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TEXTILE WORKERS OF CAROLINAS MET IN CHARLOTTE LAST SUNDAY OVER 200 STRONG FOR PURPOSE OF ORGANIZING THE TWO STATES

Leaders of textile workers from over the Carolinas attended a rally here yesterday afternoon to hear detailed plans of the Committee for Industrial Organization to organize the textile industry of the South.

Edward F. Callahan, second vice-president of American Federation of Hosiery Workers, who is working with the Atlanta regional headquarters of the C. I. O., was the principal speaker.

He was introduced to the several hundred persons at the conference at Hotel Charlotte by Henry I. Adams of High Point, district manager of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, C. I. O. affiliate. Ray Nixon, a Typographical Union man, who is in charge of the C. I. O. headquarters in Charlotte, the office of which is in the Independence building, presided.

Mr. Callahan said he was here in the textile strike of 1919, and began his labor leadership then. He told of the meeting of the board of the United Textile Workers of America in Washington five weeks ago, when it was unanimously decided to form a new organization to be known as the Textile Workers' Organizing Committee, headed by Sidney Hillman, for a campaign to organize the industry. He pointed to the success of the C. I. O. negotiations in the steel, mining, and automobile industries.

"All workers of all textile mills will be asked to sign pledge cards giving their names and addresses and the names of their mills," explained Mr. Callahan. "These are to be sent to the regional office in Atlanta. When you obtain the signatures of 51 per cent of the workers of the mill, you call a meeting, and the Atlanta office sends a representative to try to negotiate terms with the employer. The Amalgamated Clothing Workers have contributed \$500,000 to begin our campaign.

"Textile workers, including hosiery workers, have their greatest oppor-

tunity now, especially since the Supreme Court upheld the Wagner labor act. Sign the cards that you may take your place in the sun, obtain shorter hours and better wages, and go out into the world to enjoy the better things of life. Sweatshops were eliminated in the garment industry, and we can eliminate undesirable things in the textile industry.

"We wish to penetrate the industry in a peaceful manner, and we do not want strikes. Get the workers to sign the cards, and, once you are organized if the employer refuses to deal with you and takes an arbitrary attitude, then there will be left only one thing to do—strike. We do not want to agitate, and we hope the manufacturers will accept this new law and meet with us around the conference table. Do not make demands of your employers. Simply sign up members. There are no initiation fees, and no dues will be charged in the T. W. O. C. until an agreement is concluded with your employer.

"If this campaign is successful, it will bring about better economic conditions all around. President Roosevelt has said that workers should have a greater share of the income they produce. Cotton piece goods have gone up a great deal, but wages have risen only a little bit, and the price paid farmers for their cotton is very little higher.

"Whether it take six months or six years, we will organize and do the job. This union has come to stay, just as long as is a textile industry." Charlotte Observer, Monday, April 19.

FORMER GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN CLAIMS THAT JOHN L. LEWIS IS A SECOND HUEY LONG

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga., April 20.—Chas S. Osborn, former governor of Michigan, last night described John L. Lewis as Huey Long's successor as the "champion of the social discontents" and said the only way to defeat him is "to give the masses a greater degree of sane social justice than he offers."

Osborn, now a part-time Georgian, spoke at a meeting of the Georgia Beta chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, national social honor society at the Georgia State College for Women.

He compared Lewis to historical Spartacus who roused Thracians against the conquest of Rome.

"The greatest difference between the situation in America and that in

ancient Rome exploited aliens and America permits the exploitation of its own people.

"The public schools and some of our colleges and other influences have taught the masses just enough to make them discontented. They think that capital is wrong and that those who labor in a measure enslaved. All they think they need is a leader.

"Huey Long appeared above the horizon. He was assassinated. There was no one before him who was likely to make a general disturbance. There has been nobody since, until Lewis came upon the scene. If he is as skillful as some think, he may make trouble."

Alco Aluminum Workers Await The A. F. of L. Sanction

ALCO, Tenn., April 21.—Members of the Aluminum Workers' Union in the Alcoa plant of the Aluminum Company of America awaited last night approval by the American Federation of Labor of a vote to strike for increased wages.

Fred Wetmore, president of the local union, said the vote, taken the past two days, was 2,156 for a strike and 238 against.

"We are awaiting a reply from the American Federation of Labor on approval," Wetmore said. "We expect approval to be a formality. After that we will make a final effort to negotiate with the company before striking."

There is an average of from one to two earthquakes in Japan every day.

