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## **LIBEL SUIT AGAINST DAVE CLARK; ALFRED BECK IN LIMELIGHT WITH ARTICLE IN TEXTILE BULLETIN BASIS**

The following clipping has been sent the Labor Journal from Durham, N. C., and will be read with interest by workers in this section, who are well acquainted with both parties, and is passed on without comment.—Ed.)

### **LOCAL LABOR HEAD TO SUE DAVE CLARK**

**"Albert Beck to Seek Damages For Editorial In Textile Bulletin"**  
"Albert P. Beck, Durham cafe proprietor and former textile union organizer, served notice in superior court yesterday that he is filing suit against David Clark, manager-editor of the Textile Bulletin, and others connected with the publication, for libel.  
"In addition to David Clark, defendants in the action are the Clark Publishing company and D. H. Hill, Jr., individually and as associate editor of the Textile Bulletin.  
"The preliminary notice of the suit does not stipulate the amount of damages sought, Beck announced through his attorney, Malcolm M. Young, that the papers will be filed within 20 days.  
"It is understood that the basis of the suit is an unsigned editorial which appeared in the Textile Bulletin last April. Beck filed suit as a pauper."—Durham Sun-Herald.

## **NEW DEAL REACHES HIGHEST POINT SINCE 1933 IN THE MONTH OF JUNE**

Business in June reached its highest point since 1933, while the national income, which dropped from 81 billion in 1929 to 39 billion in 1932, rose to 53 billion dollars in 1935, Secretary of Commerce Roper has announced.  
Indications of the first six months in 1936 were that national income would rise an additional 10 per cent this year, he said.  
Employment figures indicate 6,000,000 more persons are employed now than at the depression low of early 1933, Roper declared. Automobile production was greater by 79 per cent in the first six months of 1936 than in the entire year of 1932, he said.  
Steel production reached a six-year high in June, while electric power production set an all-time record in the first half of the year, according to the Secretary.  
"Marked expansion" of farm income and favorable price situations reflect improvement of farm purchasing power, he said.  
He said the downward trend of the wholesale price level has been checked and that exports increased four per cent from April to May.

## **A Union Label League Solicitor Is Not Indorsed**

The board of trustees of the Charlotte Labor union yesterday announced that solicitation on the part of one J. Dooley for the "North Carolina Union Label Educational League" is not approved by the Charlotte Central Labor union.  
The trustees said that so far as they are concerned and so far as the Charlotte Central Labor union is concerned the solicitation is unwarranted and unindorsed. The trustees who made the announcement are J. H. Fullerton, T. L. Conder, and W. M. Witter. Mr. Fullerton, first vice-president of the State Federation of Labor, said he had no knowledge of his name appearing on stationery, in connection with the solicitation.—Observer, Friday, July 24.

### **FORTY DEPUTY SHERIFFS ON STEEL CO. PAYROLL**

**PITTSBURGH, Pa.**—The presence of forty deputies sheriff in the seven plants of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Company in this district, with the remuneration paid by the company, was admitted by Frank I. Gollmar, sheriff of Allegheny county. Gollmar evidently expected people to believe his explanation that presence of the deputies in the plants had no connection with possible strikes in the steel industry. "Their authority is limited to company property and they are under my command," he said.

### **GOV. CROSS ASKS PARLEY ON REMINGTON CO. STRIKE**

**HARTFORD, Conn.**—Gov. Wilbur L. Cross requested Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, of New York, Gov. Martin L. Davy, of Ohio, James H. Rand, Jr., president of the Remington-Rand Company, and representatives of the unions involved to meet with him in New York City to consider plans for settlement of the labor controversies in Remington-Rand plants in these three states hundreds of whose employes have been on strike for a number of weeks.

### **Lightning Took Negro's Fingerprints in Oregon**

South Bend, Ore.—A set of human fingerprints which were recorded by lightning on a hotel window here thirty years ago are still visible today.  
The fingerprints, according to "old-timers," are those of a Negro porter named Fletcher Gorman. He worked at the hotel in 1906.  
A thunder shower blew up one afternoon while Gorman was talking with a friend on the hotel porch. An unusually bright flash of lightning startled the porter and he shrank back against the wall, placing his hand on the wet window pane. The next streak of lightning struck him.  
After the excitement had died down the imprint of Gorman's hand was noticed on the glass. Since that time innumerable attempts have been made to wash off the imprint, but all of them have been useless.

