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Labor Relations Act Will Be Upheld Is A. F. L. Prediction

WASHINGTON, May 24.—With certain qualifications, Charlton Ogburn, chief legal counsel for the American Federation of Labor, predicts that the supreme court would uphold the national labor relations act.

He said that if "the real and true nature of the act were properly presented, it would be upheld "even by the present supreme court."

Ogburn reviewed certain differences he said existed between that act and the outlawed Guffey coal act and reported to President William Green of the federation that there was abundant evidence on which to predict that:

"The court will unquestionably uphold the labor relations measure as applied to transportation and communication corporations and will in all likelihood sustain it as applied to the great interstate manufacturing companies such as steel, automobiles and textiles."

Socialists In Split At Cleveland Meet; Down "Old Guard"

CLEVELAND, May 25.—Within an hour after the national convention of the Socialist party voted down the right-wing "old guard" forces from New York and seated the leftist delegation led by Norman Thomas, the leader of the "old guard" announced yesterday it would organize a new party.

The convention, dominated by a coalition of leftists and the Wisconsin centrist forces, upheld the action of the national executive committee in suspending the charters of the "old guard" organizations before the New York primary in which the leftists gained control.



R. L. LYLES

Funeral services for R. L. Lyles, 56, member of the Charlotte police department, who died Tuesday at his home, 1700 North Harrill street, were held at 9 A. M. Thursday at the Hovis funeral chapel, Rev. W. W. Jones, pastor of Allen Street Baptist church, officiated. Burial took place at Fort Hill near Lancaster, S. C.

Pallbearers were W. J. Miller, A. L. McHam, F. L. Austin, R. W. Miller, W. D. White and R. C. Hill. Honorary pallbearers were other members of the police department.

Mr. Lyles is survived by his widow, his children, J. B. Williams, Cleo and Tillman Lyles, Miss Mary Lyles, and Miss Miriam Lyles, all of this city, Mrs. W. A. Sibley, of Washington, D. C., and Harry Lyles, of Winston-Salem.

Republicans Girding For Convention at Cleveland June 8th

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Republicans girded themselves last night for a clash at Cleveland 16 days hence that already has found friends of two midwesterners claiming a delegate strength on the first ballot that adds up to more than half of the convention's 1,001 votes.

With only 63 presidential nominating delegates still to be chosen, and they unlikely to bring any radical shift in alignments, speculation was open that the half-century Republican trend of nomination on the first ballot might again be denied.

Spokesmen for Governor Alf M. Landon, of Kansas, were on record today with a claim of "better than 300 on the first ballot."

At the same time, managers for Col. Frank Knox, Chicago publisher, asserted he would have "the largest solid block" of votes and was assured of a 230-delegate following at the outset.

Backers of Senator Borah of Idaho have been less specific in speaking of their candidate's convention strength, but undoubtedly the senator will have a following that will make itself heard.

N. C.'s Social Plan Not Adequate Says U. S. Treas. Dept.

RALEIGH, May 24.—A United States Treasury department ruling by inference at least apparently held North Carolina's unemployment insurance enabling act inadequate to meet provisions of the Federal social security act.

Governor Ehringhaus revealed a letter from Chairman John G. Winant, of the Federal Social Security board transmitting the Treasury department interpretation.

Strictly, the Treasury ruling was an answer to the Governor's question if the word "required" in the definition of the term "contributions" in title nine (unemployment insurance) of the social security act might be construed to mean "required as a condition precedent to a particular employer's employees receiving unemployment compensation."

"In the opinion of the Treasury," Winant wrote the Governor, "such a construction of the word 'required' is untenable."

American Delegates Are Named For The Geneva Labor Party

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Roosevelt has appointed four delegates to the Social Security Board to represent as the official delegation, headed by John G. Winant, chairman of the Social Security Board, to represent the United States at the twentieth session of the International Labor Conference, scheduled to convene in Geneva, Switzerland, June 4.

Representatives of the government, labor and employers are included in the delegation. The list follows: For the Government: John G. Winant and Miss Frieda S. Miller, director of the New York State Division of Women in Industry and Minimum Wage. For labor: Emil Rieve, president of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, Philadelphia, Pa. For the employers: Marion Folsom, treasurer of the Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, N. Y.

H. E. Riley, of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, was appointed secretary of the delegation.

Architects Term the Housing Problem A Social Service

OLD POINT COMFORT, Va.—The Committee on Housing of the American Institute of Architects in a survey report made at the Institute's sixty-eighth meeting held here, said housing should be recognized as a social problem equally important as hospitalization, education, police service or fire protection. The committee recommended developments of separate housing plans for families of low income, but opposed centralized control by the Federal Government. Public aid to supplement private enterprise in providing dwellings for low-income groups was recommended, with strict adherence to standards below which housing may not be occupied.

