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STATE FEDERATION CONVENTION, JULY 26-28

Despite reports to the contrary and obstacles being thrown in the way of the new A. F. of L. set-up in North Carolina, the state convention at Salisbury on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 26, 27 and 28, promises to be one of the best and most largely attended meetings ever held in the State, and response to the call of Secretary H. G. Fisher, Salisbury, has been answered by an overwhelming majority of locals throughout the State. While the recent trouble in the ranks of labor is to be deplored, out of it will come a greater organization, with more power and prestige than ever enjoyed by labor in North Carolina.

A WORD TO OUR READERS

In making purchases we are asking Union men, now, of all times, to stay close to Journal Advertisers, for they are making your paper possible. The struggle is one that is testing the strength of an A. F. of L. medium, one that really is standing for collective bargaining in the true sense of the word and for unshackled thought and expression. Many of our advertisers have been called over the phone, or approached, and dire retribution promised them if they supported The Labor Journal. But we are glad to say that until this good day the effect has been to draw our friends closer to us, and to cause The Journal to become a more aggressive A. F. of L. mouthpiece than ever before, for there is no half-way ground in the battle that is now on. We will fight for organization under the A. F. of L. because we believe in it, and will continue to discountenance any and all C. I. O. activities. And, by this statement we will stand until the bitter end, but The Journal will never unfurl the white flag of surrender.

Mayor Ben Douglas is advocating a pay increase for city employes in the lower brackets, and this is indeed commendable, for if any set of men are entitled to it, they are.

It is going the rounds that our friend Claude Albea is considering entering the race for sheriff of Mecklenburg, and while it is a little early to be making a slate, Brother Albea may believe in the old adage of the early bird and the worm.

The attitude of the grocers in Charlotte will be watched with much interest in regard to the effort the A. F. of L. is making to organize the clerks in that line of business. It is something that is going to have to come "eventually, so why not now." No pressure on employers of an unbearable nature will be brought to bear, nothing unreasonable will be asked of them, only a fair working day, fair conditions, and a uniform wage scale.

The Journal's "star" man is off on a vacation, with the Madam and the "little" Boates. And as he told the tired and weary editor of his plans for the trip, "we" sighed and yearned for a surcease of sorrow; a trip that would give us rest and new scenes and a chance to forget, and probably be forgotten. But the treadmill must operate, and it seems to be our lot to do the operating. We wish them a happy outing and the Colonel, spy as a boy, with the Madam as full of life as a young girl, they will have a great time, we know. Bon voyage.

A. F. OF L. TO OPEN STATE OFFICES HERE

The fact that a state headquarters for the A. F. of L. will be opened in Charlotte at an early date will be welcome news to many labor men in the State. It will fill a want among the many locals, and the fact that organizers are getting busy, bringing in new locals, but substantiates the fact that the A. F. of L. affiliates are being looked upon with more favor by employers than was the case some years ago, the reason being that the A. F. of L. is pursuing a sound and sane course in organization and in dealing with both employe and employers, not using the checkoff system or condoning "sit-down" strikes, being always willing to adhere to its fundamental principle of arbitration, mediation and conciliation, holding contracts inviolate, and seeing that these contracts are carried out as far as the workers are concerned.

AMERICAN LEGION NOT A STRIKE-BREAKER

Announcement by National Commander Harry W. Colmery of the American Legion that the Legion will not be used to break strikes is timely, in view of recent reports that the Legion is taking the side of employers in current labor disputes.

"The American Legion's policy always has been, and still remains, one of strict neutrality," Colmery said in a statement issued from national headquarters in Indianapolis. "The Legion is not a strike-breaking organization." Public officials in some places have intimated that the Legion will be used in strike-breaking activities. Commander Colmery's statement should put an end to these activities, if any are in prospect. His statement is in line with the policy of the American Legion since its beginning. Labor was influential in establishment of this policy, Samuel Gompers, George L. Berry and others having had a hand in its formulation.—Wilmington (Del.) Labor Herald.

