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MINERS LABOR PAPER CRACKS DOWN ON NATIONAL MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION, ACCUSING CLASS WAR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Accusing the National Association of Manufacturers of "brazenly fomenting a class war," the United Mine Workers declared yesterday that "labor and the common people accept the challenge."

An editorial in the union's journal recalled criticism of President Roosevelt's labor and relief policies at the manufacturer's convention recently in New York, and added:

"All right, gentlemen, you have declared war on the President and all those who approve his policies. You have declared war against labor and the entire mass of common people of this nation. x x x

"There are more than 11,000,000 people out of work in this country, and you have declared war against them, too, because in your declaration of war you make no provision for them to work and live."

"Under the leadership of President Roosevelt these 11,000,000 unemployed people are being cared for and kept from starving. You propose to take away that relief and let these people go hungry. Now you just wait till election day and see what those 11,000,000 people do to you at the polls."

"Gentlemen of the National Manufacturers' association, you have made a colossal blunder. You are brazenly fomenting a class war in this country which every good citizen outside your association fervently hoped might be avoided for all time. You are deliberately stirring it up."

"Labor and the common people can outvote you 10 to 1 at the polls. Years ago you could and did drive and compel your employees to vote your way, but that time is past. You can't do that any more."

"Labor is free to vote at it pleases, in spite of threat, coercion, and intimidation. That's the reason why you have declared war."

The editorial charged the manufacturers' group had joined the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and the Liberty league, in coming "out in the open to defeat President Roosevelt for re-election."

"At the recent conventions of the National Manufacturers' association, held in New York, speaker after speaker denounced President Roosevelt and all his new laws and policies that he has sponsored, including the Guffey coal law," it asserted.

"When the convention was over, leaders of the National Manufacturers' association declared that the association was now on record openly at war against the President and that it would be war to the hilt."

"The National Manufacturers' association is the most notorious anti-union aggregation in the United States."

CENTRAL LABOR UNION STARTS THE NEW YEAR WITH AN OPEN MEETING AND DANCE

On Christmas night, Wednesday, December 25, 1935, delegates to Charlotte Central Labor Union "lay down on the job" and made a "home night" of it, but on January 1, 1936, the delegates, their families and friends gathered around en masse to start the New Year on its way in a spirit of happiness, good will, brotherly love and fellowship.

They were there from 6 to 60, as ages run, (not speaking of the ladies, for none of them were over 30(?)).

Brother Fullerton, first vice-president of the State Federation of Labor by request took over the responsibility as Master of Ceremonies, and made a good job of it.

Central body had as its especial guests members of the Women's Union Label League, which body has entertained Central Labor Union delegates so many times in the past two years, and whose members have worked ardently and faithfully for all causes tending to the uplift of organized labor and the Union label.

There were just a few brief words of cheer and hope from different members of the body and then Mr. Ernest Grady was introduced, and he gave those present a little data on the work of his organization, which is striving to put the unemployed to work, but is not a charitable set up. Mr. Grady received the glad hand, as he always does when he appears before the workers, and an unexpected situation arose (on the side) that will give Central body and Mr. Grady a subject for investigation that may prove worth while, after all.

Refreshments were served, consisting of "punchless" punch, sandwiches, etc., and "favors." Then the dancing took place, with the Moose "Gully Jumpers" with "Chief Gully Jumper" Sharpe leading, furnishing the music, and such a dance.

Everyone was happy and if Central Labor Union in Charlotte finishes 1936 in the spirit it started off with, there will be harmony, friendship and accomplishment for those who labor that has never before been witnessed in Charlotte.

And, in closing it would be well to remark that while the ladies of the Women's Union Label League were the guests—they did all the work and liked it.

Misapplication Of Vocational Funds Is Being Charged

WASHINGTON, D. C.—According to investigators' reports filed with the Office of Education and the Department of Labor, hundreds of thousands of dollars of Federal funds appropriated in the interest of vocational education have been used to provide cheap labor for the type of employers who believe that the living standards of those who work should be reduced to the coolie standard.

The investigators charge that chambers of commerce, wage cutting employers, and even local educational authorities have worked together in a number of States in the use of Federal funds to train workers without pay for a number of weeks and then transfer them to payrolls at learners' wages, which were very low. The goods produced by this cheap labor were sold in the open market.