Grange Leader At Raleigh Meeting Urges "Unity"

RALEIGH, April 20.—L. J. Taber, of Columbus, Ohio, Master of the National Grange, asserted here yesterday that farmers must "take advantage of the principles of collective bargaining as enunciated in the Wagner labor decision" or be "squeezed between the powerful forces of capital and labor."

Speaking at a meeting of the Wake county Grange, Taber said "just as the United States Chamber of Commerce is increasing its own membership, just as the American Federation of Labor and Lewis' organization (the C. I. O.) are battling for new members, so much the Grange build its membership."

"The Wagner Supreme Court decision has been held by labor leaders as their greatest victory," he said, "but it also means much to rural life. The danger of the rising spiral of prices brings to the farmer of the nation the solemn challenge to use the principles of organization, co-operation and collective bargaining.

"As the men who toil in the factory and the men who run and finance factories use the principles of collective bargaining, productive co-operation will advance and unless the farmer is in shape to protest his own interests by the same forces, agriculture and the consumer will suffer by the new and advanced interpretation of collective bargaining in this decision. The farmers believe in well paid labor. They want business to be sound, but they must demand not only parity prices but equality in purchasing powers."

THE JOURNAL STATES ITS CASE

The Journal is working under the American Federation of Labor banner, but is carrying both sides of the present fight in the Labor movement, which places it in a very unpleasant position.

In the International Typographical Union there is much difference of opinion, with International President Charles Howard in the C. I. O. ranks.

The Charlotte Central Labor Union has, as yet, taken no stand in the fight, heeding the advice of State Federation of Labor President R. R. Lawrence, to bide its time. Our local president of the International Typographical Union is C. I. O., having been appointed State Organizer for the United Textile Workers, a C. I. O. affiliate.

Only one local in the Charlotte Central Labor Union is a C. I. O. affiliate; hence it is wise for us to await definite instruction from the American Federation of Labor before any discord is brought into the open.

CHATTING

The wide variety of miscellaneous commodities offered for sale in what we still quaintly call drug stores has long been provocative of humorous and ironical comment. A popular song of a few years ago reached its climax in the pertinent query, "But why do they call it a drug store?" A convention of pharmacists assembled to celebrate an anniversary of the Fordham University college of Pharmacy heard, doubtless with professional approval, a more serious protest from the dean of that college, and not only a protest, but a prediction. The drug store of the future will be what its name suggests—simply that and nothing more. To which the croaking critic might readily and plausibly respond, "Nevermore." A fund of \$3,000 has been raised to finance the experiment of a pharmacy that will not rely for its livelihood upon profits from a cigar counter, a stationery department, a cosmetic section, and a lunch stand. As a matter of fact, there are a good many pharmacies that are nothing else, and some of them seem to prosper without an endowment. There is one in the city where this paper is published which calls itself "the only drug store in Chicago," but it isn't. It proves nothing to say that "the present type of drug store could not survive a week if it had to rely on prescription sales alone," for if it relied on prescription sales it would not be the present type of drug store. Of course the present type, which is more like a five-and-ten than an old-fashioned "chemist's" is faintly ridiculous, but it is very convenient. Prescriptions should, to be sure, be compounded by pharmacists, not by soda-jerkers; but so they are even under had to buy its razor blades at a hardware store, valentines and Christmas cards at a stationer's, cigarettes from a tobacconist, alarm clocks from a confectioner's and postage stamps at the postoffice? Thus commented, recently, the Christian Century, printed in Chicago, and which also covers the world in its variety of news and subjects, but it seldom deals with the subject of murder.

To one who has lived in years that are now gone, and who permits the mind to wander into the past, as they will at times, it seems strange at the misapplied labels which are to be found today on many places of business, and they do not all apply to drug stores. This writer can look back to his boyhood days and recall clearly a drug store in his home town which looked like a cave. But once inside, the place was packed with drugs and medicines of all sorts. Yes, the interior was dark, the stock arranged with no idea of neatness, but the proprietor could always find what was called for, and that in short order. The druggist himself was much like the store. Nothing neat of that, and she was of a different nature. Scrupulously neat and clean.

On one occasion this druggist had an argument with a railroad train, and he came out second best, though not fatally injured. He was picked up, of course, she felt sorry for his mishap, but she did not fail to tell the hospital folks to give him a good bath before bringing him home. In due time he recovered his health and strength, but the bath failed to linger, and it operated in some manner he seemed to prosper, for he built later a large business block and always had it occupied at good rentals, but he never gave up the old stand, nor do I recall ever having seen it in a new coat of paint.