### **Scottie Puppy in Hole, Spaniel Saves His Pal**

Seattle.—Though he could only bark over the situation, a four-year-old cocker spaniel saved the life of its friend, a black Scottie pup.  
Both dogs were accustomed to playing in the yard of the Dwight Ware residence. But the pup slipped in a deep water-filled hole 200 yards from the home. The spaniel immediately began barking, but could not attract any attention. It started for the house where it finally brought out Mrs. Ware.  
Racing between the house and the hole, barking excitedly, the spaniel drew his mistress to the edge of the pool. She rescued the pup.

### **Cow's Blow Kills Man**

Loysville, Pa.—Dewey Baughman, thirty years old, a farmer near here, was killed when a cow to which he was giving medicine, struck him under the chin with its head.

### **Mayor Lives on 9 Cents a Day**

Shaunavon, Sask.—Mayor James Cardno lived on nine cents a day for six weeks to prove to unemployed here that relief grants were sufficient.

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## **CHATTING**

Sixteen little Indians who had been polite for a year were rewarded with gold pieces at a ceremony at the old Indian Church at Mashpee, Cape Cod. They were the beneficiaries of a \$50,000 fund left by the late Samuel Cross Davis. Mr. Davis was motoring one day through Mashpee when his hat blew off. An Indian boy retrieved it, and Davis was so impressed by the child's courtesy that he established the politeness fund.  
Rin Tin Tin is all right—sometimes. When burglars broke into his master's house recently the dog hero of the movies slept. In his latest movie he captured a whole band of robbers "single-handed."  
To cheat the barber, Prof. W. T. Asbury, of Leeds University, England, advises "Expose your head to X-rays for six hours, then steam for two hours. Your hair will to two-thirds of its original length and you won't need a hair-cut for a considerable time." This sounds like another method to put men out of employment.  
Charles G. Broughton, of Portland, Oregon, was fined \$10 for driving eight mile an hour. Cars were lined up behind him. He said relatives in the back seat made him drive that way.  
In an election dispute in the Philippine Islands the investigators called in a ballot box from Batangas, near Manila. They found the ballots unreadable. Thousands of white ants had been tampering with them. Delays are sometimes costly.  
Dr. Joseph F. Kaspar, 60, former state senator, returning from a year in the Nebraska penitentiary, is recommending it to everyone. He says: "That's a wonderful place. I gained 50 pounds while I was there."  
Dr. M. E. Rumwell, of Palo Alto, California, went into his garage one night and found a stork perched on his car. Next day his daughter-in-law gave birth to an eight-pound baby.  
In Los Angeles, California, Rosemary Vasquez had her 22-months-old baby returned to her recently when she promised authorities to break him of the smoking habit. He's been smoking cigarettes for almost a year. In contrast to the above Charles Brown, of Chatham, Ontario, just 95, boasts that he has never taken a drink, smoked, gambled, lost an hour of sleep or visited a doctor. He was 50 before he learned to read and write. There are certainly many ways in which to spend one's life.  
Des Moines, Iowa, police examined William Benjamin's car to see if it complied with safety regulations. They found he had no operator's license, and his car was minus brakes, headlight, bulbs, lens, horn, windshield wiper, rear warning light or proper wheel alignment. His rear-vision mirror was O. K.  
Gail Borden tells of the young theater man advanced from chief usher to house manager at a salary of \$35 per week. The first week he put in 77 hours and made out the pay-roll. Noting that stage hands, operators et al., rated \$85 to \$96 a week and overtime amounts of \$12 to \$24, he put himself down for his overtime at \$2 per hour. Now he's chief usher again.—*The Spotlight*.  
"An exclusive vegetable diet will make you beautiful," asserts a woman columnist. Lady, did you ever take a good look at a hippopotamus?—*Thomaston (Ga.) Times*.  
In Chicago, police arrested a man for riding a bicycle while intoxicated, then discovered that even if guilty he had committed no crime. However, the authorities might get him for income tax evasion.—*Cleveland Plain Dealer*.  
A buffalo escaped from a rodeo at Yankton, South Dakota, and crashed head-on into an automobile. The buffalo was unhurt, but it cost \$50 to repair the car.  
The newest thing in animated cartoons is a Londoner's scheme to paint them on the subway walls and let the strap-hangers do the moving. The illusion of being in a movie theatre is heightened every time some one steps on your foot.  
Here's one that beats the fellow who hit himself on the head with a hammer because it felt so good when he stopped. A Los Angeles woman, awaking frequently with a pain in her leg, gets one of her bees to sting her on the affected spot. She says it relieves the pain.