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H. M. Johnson, Durham, Is The New A. F. L. V.-P.

H. M. Johnson, a Durham barber, has been appointed to the remaining vacancy on the N. C. State Federation of Labor board. The board is an evenly divided set-up, both as to crafts and locations. A new board will be elected at the July meeting of the state body.

AND WHAT MAY THIS BE!

RALEIGH, June 26.—The Gold Star Textile organization of East Lumberton, which will establish and maintain a bargaining agency for the workers of the Mansfield Mills, Inc., a textile plant, secured a charter today from Thad Eure, secretary of state.

As a non-stock corporation, Carlos Fields, J. J. McMurray and Waylon Roberts, all of east Lumberton, organized the agency. Three mutual associations to rehabilitate and render self-supporting the families of the members secured charters to work in connection with resettlement programs at Roanoke farms, Tillery and Penderlea. And this is not so hot.—Ed.)

Memorial Tablets Recall Past History of Jamaica

Church tablets, in which Jamaica is rich, record the deaths of some forty midshipmen and lads under the age of 20 in cruisers and trade ships in the port, the victims of Yellow Jack. In the Cathedral of Spanish Town, the oldest cathedral in the British colonies, Kingston, Jamaica, notes a correspondent in the New York Times, can be seen monuments and tablets, many of them the works of such distinguished sculptors as Bacon and Steel, bearing testimony to lives spent in work for the colony. Many governors are here commemorated, but none receives a greater tribute than Sir Thomas Modyford, who died in 1679:

Mistake not Reader for here lies not only the Deceased Body of the Honourable Sir Thomas Modyford, Baronet, but even the soul and life of all Jamaica, who first made it what it now is. Here lies the best and longest governor, the most considerable planter, the ablest and most upright Judge the Island ever enjoyed.

Those in search of the marvelous can visit the grave of Lewis Galdy, who was swallowed up in the great earthquake in the year 1692 and "by the providence of God was by another shock thrown in the sea and miraculously saved by swimming until a boat took him up. He lived many years after in great reputation beloved by all who knew him."

The history of Jamaica is so closely associated with that of England that links can be found not only in its naval history but in the waves of emigrants, including regicides and Quakers, Huguenots and political prisoners, Spanish captives, recalcitrant preachers and troublesome younger sons, many of whom were successful in making large fortunes in this island.

Teeth Only Remains of Shark That Once Ruled

Sharks' teeth, some as large as a man's hand, are the only known remains of giant sharks that ruled the seas millions of years ago. Great numbers of these fossils are found in sandy deposits along the Atlantic coast and in the Pacific ocean.

The shores and steep cliffs yield these sharp, flat, age-blackened fossils, writes Bernard Kohn in the Washington Star. Some are worn smooth by the elements and others have jagged edges.

The prehistoric teeth are found as far inland as Washington, D. C., while tons of them have been hauled from Wilmington, Del., and ground into fertilizer.

Scientists estimate the ancient sharks attained a length of 80 feet. Their jaws were 6 feet across, with several rows of upper and lower teeth.

Although sharks are big and powerful, they leave behind little evidence of their existence. After death their cartilage framework soon disappears.

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Retail Grocery Clerks Send For Union Charter

A well attended meeting of the retail grocery clerks was held at the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night, being called by J. A. Moose, who has been active along this line the past month. More than 90 per cent of those present joined the new retail clerks local and a charter has been sent for. George J. Kendall, A. F. of L. organizer was present at the meeting and handled the organization end of the local. Talks were made by several men in the ranks of labor which had a telling effect. This promises to be one of the largest and most flourishing organizations in the local A. F. of L. field. Another meeting is called for next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce, which will be open to all clerks desiring to join forces with the A. F. of L. And this is another star showing which way the wind is blowing in this neck of the woods.