Instead of receiving genuine vocational education the investigators found that the workers were kept on repetitive and monotonous tasks combined with the notorious stretch-out and speed up systems which are always favored by slave driving employers.

THIS IS NOT A BATTLESHIP. The Journal will give everyone three guesses as to what it is—except the Plumbers and Steamfitters.



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PERTINENT COMMENT ON TIMELY TOPICS

CHATTING

BY HARRY BOATE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Christmas, 1935, the one day of the year which has been heralded as the day for "Peace on earth, good will toward men," is now a matter of history, and what a history it is. While for most people it was really a day of peace and joy and happiness, yet for many it was a day of tragedy and grief of the saddest kind. Mingled with the good will were murders, accidents, suicides, fires, wrecks of various kinds, not to mention sickness which came as a result of over-eating.

Christmas was not only in the air, but on the air also. From England in a broadcast from London, King George V extended his Christmas greeting to every nation under his control, receiving in return a reply from each nation, delivered in their own tongue. At 10 A.M. in Charlotte, one could hear Big Ben in London toll 2:30 P.M. The message was sent first to Canada, then South Africa, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, India, and then to Australia, and it was interesting to listen to the people reply from each of these countries.

Early Tuesday evening President Roosevelt, in Washington, D. C., turned on the lights of a mammoth Christmas tree in Lafayette Square, opposite the White House, which marked the official opening of the Christmas festivities in that city. The ground was covered with a heavy snow, and it made a white Christmas indeed. A white Christmas is no longer a yearly event in Washington, as snows are not so frequent of late.

In Charlotte the city fire department, together with the Salvation Army, gave a party to the poor at the Armory-Auditorium, at which more than 3,000 were present. A very entertaining program was rendered, including several short talks, some excellent dancing and contortion work by a five-year-old girl, which was really fine work, and an exhibition in magic by an expert in his art. At the close of the program the audience was requested to file out of the room in order, and at the door each received a bag of candy, an apple and an orange, and when one considers the number of people present, it will be understood there must have been much on hand, and there really was. No one left without a present. For four days previous the firemen had been distributing toys to children who had been furnished tickets by the Salvation Army. These toys had been gathered up during the year and repaired by the firemen.

At North Wilkesboro, N. C., Mr. Floyd C. Forester played Santa Claus to 3,000 children under 12 years of age. A large Christmas tree was lighted and all received a bag with tangerines, raisins, nuts and candy.

Churches and other organizations delivered baskets provided with all necessities for a Christmas dinner to poor and underprivileged persons in all sections of Charlotte. Charlotte Typographical Union furnished baskets with all dinner needs to its widow members. The Salvation Army gave its usual dinner to the poor. Over 2,000 WPA workers received checks for work done, providing happiness in a measure for the workers and families. All stores reported big Christmas business. Many extra clerks were hired, providing more funds to help make the occasion happy.

All this is good and cheerful news, but it is necessary here to record a few notes which are not so pleasant.

At Newell, a short distance out of Charlotte, an auto containing six people returning from a Christmas celebration at a church drove on the tracks of the Southern railway in front of a passenger train traveling at high speed. Five are dead. Two of these, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ritchie, were from Charlotte, and they had been just married during the past year. At Freeport, Ill., two autos met head-on. Five are dead. Cause unknown. At Hopewell, Va., a big bus with 14 passengers dropped through an open draw bridge in 30 feet of water. All are dead. In Germany a wreck between two passenger trains resulted in 36 deaths. Scattered accounts of accidents and fires and other casualties made the day of happiness for some people days of gloom for others. It would seem there is no need for undertakers to go on relief, and thus far we have heard of none doing so.

While much of the foregoing has been of a sad nature, let us not forget that what has been recorded is of events that have passed. As for the future, let us remember we are now entering into a Bright New Year. The calendar is fresh and clean and we sincerely hope it will not be spattered with blood as the result of recklessness on our highways, which is the cause of most of our auto fatalities. May we make of 1936 one of the most happy and prosperous years this world has ever known. Business appears on the up grade, people have more money than has been true for some time, these cold days will soon give way to warmer temperatures, flowers will soon be showing their happy faces, and there appears to be no good reason why all should not be willing to make a fresh start, determined to do better as the days go by.