### **UNREST AMONG EMPLOYEES BRINGS WAGE INCREASE**

**ST. PAULU, Minn.**—The set conviction prevailing among the employes of the Seeger Refrigerator Company here that they should receive a larger portion of the company's prosperity persuaded the owners to grant a five per cent increase in the remuneration of 1,700 workers effective September 1. In addition to the straight pay boost, each employe of the company for two years or more will be paid a bonus equal to 5 per cent of his earnings between September 1, 1935, and August 15, 1936. Company officials said the bonus is "an expression of appreciation for the co-operation and loyalty of the older employes."

### **Horror of Dogs Sends Elderly Man to Death**

London.—With a little cur yapping at his heels, William Hitchings, an elderly man of Pennar, Pembroke Dock, his eyes dilated with fear, ran straight into the sea—vanished.  
He had at last fallen a victim to the obsession that had pursued him for two decades—an unreasoning, unrelenting horror of dogs.  
Hitchings couldn't stand the sight of dogs, his son, Frederick George Hitchings, testified at the inquest.  
Back in 1915 two Alsatians had jumped upon the older man and terrified him.  
Since then, he had been victim of a mania—a constant terror of the canine world.  
The conjunction of a little cur barking furiously and the sea meant death for Hitchings.

### **Charge Reckless Driving to Wheel Chair Invalid**

Salem, Ohio.—When Fred Black of Kittanning, Pa., a transient, was brought to police headquarters here on a charge of driving while intoxicated, he presented a problem.  
He admitted before Mayor George Harroff that he was a drunken driver, but the mayor didn't know how to dispose of the case.  
For, instead of driving an automobile, Black, a cripple, had been operating his hand-propelled wheel chair.  
The mayor finally dismissed the case when Black offered to leave town immediately. A passing truck driver picked him up—wheelchair and all.  
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### **SHERIFFS AND POLICE USED IN BARB WIRE CO. STRIKE**

**STERLING Ill.**—Following a clash between strike pickets and strike-breakers at the plant of the North-western Barb Wire Company here, fourteen men were jailed on charges of "rioting." A request to the Governor at Springfield for National Guardsmen was unanswered. The Sheriff A. E. Hamilton went into action for the company and placed a squad of deputies and special policemen of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad in the area of the company's plant. The strike was called July 7 after the company refused to grant the union shop and collective bargaining rights. About 800 employes walked out.

### **POLICE AID ANTI-UNION CONCERN IN CHATTANOOGA**

**CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.**—A mass demonstration sponsored by the Chattanooga Trades and Labor Council in front of the Bennett-Hubbard Candy Company's plant, whose employes are on strike for recognition of the union, revealed the tendency of the police to assist the company in imposing low living standards on the workers. One girl conceived it was her social duty to join with the anti-union company officials in the irre-actionary position. She persisted, despite the pleading of pickets and their sympathizers, in trying to break through the picket line. She couldn't do it. Presto! Up rushed eight policemen, who grabbed the "loyal" employe, rushed the picket line, and carried her to the company's plant.

### **Weeds Peril Irrigation**

Salt Lake City.—Utah's irrigation system will be worthless in 100 years unless the spread of noxious weeds is stopped, David F. Smith, state commissioner of agriculture, warned here recently.

### **Back to the Farm**

Santa Cruz, Calif.—With country schools underattended and city schools congested, the school board has decided to transplant children from the latter to the former.

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## **30,000,000 WORKERS WILL BE REGISTERED FOR OLD-AGE ANNUITY UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT**

**WASHINGTON, D. C.**—Elaborate and efficient plans are being formulated by the Social Security Board for the registration of from 26,000,000 to 30,000,000 individuals whom it is estimated will come under the provisions of the old-age retirement section of the Social Security Act, which commences to function for both taxation and benefits on January 1, 1937. The Board disclosed that the nation-wide census of eligibles would get into operation next November.  
The benefit account for each individual will carry a number, Security Board officials said, just as bank accounts are numbered. "The object of this number," it was explained, "is the prevention of errors which might occur through the exact duplication of names, since there are many persons of the same name. The preliminary procedure, therefore, is only a matter of identification of individuals. It has no connection with taxes payable by employers or employes, and is not designed for tax purposes."  
Although annuities will not begin to be paid out until 1942, the Social Security Board calculates that the payment of 300,000 lump sum death benefits will be made next year under a provision of the act prescribing that these benefits, paid to the heirs of persons who have been taxed under the old-age pension plan, start with the imposition of taxes to finance the system.  
In announcing its forthcoming census of those eligible for the annuities the Social Security Board pointed out that the board must begin posting individual accounts on January 1. The data required of each eligible will probably include: Full name, residence address, father's given name, mother's given name, sex, race, name of present employer, date of birth, place of birth, and signature.

