skyscrapers,
I builded your automobile.

I harnessed the mad rush of waters,
And caged lightning bolts for your play,
I made your words leap over distance,
I lighted your nights into day.

Wherever there's progress you'll find me,
Without me the world could not live,
And yet you would seek to destroy me,
With the meager pittance you give.

Today you may grind me in slavery,
You may dictate to me from your throne,
But tomorrow I throw off my fetters,
And stand forth to claim what I own.

You masters of field and of workshop,
I am mighty and you are but few,
No longer I'll bow in submission—
I am Labor and ask for my due!

Central Labor Union

Tuesday night's meeting of Central Labor Union was one of routine, the regular business being gone through with at a rapid rate, only one ripple being noticeable in an otherwise placid stream, and that was over a matter that was deferred until the next meeting. The attendance was not up to the standard, and there was a noticeable absence of organizers. Reports of locals averaged up a little better than those of the preceding week, and an optimistic spirit seemed evident. There appears to be a lull in activities, which happens every now and then, but it may only be the calm before the storm, as has often been the case before, but with fall at hand a pick-up is at hand, and several matters are on the calendar for future consideration that will inject new life into the membership. The meeting adjourned around 9 p. m. President Frank Barr presided.

WHY IS GOV. EHRRINGHAUS SO UNPOPULAR? ASKS DUNNIGAN, OF RALEIGH

W. R. Dunnigun, Raleigh has this as head to a lengthy article on Ehringhaus: Why is Governor Ehringhaus so unpopular? This question has been asked many times in North Carolina during the past two years, often with the variation: "so undeservedly unpopular," and many times too it takes the form of a statement that he is unpopular. Naturally, Governor Ehringhaus himself is aware of this condition, or supposed condition, and his friends know what people of the State seem to think of him. (The workers of North Carolina have the answer, and they will not fail to give it at the proper time.—Ed.)

AIRPORT ELECTION SET FOR OCTOBER 22ND

A special Election on the question of issuing \$50,000 of bonds for the purchase of a site for development of a municipal airport has been ordered by Charlotte City Council to be held October 22. Registration books are to be opened September 21.

MOONEY TO BE GIVEN NEW COURT HEARING—IS TRANSFERRED

San Francisco, Sept. 18.—Arrangements were completed yesterday for the transfer of Tom Mooney from San Quentin prison to a city jail cell where he will be held during the hearing on the famous prisoner's habeas corpus bid for freedom.

The hearing, being conducted for the state supreme court by Referee A. E. Shaw, will start tomorrow morning and may last a month.

It was originally set for today, but the postponement was made to enable the supreme court to hear arguments on a demand by Mooney's attorneys for clarification of its instructions to the referee.

It was 19 years ago that Mooney, convicted of participation in the 1916 Preparedness day bomb outrage here, in which ten persons were killed, entered San Quentin.

That the noted convict himself may take the stand during the present hearing was indicated by his attorneys. Their exact procedure, they said, probably will not be determined, however, until rules of the hearings are definitely announced.

TRADE UNIONISM WORKERS' NEED—NOT INVENTED BY ONE MAN—SOCIAL NEED OF WORKERS

The handicraft age has been replaced by machinery, mass production, combinations of capitalists and absentee ownership.

The machinery age destroys the workers' power to bargain as an individual. To secure justice he must unite with his fellows—trade unionism is the result.

Trade unionism was not "invented" by one man or a group of men. It is a social need of workers.

In the bivouac of Life,
In the world's broad field of battle,
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!
Be a hero in the strife!

—Longfellow.

Capital is the fruit of labor, and could not exist if labor had not first existed. Labor, therefore, deserves much the higher consideration.—Abraham Lincoln.

I think you know how genuinely I am interested in the fortunes of the American Federation of Labor and how earnest and sincere a hope I entertain that its labors will be crowned with the best sort of success in the promotion of the best interests of the working men of the country.—Woodrow Wilson.