GIVEN AWAY

Warden: "Who gave the bride away?"

Connolly: "Her little brother. He stood up in the middle of the ceremony and yelled, 'Hurrah, Annie, you've got him at last!'"

ONE DEFINITION

Teacher: "Willie! Define the word 'puncture'."

Willie: "A puncture is a little hole in a tire, usually found a great distance from a garage."

Probe Of Labor Spies Asked For By U. S. Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A senatorial investigation of labor spies was recommended last week by the Senate labor committee in a report asserting it had found a condition "markedly at variance with our lawfully established national labor policy."

The committee reported to the Senate favorably the resolution introduced by Senator La Follette, Progressive of Wisconsin, for an inquiry into "violations of the rights of free speech and assembly and undue interference with the right of labor to organize and bargain collectively."

An appropriation of \$15,000 for expenses of the investigation was asked. The resolution was sent to the audit committee for approval of this sum.

La Follette, in the committee report, said the committee's preliminary hearings had "supplied presumptive proof in abundance of violations of civil liberties secured by the constitution and of undue interference with the rights of labor as defined in the Wagner labor disputes act."

He estimated that industry was employing 40,000 "professional spies" at a cost of \$80,000,000.

PERTINENT COMMENT ON TIMELY TOPICS

CHATTING

BY HARRY BOATE

There have been many stories printed about the various activities of the present national administration put into effect with the idea of bringing about prosperity and putting Old Man Depression in the hole which his name really means. Much good has been done by many of these endeavors: more good could and would have been done had mankind as a whole forgotten self and bent his efforts toward uplifting his neighbor along with himself, for we are hidden by the Bible to bear one another's burdens. The same book also makes the statement that each shall bear his own burden, and it appears that is the one that is being overworked at this time. Returning to the thought which inspired these remarks, here is the gist of a news item published some days ago, which no doubt is not only true, but may be the recital of only one of many such cases:

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Toole, of Pittsburgh, must go to prison for three years. They owned their \$4,000 house, had \$11,780 in bank. Nevertheless, Mr. O'Toole went on the dole in 1932. Since then he and his family have had \$706 of emergency relief, also free medicine, free food, his children sent a summer camp at the public expense. The judge spoke harshly to the couple, and Mr. O'Toole's only excuse was, "Unless I went on relief I couldn't get a job."

This writer has been hearing many similar stories bearing on the same subject, many of which may not be true, but like all other efforts to help men help themselves, there is little doubt that some have Ohio, recently, states that the city was financially embarrassed and one helped themselves first, and perhaps quite generously.

In contrast to the above item a news story coming from Columbus of its citizens, Albert Herman Hawraney, who came to the United States 30 years ago with only \$1.15 in his pockets, offered to loan the city, for two years without interest, the sum of \$50,000. Hawraney operates a restaurant in Columbus, and 28 grocery stores in Detroit. The news item did not state whether or not the offer was accepted.

Election day in North Carolina is not far ahead. Within the next few months national conventions will be held to nominate candidates for President of our great country. In many cities official offices will be filled by popular election or otherwise. Many seek office of authority. Some will be successful, others will fail. To those office seekers, and to the voters whose duty it is to elect or defeat these candidates, would direct your attention to a story in the Talmud of the snake's ail. It complained to the head, "You always lead; I stay in the background. Why should I not lead sometimes?" "All right, lead," said the head. Ordinary ways were reversed and the tail led the way into a muddy ditch, then into a fire, next into thorns, and finally said to the head: "You lead; I'm sick of it." Might be well to keep this little story in mind when we go to the polls, if we can make head or tail out of the general mixup.

With all this talk about wars and humors of wars, especially in Europe, we also get stories of many inventions for war-time use, none of which are designed with the idea of improving the individual health of any participants in war. The claim has been made by a person in Australia that he has invented a ray which "destroys airplanes in a flash." Which recalls that some time ago it was claimed that some person in America had invented a gas which would destroy everything it touched. The story seemed to go over very nicely until the question was asked: "What does he keep it in?" Have never heard the answer to the question.

Having no intention to take sides in print with any of the candidates for office in this or any other election, the subject is avoided as much as possible, but an AP story in the Charlotte Observer recently under Sanford date, credits Clyde Hoey, seeking nomination for office of Governor, saying no sane man or woman will believe McDonald (one of his opponents) can do what he has promised. Mr. Hoey may be perfectly correct in his belief, but if he is, this state had better advertise for bids for enlarging the institutions at Dix Hill and Morganton, for there will certainly be need for those places in a few weeks if we are to believe what we hear people say. How nice it is that campaign flurries dry up and blow away as do childhood fights and hatreds. In a short time all will again be quiet.