At one time a fire of large proportions started in the neighborhood of this store, and the firemen worked harder than ever to prevent the store from taking fire, for they said they did not know what may be in the cellar and they feared explosions. When firemen fear a drug store it must be something terrible.

One thing can be truthfully said about the present drug store, and that is, it does put on a clean and cheerful front, even though the colored globes with a light in the rear of them are missing.

Who remembers the old-time drug store?

DELAWARE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSES CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT DOVER, Del., April 19.—Delaware's House of Representatives voted approval tonight of the child labor amendment to the Federal Constitution. The resolution goes to the Senate.

PRIMARY BALLOT

- For Mayor** (Vote for One) Ben E. Douglas Arthur H. Wearn
- For Members of City Council** (Vote for Eleven)
 - WARD 1** (Vote for Not More Than Two) W. N. Hovis J. Hamp Huntley A. E. Spears J. S. Tipton Z. Alexander
 - WARD 2** (Vote for Not More Than Two) W. T. "Tony" Blackwell John F. Durham
 - WARD 4** (Vote for Not More Than Two) Abraham Honsey W. Roy Hudson J. R. Madagan Thomas M. Webb
 - WARD 5** T. V. Grisfold
 - WARD 6** (Vote for Not More Than Two) Claude L. Albee John F. Barbee J. S. Nance
- WARD 7** (Vote for Not More Than Two) H. H. Baxter Thomas B. Henderson Wm. Emmett Wishart
- WARD 8** (Vote for Not More Than Two) Ben F. Favell Leon Lawrence Ernest M. Morgan L. R. Sides H. T. Thrower
- WARD 9** C. D. Brady
- WARD 10** John L. Wilkinson
- WARD 11** A. Parks Little
- For School Commissioners** (Vote for Three) J. Spencer Bell N. C. Burns Mrs. G. S. Horne Mrs. H. L. McCrorey Herbert Spough S. C. Vaughn Mrs. C. T. Wanzer Frank S. Worthington

STEVEN NANCE BEING RELIEVED OF LEADERSHIP OF GEORGIA A. F. OF L. SAYS WM. GREEN

WASHINGTON, April 20.—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, announced last night that Steven Nance was being relieved of leadership of the Georgia federation because he had gone over to John L. Lewis and his industrial union camp.

He said that Frank Dillor, general organizer for the A. F. of L., was on the way to Atlanta to take charge of the State Federation of Labor convention on Wednesday.

Told by a reporter that Nance's followers claimed to control a convention majority, Green said Dillor and "loyal delegates" would set up a separate convention if necessary and elect a separate slate of officers.

Reporting that Nance had become a salaried organizer for Lewis' Committee for Industrial Organization, the federation president declared: "He cannot serve both at the same time."

Asked by one newsmen if he believed the move to oust the Georgian was a democratic procedure, Green replied warmly: "Do you think we would be foolish enough to keep a man in the position who has accepted employment in an opposing organization?"

His statement followed a session of the federation's executive council, which will meet again tomorrow.

A high official had predicted earlier in the day that the council would take steps shortly to expel Lewis and his industrial unionists. They already are under suspension from the federation for "insurrection."

The quarrel between Lewis and craft union leaders of the A. F. of L. began months ago over the question of organizing mass production workers. Lewis contends they should be organized by industry; the federation leaders' that they should be unionized by crafts.

Asked if Nance would be acceptable to him as a federation leader in Georgia if he quit the C. I. O. Green replied: "I don't have to answer that question because I don't think Nance will leave the C. I. O."

Ray Nixon Says Mills Jumping For C. I. O. Union

Last Wednesday The Charlotte News carried the following interesting story, quoting Ray Nixon, president Charlotte Typographical Union, state head of the T. W. O. C., with offices in the Independence building:

"The supreme court's Wagner act decision literally swamped the North Carolina T. W. O. C. organization with more work than it could do, State Director Ray Nixon said today in announcing a conference of workers at his office in the Independence building for Sunday afternoon.

"One large Charlotte mill jumped straight up to 90 per cent organization," he said, "and others are falling in line without hesitation. The workers called us on the telephone and demanded organization. I've been in labor never saw anything like it. Our staff of organizers is working day and night. We'll have more men in Monday and the work can proceed more rapidly. Just at the moment we are out of application blanks. I've wired to Atlanta for more and they should be here tonight.