## **A NEW POLITICAL ORGANIZATION FOR NORTH CAROLINA IS FORMED IN N. C.; 'THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS'**

**RALEIGH, July 28.**—A new political organization—"The Liberal Democrats of North Carolina"—made its bow yesterday.  
The organization, which its sponsors said would sponsor "fair election and fair tax laws," was formed in Durham yesterday.  
E. Johnston Neal, of Raleigh, said the meeting was attended by "an enthusiastic and determined group of democrats from every section of the state."  
Dr. O. W. House, of Tarboro, was elected chairman, and Keith Harrison, of High Point, vice-chairman. Neal was elected executive secretary and treasurer.  
Harrison and Neal were active supporters of Dr. Ralph McDonald, military sales tax repealer and denouncer of "the machine," in his unsuccessful race for the democratic gubernatorial nomination.  
The meeting, Neal said, was called by Rufus Smith, of Greensboro, and was attended by 100 persons. Neal said county organizations had already been started in some counties.  
"The activities of these organizations," Neal said, "will be pointed to the general assembly of 1937 during the session of which they will sponsor the enactment of fair election and fair tax laws."  
Neal said plans were laid at the meeting yesterday to hold a "Roosevelt rally" in each county of the state.

### **DANGER IS FEARED FROM HUGE METEOR**

Millions May Die in Crash, Scientists Say.

**Los Angeles.**—A mighty mass of rock and metal crashing into the earth from outer space at the terrific speed of ten to fifty miles per second!  
Whole cities and perhaps states laid waste by the impact, the shock of which might bring death to millions of persons!  
That is possible but not probable, according to members of the Society for Research on Meteorites.  
Scientists and lay members of this organization, who have a common interest in charting the mysteries of outer space, have many strange stories to tell about what they have found and hope to find while studying meteorites.  
For instance Dr. Frederick C. Leonard, president of the society, who is chairman of the department of astronomy, University of California, at Los Angeles, says that tens of millions of meteors are attracted daily to the earth.  
"All but infinitesimal fractions of this horde," he said, "are vaporized before they can penetrate to the earth's surface, as a result of the high temperatures to which they are heated by the friction they generate with the air—for the average meteor is little more than a speck of cosmic dust.  
"If, however, the original mass of the celestial intruder is sufficient to enable it to escape total consumption in the atmosphere, it arrives on the earth's surface partially intact and thus becomes technically a meteorite."  
"Probably from 100 to 400 meteorites fall upon the earth every year; but since three-fourths of the earth's surface is covered by water and much of the remainder is uninhabited or inaccessible, only a very small minority of the meteorites that actually reach the earth are ever recovered."  
The largest one of historical times devastated an area of 10,000 square miles in Siberia in 1908, according to members of the society.

## **Women's Union Label League Has Meeting**

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Women's Union Label League was held Wednesday night, July 22nd, at the Moose Hall, and while attendance was a little off there was a fair gathering. Miss Vernet Threat, the president, presided, and a visitor, loved by all the members, Mrs. R. K. Amyx, who now makes her home in Atlanta, was warmly welcomed. Routine business was transacted and the meeting adjourned about 9 P. M. Mrs. J. H. Fullerton will represent the Label League at the State Federation of Labor convention next month.  
[This article was inadvertently left out of last week's issue.—Ed.]

## **War On Communism To Start In Texas**

**ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 25.**—At a meeting of western North Carolina clergymen here last week. The Rev. Ralph Nollner of Houston, Tex., announced plans for a "nation-wide conference to launch a war on Communism" here the week of August 10.

### **WPA STAFFS WIN SICK LEAVE AND VACATIONS**

**WASHINGTON, D. C.**—A memorandum establishing regular vacations and sick leaves for all administrative employes on WPA projects was sent to regional WPA administrators throughout the country by Aubrey Williams, Assistant Works Progress Administrator. Several previous plans to permit these employes to be placed on a regular vacation and sick leave basis have been vetoed by the Comptroller General. But the present order has met the approval of the Comptroller General and the memorandum was sent out in compliance with it.

### **INJUNCTION JUDGE CURBS REMINGTON-RAND PICKETS**

**SYRACUSE, N. Y.**—Justice E. L. Robertson sided with officials of the Remington-Rand Company in their desperate efforts to break the strike of its employes by granting the company's request for a temporary injunction prohibiting the unions from picketing unless restricted to four persons each wearing badges.

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