Drive carefully, watch your step, do not overheat the furnace, be kind to all whom you meet, speak a cheerful word to the downcast, help the helpless, lead the blind across the street, love your neighbor as yourself, do a good deed every day, and let us make it a really

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

290,000 JOBLESS WOMEN MAKE CLOTHES FOR NEEDY

It is reported by the Works Progress Administration in Washington that over 290,000 jobless women are employed by the WPA throughout the country in sewing circles to provide clothing and personal equipment for the needy through the agency of State Relief Administrations.

RELIEF WORK FOR MORE THAN 3,500,000 IDLE BANNED BY ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON, D. C.—At a press conference here, President Roosevelt declared the administration's work relief plan would be limited to providing jobs for 3,500,000 employable persons during this fiscal year, which expires June 30, 1936.

GREEN DECLINES LEWIS' BID AS COM. CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE FOR INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, declined to accept the chairmanship of the Committee for Industrial Organization recently established here to oppose the craft union policy favored by the Federation. The refusal was contained in a letter to John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America and chairman of the committee, who had urged Mr. Green to quit as the executive official of the A. F. of L. and accept the leadership of the Lewis group.

The text of Mr. Green's letter follows:

"During more than 30 years of association with the American Federation of Labor I have never aligned myself with any organization which bore the slightest resemblance to a secession or dual movement either within or outside the parent body. I cannot do so now. Consequently, I respectfully decline the invitation you submit in your letter dated December 7th to head an organization which thousands of people, both within and without the American Federation, regard as dual in character and purpose."

"I recall, while addressing you this communication, that since I became president of the American Federation of Labor, I traveled to Indianapolis some years ago for the purpose of announcing, at a convention of the International Union of the United Mine Workers of America in which we both held membership, that a dual movement of mine workers which had originated in Illinois could not be recognized by the American Federation of Labor."

"It is in the open forum of debate at conventions of the American Federation of Labor where decisions are made and organization and administrative policies are formed."

"There are occasions, in days gone by, after participating as a delegate in heated discussions which took place, both in conventions of the American Federation of Labor and the International Union of the United Mine Workers of America, when I found myself house."

GENERAL JOHNSON AND OTHER PERSPIRING PATRIOTS

"How soon ye is forgot ven is gone!" sighed poor old Rip Van Winkle when he came back from his twenty years' sleep in the Catskill mountains. Our old friend, General Johnson, who so recently supplied excellent copy for the Washington correspondents while adding to his own notoriety, might reasonably harbor the same thought. And there are others.

Sure enough, how soon the most attractive characters in public life, who fatten on first page publicity for a time and crowd all minor actors off the stage, end up on the scrap heap of deflated adventurers.

Long, long ago, there was a similar aspiring statesman who flourished for a while in Texas and in Washington, but who went a trifle too far in saying publicly that he was "a bigger man than old Grant" and thus cut short a promising career at the seat of government. General Johnson evidently took the flattering unctious to his soul that he is "a bigger man than old Roosevelt," and for that ambitious remark has gine into innocuous desuetude. Exit Johnson!

Newspaper addicts love their heroes and heroines but they hate to see the poor fish strut a brief hour on the stage and then vanish like an army tent and gone to the rear. Mr. Hoover has delivered one of the longest and most stupid speeches of his life and has scooted for cover. A group of G. O. P. leaders, who have scanty following, are asking the nine old gentlemen on the Supreme Bench to declare all salutary legislation unconstitutional. Doctor Francis E. Townsend works on his \$200 a month handout to the multitude who are broke. Former Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania threatens to come back, and numerous other extinguished patriots are ready to be drafted for lucrative office; but none that I can see equal General Johnson in willingness to serve in big matters on such very small capital.

BOHEMIAN, in Wilmington (Del.) Labor Herald.

PATRONIZE JOURNAL ADVERTISERS

Clinton, S. C., Mill Is Ordered To Reinstate Workers

Stuck on the market page of one of our local dailies set in agate type (the smallest they use), we find this little item of much interest to thousands upon thousands of workers in the Carolinas:

MILL EMPLOYEES WIN
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The labor relations board today ordered the Clinton Cotton Mills of Clinton, S. C., to reinstate with back pay 96 employees "discharged because they refused to join a company union."

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