"Sunday we have a meeting of 40 or 50 organizers and representative workers from unorganized mills. They will assemble in this office and hear Edward F. Callahan, a special representative from headquarters, outline our plans and policies in this territory.

"Monday we enter the Gaston county field, where we expect immediate enthusiastic results. The Wagner act decision was the action which removed the chief of our present difficulties. There is no longer any pressure to prevent organization work, and so far as I am able to determine the employers are observing the law. The Textile Workers' Organizing committee anticipates swift, peaceful and mutually satisfactory organization."

Labor Voters League Endorses C. L. Albee For The City Council

Editor Labor Journal:

On April 26th and May 4th of this year, we are to hold a city election in keeping with the mandate of the city ordinance. It is now that men and women take stock of their political representatives, and undertake to elect those who have served the best interest of the masses of the people.

We love and admire those who speak the language of the common man. Let us review the inspiring principles which they set forth when they promised to "enlist for the duration of two years," against the "economic royalist."

"It was natural and perhaps that the privileged princes of these new economic dynasties, thirsting for power, reached out for control over the city government itself. And as a result the average man once more confronts the problem that faced the Minute Man."

"An old English judge once said: 'Necessitous men are not free men.' Liberty requires opportunity to make a living—a living decent according to the standard of the time, a living which gives man not only enough to live by, but something to live for."

"Today we stand committed to the proposition that freedom is no half and half affair. If the average citizen is guaranteed equal opportunity in the polling place, he must have equal opportunity in the market place.

Miners In Oklahoma Shout Defiance At C. I. O.; For A. F. of L.

MIAMI, Okla., April 19.—Cheering lead and zinc miners, estimated at 6,000 in number, shouted defiance of the Committee for Industrial Organization and approval of affiliation with the American Federation of Labor at a mass meeting here yesterday.

Members of the Tri-State Metal Mine and Smelter Workers' Union jammed exposition hall, and loud speakers were necessary outside.

"Our affiliation with the federation was a very auspicious move," President F. W. (Mike) Evans, of the Tri-State told the crowd.

"I'm still mad," said Kelsey Norman, of Joplin, union attorney, referring to the wounding of nine Tri-State paraders at Galena, Kas., last Sunday by gunfire from a C. I. O. hall. "As far as we are concerned, no member of that union ever will be in the blue cards (Tri-State)."

Joe Nolan, president of the Tri-State local at Ficher, Okla., said "the C. I. O. is defeated. John L. Lewis is on the way to his downfall, and it's starting here."

Nolan estimated 6,000 miners attended the meeting, called to celebrate affiliation Thursday.

Explaining affiliation, Evans said, "The Supreme Court decision last Monday outlawing company unions made it necessary to do something quickly to have representation in Washington."

The Tri-State union was founded two years ago as the result of a seven weeks' strike called by the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, now affiliated with the C. I. O. Disgruntled international members organized the Tri-State, negotiated terms, and resumed work.

Boger Exec. Sec. Asso. Electrical Contractor of N. C.

Haven't heard from friend Boger in a long time, but the Spruce Pine Tri-County News carried this item a short while back.

NEW LAW FIXES WHO MAY DO ELECTRICAL WIRING During the last legislature a law was enacted which created a state board to examine and license all workmen engaged in doing any kind of electrical wiring. On Tuesday night the entire staff of the Johnson Electric shop attended a meeting of the North Carolina Association of Electrical Contractors at Asheville to hear C. S. Boger, executive secretary of the association, explain the workings of the new law.

WILLYS-OVERLAND SIGNS CONTRACT WITH C. I. O. TOLEDO, O., April 20.—Willys Overland Motors, Inc., today signed its first formal contract with the United Automobile Workers, a CIO affiliate, David R. Wilson, president of the company, announced. It provides recognition of the U.A.W. as bargaining agent.

TENDER HEARTED

"Well, Pat," remarked the foreman, "I'm sorry to see you leave the works. Aren't the wages satisfactory?"

"The wages are all right," returned Pat, "but I keep having a guilty feeling all the time."

"About what?"

"I'm all the time thinkin' I'm doin' a horse out of a job."

CHARLOTTE THEATRE FRIDAY—SATURDAY

WE'RE CARRYING THE TORCH FOR TORCHY!

Meet Torchy Blaine, a hard boiled reporter with a soft heart.

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Kay Francis George Brent
"Give Me Your Heart"

—H. L. M.