We affirm as one of the cardinal principles of the trade union movement that the working people must unite irrespective of creed, color, sex, nationality or politics.—A. F. of L. Convention Declaration.

There is not a wrong against which we fail to protest or seek to remedy; there is not a right to which any of our fellows are entitled which it is not our duty, mission and work and struggle to attain. So long as there shall remain a wrong unrighted or a right denied, there will be work for the labor movement to do.—Samuel Gompers.

Trade unionism has passed the trial stage. It has come to its maturity out of long years of struggle and experience to an earned position of trust and confidence. The unions have built up standards of life and living, carefully, step by step.—William Green.

Trade unions are the bulwarks of modern democracies.—W. E. Gladstone.

Laborers must be recognized as being entitled to as much consideration as employers, and their rights must be equally safeguarded.—Commission on the Church and Social Service, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

It is hoped that this right (of labor to organize and bargain collectively) will never again be called in question by any considerable number of employers.—Administrative Committee, National Catholic War Council.

Without the union all labor would still be the victim of the long day, the insufficient wage and kindred injustices. Under the present organization of society, labor's only safeguard against a retrogression to former inhuman standards is the union—Commission on Social Justice, Central Conference of American Rabbis.

I rejoice at every effect workingmen make to organize. I hail the labor movement. It is my only hope for democracy. Organize, and stand together! Let the nation hear a united demand from the laboring voice.—Wendell Phillips.

I look to the trade unions as the principal means for benefiting the condition of the working classes.—Prof. Thorold Rogers, University of Oxford.

Attacked and denounced as scarcely any other institution ever has been, the unions have thriven and grown in the face of opposition. This healthy vitality has been due to the fact that they were a genuine product of social needs—indispensable as a protest and a struggle against the John K. Ingram, L.L.D.

First Round In Guffey Coal Bill Fight Is Won By Government

Washington, Sept. 17.—The government won the first round yesterday in the battle for a constitutional test of the Guffey coal law.

In the District of Columbia Supreme court, Justice Daniel O'Donoghue denied a request for a temporary injunction, intended to restrain the effectiveness of the act. It was sought by James W. Carter, president of the Carter Coal company of southern West Virginia.

O'Donoghue held that, since there was a possibility the case would be heard on its merits before November 1, when the tax provisions of the law become effective, he saw no reason to grant a temporary restraining order.

The government must file an answer by September 25 to Carter's petition for a permanent injunction.

MILWAUKEE MEAT STRIKE

Milwaukee, Wis. — Convinced that Milwaukee markets have boosted the price of meat far beyond the limits of reasonable profits, housewives picketed seven stores urging customers not to buy until prices were reduced and asked butchers to close their stores.

A TRIBUTE TO OUR ORGANIZERS

We are not paramounting any man in Labor, for even the humblest worker, with a paid-up card is a toiler in the cause of uplifting humanity. Humble dues payers are a nucleus of organized labor, but they believe in it; they are where they have been advanced, or are being advanced, by the efforts of the men whom capital likes to call leeches, who are living high and waxing fat off the meagre sum received in the way of dues.

Only on Monday the editor of The Journal ran into an organizer on South Tryon street. A man of God, a Christian of the highest type and a worker for Labor such as we have seldom seen before. His shirt was unbuttoned at the collar, his tie hung down, and he looked fatigued and worn. He told us he had just gotten back into Charlotte after three or four of the hardest days of his life, skipping here and there, this meeting and that, little or no sleep, constant travel, and with two or three engagements desiring immediate attention in this territory. His pay is small, his expense account limited, and yet the capitalistic press will tell you of the Organizers waxing fat off the dues of the workers. There is no truth in such statements, it is only propaganda used as a decoy to pull the workers away from organized labor.

All the organizers we know, and they are many, earn every dollar they make, and give most of that away where there is want and suffering. This writer has paid thousands of dollars in dues to his union and does not now and has never regretted a single dollar that has gone that way.

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