YES, SELASSIE'S GOT THE GOLD

Ex-Emperor Haile Selassie, formerly Ethiopia's ruler, but whose domicile is now Palestine, is on his way to England, with an uncertain reception awaiting him as to his status. But Selassie has nothing to worry about for when he fled Addis Ababa he took the Ethiopian gold with him, up to about \$6,000,000, along with the crown jewels, etc. These dethroned kings surely have a hard life, but they seem to have a good idea of "Big Business." Along with their lamentations of love of country and subjects, there is injected the theme song of

"Get the dollars, and hold them tight, Get the dollars wrong or right."

The first copy we have seen of The News Review, Una, S. C., came to our sanctum Monday. It is a five-column six-page sheet, bearing the Spartanburg Allied Trades Council label. It bears endorsement of its Central Labor Union and Textile Council. Its editor is J. L. Brooks, and from the reading matter it contains, editorially and otherwise it is a true union paper, serving a purpose and fulfilling a want. It has existed for some years and is an example of the fact that a labor paper can grow but slowly.

McDONALD CONDUCTING A CLEAN CAMPAIGN, AND IS GAINING GROUND AS CAMPAIGN NEARS END

RALEIGH, May 27.—As the campaign for Governor enters the home stretch, voters of North Carolina are increasing their admiration for the clean, fair type of campaign waged by Ralph W. McDonald.

Those who expected Mr. McDonald to participate in mud-slinging during the heated finals of the race are disappointed. Although he has been the object of constant personal attacks, the anti-sales tax candidate has waged his campaign strictly upon vital issues and not upon petty verbal slaps at his opponents.

On more than one occasion, Dr. McDonald has voiced his friendliness and respect for the other three candidates in the gubernatorial race, and has praised them as among the finest men in the nation.

That North Carolinians respect a candidate who can and does conduct a clean, hard-fought campaign is evidenced by hundreds of expressions of admiration for Dr. McDonald's stand against refusal to engage in personalities or to allow himself to be drawn into any controversy inspired by bitter personal attacks upon himself.

In addition, he has pointed out consistently that he will take off his coat and fight for Democracy in the fall election regardless of who is given the Democratic nomination for Governor.

"I entered this campaign in a

Only One Teacher Of 495 Takes Out In Charlotte Schools

Out of 495 teachers in the Charlotte school system only one has resigned effective at the close of the school term, H. P. Harding, city superintendent, said Saturday. Never before in the history of the

system has there been so small a list of resignations at the end of the year, the superintendent said.

"This indicates that the local school supplement is helping to keep our teachers and reducing the turn-over in teaching personnel," Mr. Harding said.

The one resignation is of a young woman who is to be married and who will reside in another city. She was the only one who returned a contract for next year without a signature.—Observer.

Typo Union Elects Officers For the Ensuing Year

Ray C. Nixon was on Wednesday re-elected president of Charlotte Typographical Union No. 338; Hugh M. Sykes was re-elected secretary-treasurer; Howard L. Beaty was re-elected recording secretary, and H. A. Stalls was elected vice-president.

The voting was by ballot. Boxes had been placed in each of the Typographical Union chapels in Charlotte and after the votes had been cast, they were counted by a committee named to handle that duty. It was one of the most warmly contested election in recent years.

Claude L. Albea, Ray Nixon and Harry Boate were elected delegates to the state convention of the North Carolina Federation of Labor at Winston-Salem in August, there being no other candidates.

Secretary Sykes was named the local union's delegate to the International convention of the Typographical Union in August at Colorado Springs, Colo., the headquarters city of the union, where its large home for aged and infirm is situated. The convention is expected to last about 10 days.—Observer.

Chamber Commerce Rapped By Filene; May Function As A Business Club

BOSTON, May 26.—Edward A. Filene, the Boston merchant-economist, has withdrawn from the United States chamber of commerce until it decides, he said, "to substitute fact-finding research for opinion as a guide to decisions concerning the needs of business in general."

He made his decision known in an open letter yesterday to the chamber's president and directors. In part, it said:

"The chamber as at present organized may function as a successful club of business men when times are good, or as a potent center of reaction when changing times make some great new forward step necessary; but in neither role can it furnish any real help to business, either to business in general or to the particular business of the average member.

"The businesses, I fear, which are likely to profit most from an organization such as the United States chamber of commerce is today, are those which have some special reason for achieving a dominant voice in the chamber's affairs, although lacking adequate interest in or an adequate understanding of the needs of business in general. . . .

Modern business problems, general or special cannot be solved by adding up the opinions, either of board members or of the members generally, and calling that the answer."

Presbyterians Are Opposed To Child Labor and Warfare

AUGUSTA, Ga., May 24.—The Presbyterian church in the United States condemned vice and aggressive warfare yesterday and endorsed a broad program of social reform.

