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**BIBLE THOUGHT**

1. There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men. 2. A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honor, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it; this is vanity, and it is an evil disease.—Ecclesiastes 6:1-2.

**ROOSEVELT RUNNING TRUE TO FORM**

President Roosevelt's speech at Baltimore before the Young Men's Democratic Club of Maryland was typical of the man who delivered it. "My friends," (as he is wont to say)—and they are legion, are with the president of these United States. He falters not in his utterances as to where he stands and what he stands for. He is for an old age pension, for a shorter work week; for limiting the age of toilers, and an adequate minimum wage. The workers of America have never had anything to fear at the hands of Franklin D. Roosevelt, and they are with him, but it is deplorable to see some people who would cut his throat politically, if they could, climbing upon the Rooseveltian Bandwagon for personal gain, financially and politically. There are certain big dailies in this country owned, or controlled editorially by Big Business, that are glorifying him, and at the same time they are a part and parcel of the United States Chamber of Commerce, American Manufacturers Association, Citizens' League, etc. It is pitiful to read the "bunk" and listen to the "bull."

**GREETINGS, MR. THRIFT**

The North Carolina Textile Council did a wise thing when it re-elected E. A. Thrift as its president for another term. Mr. Thrift is a tireless worker and a man thoroughly competent to hold the position. He is not of the blatant, demanding type, he is not docile or militant, but a tireless fighter for the cause he represents, and a gentleman at all times.

The Democratic National Committee has drafted Gov. J. C. B. Ehringhaus for keynote speeches and just plain speeches in the north and north west, and it acted wisely, for we honestly believe he can do the party a lot more good away from North Carolina than he can in it.

**RIDING ON THE PRESIDENT'S COATTAIL**  
The best sign upon the horizon of the success of President Roosevelt in his effort for a second term is the way all the politicians and candidates for office are swearing undying allegiance and love for him. They know a political bandwagon when they see one and on beloved president's coattail is going to be swinging on to by a vast multitude of politicians. But the people are wise, and many of them are sprinkling a little salt on these avowals.

**ARMED STRIKEBREAKERS**

Furnishing strikebreakers, often armed with deadly weapons, to anti-union employers for use in labor disputes is an old practice resorted to by racketeers, who have no scruples regarding the underworld denizens whom they mobilize against working men and women struggling to better their economic conditions.

Recently a large baking company in Philadelphia hired a group of these malodorous characters to "settle" a dispute with its employees regarding wages and hours. To the surprise of the company officials, the Philadelphia Police Department ordered the strikebreakers placed under arrest as a menace to industrial peace. This unusual method of handling strikebreakers was commended by the Philadelphia Record in an editorial entitled "To Preserve Order in a Strike."

Pointing out that "it is common enough for police to be called upon to preserve order during a strike," but that they "rarely do so logically, as sensibly as Philadelphia detectives did" in the bakery strike when "they acted to prevent disorder by arresting 13 strikebreakers, apparently imported by a labor agency," the editorial continued:

"It takes two to make a fight, in a strike situation or any other. All too often one of the parties is a professional strikebreaker. Fomenting strike violence in an attempt to cause pickets to lose public sympathy is a well-understood angle of the strikebreaking game."

"Philadelphians who believe industrial disputes should be settled in an atmosphere of peace will not take kindly to the discovery reported by the police that these strikebreakers were men used in the recent New York City elevator strike, and that they have been shifted around from job to job, city to city, as needed."

"We don't want that element in this town and we are sure that the employers in this case did not know the past histories of the men supplied to them by the agencies. Council so worried about crime as to force every ex-convict to register, even though he be presently enjoying a clean record, has something to get its teeth into in this problem."

"Whether by city ordinance or State law, or both, the traffic in strikebreakers should be kept under strict official watch. Employment agencies dealing in strikebreakers should be held accountable for the acts of every man they supply, and should be subject to fine every time they supply a man with a criminal record. Safeguards of this order are under consideration in New York. They are needed here."