Had Special Gibbet for the Use of Alchemists

The medieval alchemists did not enjoy a very high social standing. It was popularly believed that they consorted with demons in their efforts to learn the secrets of nature. Moreover, as time went on the profession was afflicted with an increasing number of charlatans, more adept at extracting gold from the pockets of gullible patrons than from lead. Consequently alchemy was officially frowned upon by both church and state, according to an authority in the Chicago Tribune.

Men of keen scientific abilities, like Bacon and Aquinas and Raymond Lully, were compelled to keep their scientific interest as secret as possible. Bacon, one of the greatest scientists of all time, was threatened with imprisonment by Oxford university unless he ceased experimenting. The Dominican order prohibited the study of alchemy among its members. In 1404 all alchemists were ordered to leave England, although this edict never was thoroughly enforced. On another occasion a certain duke of Wurtemberg, who probably had been fleeced, erected a special gallows for the exclusive use of alchemists. Appropriately, the frame was gilded.

Because of the need of secrecy, and because they believed that the common knowledge of how to make gold would do away with the divinely ordained poverty of the masses, the alchemists either kept notes in code or described their experiments in a fantastic jargon that both amuses and exasperates translators. For instance, they called gold the red lion, silver the lily bride, sulphur the yellow scorpion, mercury the dragon, and lead the black crow. Some of their terms may still exist, as in aqua regia (royal water) sal ammoniac (salt of Ammon), oleum (oil of vitriol), sugar of lead, butter of antimony, and cream of tartar.

Aurora Borealis, Poles Are in No Way Related

For a long time the aurora borealis has been an object of complete mystery, and it has been only in recent years that it has come to be fairly well understood. It was long known that it was not limited to the northern hemisphere. It appeared with equal frequency and intensity in antarctic regions, where it was known as the aurora australis.

Contrary to common belief, states a writer in the Chicago Tribune, there is no connection between the aurora and the north or south poles. Instead the centers of auroral activity are the earth's two magnetic poles, the centers toward which all magnetic compasses point. One of these is in the extreme north of Canada and the other is in the antarctic continent. The greatest frequency of auroras occurs not at these poles but in certain belts encircling them. This fact would indicate that the earth's magnetic field is a factor in the case.

The relation of terrestrial magnetism is further shown by the fact that auroral displays are most spectacular during the so-called magnetic storms on the earth. These are invisible and inaudible storms that sweep through the earth's magnetic field, violently distorting it. At such times the needles of magnetic compasses fluctuate in an erratic manner.

That the aurora occurs in the earth's atmosphere and not in outside space has been shown by the spectroscopic and by direct observation. The light given off has been split up into its individual wave lengths, which have been identified as characteristic emissions of the various gases that make up air.

C. I. O. LOSES ITS FABRIC STRIKE IN PAWTUCKETT

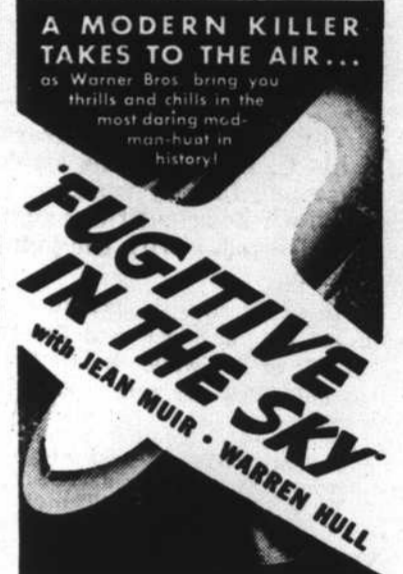
PAWTUCKETT, R. I., June 30.—President Charles Arthur Horton of the Hope Webbing company of Pawtucket said yesterday that approximately 600 workers would be re-employed when the plant re-opens tomorrow morning. An eight-week strike and yesterday when the Narrow Fabrics Workers' union defeated the C. I. O. for the right to represent the employes and quickly reached an agreement with the management.

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