The Southern churchmen adopted a report of the committee on morals and social welfare but tacked on this amendment:

"The provinces of the church and the state are separate and one should not usurp functions of the other. These statements are merely given as an opinion of the committee and not to define the missions of the church."

Dr. Stuart R. Oglesby, Atlanta, who headed the committee, said the recommendations "were merely to instruct our people within the church on social problems. We do not intend to go outside the church and tell the government what to do."

The program urged: Abolition of child labor. Fair wages and a fair day's work in wholesome conditions.

Abolition of lynching and obscene movies. Improvements of the Southern sharecroppers' status.

A campaign against all kinds of gamblers "whether they be on the stock market, on the race track, or in gaming halls."

An educational campaign against liquor.

Protective neutrality legislation. Support of national leaders for peace rather than war.

Low prices for consumers.

Western Textile Council Meets In Concord Saturday

There will be a meeting of the Western Textile Council in Concord Saturday at 2:0 P. M. While this is a regular meeting of the council, business of vital importance is scheduled to come up before the body. A full attendance is requested.

Va. Carolinas Typo. Conference Ends Meet At Raleigh

RALEIGH, May 25.—The Virginia-Carolina Typographical conference endorsed industrial unionism and for the 10th consecutive year re-elected all officers as it ended its annual meeting here yesterday.

Durham was chosen for the 1937 convention.

Officers are: Dowell E. Patterson, of Charleston, S. C., president; Roy R. Lawrence, of Winston-Salem, vice-president, and Giles C. Courtney, of Richmond, Va., secretary-treasurer.

Officials said the conference "emphatically resolved to follow the leadership of President Charles P. Howard, of the International Typographical Union in his advocacy of industrial unionism," but this move "is not to be interpreted as condemning craft unions."

Activities of Lawrence, who is president of the North Carolina Federation of Labor, in behalf of the candidacy for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination of Dr. Ralph W. McDonald were approved by the conference. McDonald attended the banquet session.

Around 350 delegates and visitors attended the banquet which closed the two-day meeting.

[A. B. Furr and J. B. Fetner were the Charlotte Typo delegates.]

Pickets Keeping Steel Corporation Plant Closed

PORTSMOUTH, O., May 25.—Pickets surrounding the Portsmouth plant of the Wheeling Steel corporation kept the mills idle yesterday as they awaited the outcome of conferences scheduled by a federal mediator with union leaders who claim to represent 3,500 of the 5,500 employees.

Authority of the national labor relations board was an issue in the strike, called Friday night after two years of disagreement between company officials and the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin workers.

Monday R. M. Ilkington, mediator sent here by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, planned to meet with Joseph K. Gaither, international vice-president of the union, to investigate the dispute.

The union contends that last November the labor relations board ordered the Wheeling company to "desist coercing the Amalgamated," abandon support of 18 departmental company councils, and reinstate a discharged employee. This, the union leaders said, has not been done.

Democratic Party Opened Convention Headquarters 24th

PHILADELPHIA, May 25.—Oliver A. Quayle, Jr., executive assistant secretary of the Democratic national committee, opened Democratic national headquarters yesterday with the prediction that 500,000 persons would come to Philadelphia during the week of the conclave, beginning June 23.

Quayle, assistant to W. Forbes Morgan, secretary of the committee, said an office force of 30 to 40 persons will be installed tomorrow.

"Guard That Girl" A Charlotte Theatre Thrill Fri. and Sat.

A secretary impersonates an endangered heiress and two college-bred detectives battle all sort of ominous acts trying to protect her, to make one of the most thrilling and enjoyable detective films in many months, Columbia's "Guard That Girl," which opens Friday at the Charlotte Theatre.

Robert Allen and Ward Bond as the detectives and Florence Rice as the grave young lady about whom an aura of murder constantly hangs, give performances that will please the most fastidious movie-goer. So, too, do the rest of the cast, comprised of such reliables as Wyrley Birch, Arthur Kohl, Barbara Kent and Bert Roach, and Elizabeth Risdon, a newcomer from the sacred portals of the Theatre Guild.

An attorney, Joshua Scranton, hires Allen and Bond to protect his client, an heiress who is to come into some three million dollars on a certain date. The lawyer expresses fear that the girl's relatives are intent upon murdering her before the deadline, so that they will inherit the money. When he suggests that they get another girl to impersonate the threatened heiress—who has been in Europe since early childhood and hence is unknown by sight to her relations—Miss Rice, Bond's secretary, insists upon taking the job.

Samuel Clemens was not the original Mark Twain. Captain Isaiah Sellers first used the name, and Clemens adopted it after Sellers died.