"The registration requirements and supervision should be strictest in the case of the notorious New York City strikebreaking agencies, which are now ploughing the Philadelphia field."

**LOW WAGES, HIGH PRICES  
WRECKED THE NRA BEFORE  
SUPREME COURT DECISION**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—American business men wrecked the NRA plan, even before the Supreme Court decision nullified it, by raising prices and keeping wages low, Edward A. Filene, Boston merchant, told the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee at the hearings on the Wheeler bill to prohibit the so-called "basing point" system of pricing steel and other products.

He declared that when the Administration proposed the procedure under the National Industrial Recovery Act it was expected that business interests would use it "to enable the masses to buy in maximum volume," but that instead of doing this they boosted prices to a level which, "in spite of some raising of wages, made much more buying impossible."

If organized business had understood its problems, he added, "it would have used our reservoirs of idle money to so raise wages throughout the country that our industries would have had an adequate market, and could, therefore, have employed the unemployed; and that would have resulted in such all-around prosperity that, if the method were declared unconstitutional, some constitutional way of achieving the desired result would have been discovered."

"Of course merely raising wages could not have achieved this end unless prices in the meantime were kept as low as free and fair competition would determine."

**Backing Friends  
Of Labor Urged  
By Wm. Green**

WASHINGTON, April 11.—William Green advised labor today to support those candidates in the coming campaign who were "pledged to the responsibility of finding how social welfare legislation can be made the law of the land unchallenged by the judiciary."

The American Federation of Labor president's message, dispatched to union leaders throughout the country, started a new round of talk about the federation's position in the battle for the presidency.

At last fall's convention, the federation voted to continue its traditional political policy:

"Stand faithfully by our friends and elect them. Oppose our enemies and defeat them."

The executive council said that "the records of candidates for President and vice-president will be printed in circular form, as well as the provisions in the platforms of the political parties favorable or unfavorable to labor and the people."

**Vice-Pres. Kiser, of  
Central Body Praises  
Work of U. S. Agency**

Central Labor Union has endorsed the Federal Housing insured mortgage clinic, which will open in Charlotte Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce.

H. L. Kiser, vice-president of the Central union, asserted: "We shall go down the line with you for that which is right and good for the benefit of workers." In part, the labor union resolution read, "We realize the fact that the absorption of unemployment through your administration has been one of the latest assets to alleviate the unemployment situation. We appreciate the efforts being made by your organization in getting building started in this locality. In the past we have appreciated the co-operation given labor, and hope that a consideration will be given us further."

**Barbers' Union  
President Passes**

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—James Colmer Shanessy, general president of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union of America since 1922, died here on April 4.

Mr. Shanessy was a prominent official of the American labor movement. He was born in New York on July 1, 1870. His father was a switchman. He was self-educated, with short terms in primary day and night schools. He went to work at the early age of eight years.

Mr. Shanessy was employed as a barber from 1894 to 1902; he became business agent of Barbers' Local Union 102, St. Louis, Mo., in 1902 and held that position until 1909, when he was chosen general organizer of the international union. In 1922 he was elected general president, which office he held until his death.

He was instrumental in bringing about Sunday closing of barber shops in several States and wrote a number of pamphlets dealing with barbers.

**Overwork Causes  
Serious Illness Of  
Seamen's President**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Andrew Furuseth, president of the International Seamen's Union of America, is seriously ill in Sibley Hospital here as the result of overwork in connection with legislation in the interest of seamen and other activities for the benefit of those who man the American merchant marine.

Mr. Furuseth is the oldest trade union executive in the United States. He celebrated his eighty-second birthday on March 12 by attending to his work as usual at his office in the American Federation of Labor Building, which lasted for a month, and at its conclusion vigorously sought to extricate the King Bill for the deportation of certain alien seamen from the legislative jam which had blocked final legislative action on it for many months. His unceasing work in this connection was a contributing factor to his illness.

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