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WHAT WILL THE HARVEST BE?

Strikes—here, there, everywhere—with agreements, conferences, parleys, etc., the C. I. O. at the A. F. L., throat, and vice-versa; with friends turning to enemies, and a state of general confusion as to where various organizations stand, a labor fight is on such as has never been seen before. It is our hope, and belief that, eventually, it will all work out well for everyone concerned and the Labor Movement in general. Many believe that Lewis is working for dictatorship of the labor movement and is entirely too militant, while others assert Green is too conservative, and even go so far as to intimate that he is lined up with the "interests," which no real labor man really believes. But the day of reckoning is coming and while organized labor will have a larger membership, wounds will have been inflicted which will not easily heal, and that will leave scars for future reference.

WATER WORKS BONDS CARRIES

And the Water Works Bond Election carried. That is another forward step for Charlotte, the voters showing sound judgment as to the future. If the people had looked into the future 30 years ago, aye, 20 years ago, and provided land today unobtainable on account of high valuation, which could then have been purchased at a nominal figure, we would have had decent parks in our city, without going suburban. If they had visioned our growth the streets would have been much wider, in some instances, not requiring condemnation of costly property to widen streets of necessity, leaving many streets too narrow for present-day traffic. Taxes are bad, growing worse, to be true, but the "play must go on," and where we will finally land the Good Lord only knows, but we are on our way. But that's a ditch we have not got to yet, so let's not cross it. Future generations will be given plenty to worry about.

LOW WAGES UNCOVERED BY STRIKES

One of the usually unnoticed but nevertheless important results flowing from strikes is the revelation regarding low wages paid by many employers in unorganized industries.

A conspicuous example of these low wages came to light recently in connection with a strike of the employes of an underwear manufacturing company in St. Louis, Mo. An investigation made after the women employes walked out in protest against the wage rates disclosed that the average earnings were between \$5 and \$6 per week for 50-hours' work. It was also shown that many girls earned even less than this distressingly low wage.

This instance of low wages could be multiplied hundreds of times if a nation-wide survey were made. And yet some columnists and many employers seem to be losing much sleep because of the prevailing labor unrest and the constant increase in strikes.

DANENBURG REPORTS GREAT GAIN IN HOSIERY WORKERS ORGANIZATION

C. W. Danenburg, who is representing the Hosiery Workers organizing campaign in this section reports that he is making gains in membership in this area, and desires all hosiery workers to phone 2-0150 for information concerning membership.

OAKLAND BUILDING TRADES WIN 105 UNION SHOP PACTS

OAKLAND, CALIF.—Within the last few months over 105 agreements with local contractors have been negotiated by the Oakland Building Trades Council.

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IN WASHINGTON
WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY



Phil R. Reynolds
UNITED STATES SENATOR

The President's program with reference to the Supreme Court of the United States continues to overshadow all other national issues. His appeal to the country in the form of one of his radio "fireside chats" is being widely discussed. Hearings on his proposal are drawing large crowds to the rooms of the Senate Committee on Judiciary. Proponents and opponents of the measure are drawing their lines for battle. In other words, another important chapter in American history is being written, whatever that chapter may finally record.


In this connection it is interesting to read the oath of members of the Supreme Court. It follows:

"I do solemnly swear that I will administer justice without respect to persons, and do equal right to the poor and the rich, and that I will faithfully discharge all the duties incumbent on me as Judge, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States."

Whatever may be the viewpoint of any individual with regard to the present Supreme Court issue, considerable stress must be laid on the last sentence of the above oath reading "agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States." From this it would seem that the laws of the United States—and the laws are the acts passed by Congress and

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State of North Carolina, County of Mecklenburg.
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
William A. Taylor, Jr., Plaintiff,
vs.
Mary (Temple) Taylor, Defendant
The defendant above named will take notice an action entitled above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, to secure a divorce absolute from the defendant upon statutory grounds, and the defendant further takes notice that she is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County on the 3rd day of May, 1937 in the Office of the Court House, in said County at Charlotte, North Carolina, to answer or demur to the complaint in said action or plaintiff will reply to the Court for the relief demanded in the said complaint.
This the 24th day of February, 1937.
JAMES A. RUSSELL, Asst. Clerk of the Superior Court.
March 11-18-25. April 1-97.

signed by the President—have equal standing with the Constitution. The President contends that they have not been given such standing by the eminent Supreme Court Justices, and here is the basis of the current and widely-discussed issue.

Let me quote what others have said.

The illustrious Abraham Lincoln, declared in his first inaugural:

"The candid citizen must confess that if the policy of the government, upon vital questions affecting the whole people, is to be irrevocably fixed by decisions of the Supreme Court, the instant they are made in ordinary litigations between parties in personal actions the people will have ceased to be their own rulers, having to that extent practically resigned their Government into the hands of that eminent tribunal."

The great Justice Holmes, who ever held aloft the light of justice for all, said:

"It must be remembered that legislators are the ultimate guardians of the liberties and welfare of the people in quite as great a degree as the courts."

Again Justice Holmes said: "The first requirement of a sound body of law is that it should correspond with the actual feelings and demands of the community."

"The courts were intended to endure for all ages to come and consequently to be adapted to the various crisis in human affairs."

These quotations from great students of our government deserve study and thought as our people stand at the crossroads of national affairs. These statements were not made in the heat of debate. They were made by men who enjoyed national confidence, and by men whose deeds merit that their words be remembered. I cite them now because they are very timely.

Is the President correct in his contention that the Supreme Court has not given due respect to the legislative will of the people? Are the opponents of his program correct in their contention that the Supreme Court has always been right? Answers to these questions will be found when the people on farm and in factory understand clearly the issues involved and thunder out their views. They, and they alone, must answer. Their rights must come first. And the effort to put these rights first precipitated the present momentous issue.

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TEXTILE GROUPS INCREASE WAGES IN CAROLINAS

Two of the largest textile groups in this area—the Gossett mills in the Carolinas and Virginia, and the Springs mills, in South Carolina—announced yesterday that their 11,000 employes would receive on March 29 their second wage increase within five months.

Capt. Elliott White Springs announced at Lancaster, S. C., that a general wage increase would be given his approximately 7,000 employes, but said rates for the various classifications of workers still were being worked out, making an announcement of the percentage of increase or the money involved impossible at this time.

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