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ANDREWS SAYS PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE WAGE-HOUR LAW WOULD RESULT IN REPEALING SOCIAL GAINS

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Elmer groups who are hell-bent on taking F. Andrews, wage-hour administrator, today flayed proposed amend-during the last year."

the social gains which have been made during the last year."

He denounced the bill as attemptby Representative Graham A. Barden, of New Bern, and a majority of the members of the House labor

"In my judgment," said Mr. An-"this legislation should be entitled 'A Bill to Lower Wages and Establish Longer Hours of Work.' vote for this bill is a vote to nullify

teh act . . ." wage-hour administrator charged that "every workingman in America has real cause for immediate concern because this legislation is being supported by well-financed lobby in Charlotte Observer.

ing to emasculate the law at a time when it had been in effect for only seven months.

The reaction to Mr. Andrews' statement among some on Capitol Hill was that it was probably gratuitous since the porposals to change the wagehour act now appear bogged since Chairman Mary T. Norton, of the Labor committee has already appropriate. bor committee, has already announced that she will make no further effort

Retired Railroad Men In Charlotte For Convention

Approximately 800 delegates from 22 states were present at the opening of the Annual Convention of the National Association of Retired Railway Employes at Hotel Charlotte today. J. W. Murray national director is in charge. Registration was under the

direction of Capt. Tom Rowland.

Mayor Ben Douglas delivered the address of welcome. Judge Heriot Clarkson, of the State Supreme Court was on the program for an address. It was reported that there are now 125,000 retired railway employes in the U.S., and 200,000 more are eligible for retirement.

The convention will lost throughout the week.

Central Labor Union

The regular meeting of Central La bor Union Wednesday night of this week was fairly well attended. The regular routine of reports, obligation of delegates, etc., was gone through with. The different organizations reported working conditions as good. Obligation of delegates from a newly chartered local was postponed until a few "kinks" could be straightened

There seems to be some confusion

takes over the second and fourth Wednesday nights. Miss Vernette reported for the league and asked a full attendance for the meeting next Women's Label

Construction Gains In May

Construction activity in Charlotte during May increased slightly over the corresponding month last year, according to figures on file in the office of the building inspector.

Last month there were 102 permits

representing a total expenditure of \$197,856 as compared with 75 permits and \$177,457 in May of last

During April, this year, 77 permits were authorized for jobs estimated to cost \$873,417, including the permit for the Charlotte Memorial hospital.

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Claim Increase For Unemployed City Of Charlotte killed

Unemployment benefit claims in-creased slightly in North Carolina during the month of April over the preceding month, but payments dropped precipitiously, according to data issued yesterday from the Social Se-curity Board in Washington. Claims increased 10.6 per cent; 25,-080 filed them. Payments of \$331,381

were 36.9 per cent less than those made in March. Total payments made April 30 since payments began Jan. 1, 1938, amounted to \$10,-048.078

In July, when Illinois and Mon-tana began their benefit-paying pro-grams, job insurance wil lbe in full operation in every state of the nation.

Typo Auxiliary To **Elect Officers At**

Three candidates, Mrs. W. R. Cashwel land Mrs. W. M. Bostick, are in the field for delegateship to the Wom-Nazi-Facists or any other un-Amerian's Auxiliary National Convention at Fort Worth, Texas, in conjunction with the I. T. U. convention. This promises to be a lively meeting.

There seems to be some confusion as to the meeting dates during May, June, July and August, they being the first and third Wednesday of each month.

The Women's Union Label League

League To Meet Wed'day, June 14

The Women's Union Label League will meet at Central body hall Wed-nesday, June 14, 8 P. M. there being no meeting of Central Labor Union on that night, they meeting the first and third Wednesdays. The ladies are an-xious to have a full attendance, as there is business of importance to be transacted.

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PROBE OF LABOR BOARD IS DUE IF VOTE IS FURTHER DELAYED; WAGNER ACT IS DUE FOR ACTION

WASHINGTON, June 4.-President Roosevelt has been told by some of his closest Congressional friends that unless Congress gets a chance to vote on Wagner Labor Act amendments this session, a House investi-gation of the National Labor Rela-tions Board is inevitable.

This became known as influential House members started a quiet campaign to obtain support for an investigation resolution which Representative Cox, Democrat, Georgia, has in-

Some Democrats expressed the opinion privately that the House would of the 168 Republican members would certainly adopt, if brought to the give their approval. That would floor, a resolution to create a special committee to inquire into the board's activities during the summer and fall and report back Jan. 1.

The inquiry would look into quali-fications of the three board members neitheir complained that it appeared and all regional directors and trial neither the Senate nor the House La-

Representative Anderson, Democrat, Missouri, already has introduced legislation for such an investigation and informed persons said a similar one was being drafted by other legisla-

Cox said either would be approved by the Rules Committee, of which he is a member, and he predicted the only floor opposition would come from stanch New Dealers. Representative Martin, Republic-

an, Massachusetts, the minority leader, agreed with Cox. He expressed the opinion that "about 95 per cent' give their approval. That would mean the resolution would have to receive the support of only about 60 of the 260-odd Democrats.

Advocates of changes in the law examiners and the arguments that the bor Committee intended to report law should be amended.

Journal Readers Co-operate With Those Who Advertise In It.

Facing the Facts

With PHILIP PEARL

With hot weather here, the verminhunting season is open. Last year the Dies Committee focused its glare on the rediculous plague of the Commun-ists. Now it is turning over a few stones and exposing the Nazi-Facist

While the public's first impulse is to yell for the exterminator, a flit-gun is not really necessary. The best way of dealing with these crawling creatures is to expose them to the light. They thrive only in the dark.

Enough has been revealed by the
Dies Committee and in the illuminating articles by Stanley High in the Saturday Evening Post to warrant a few comparisons between the habits and activities of the Communists and the Nazi-Facists, as well as

their relative danger as peats.

It is our opinion that the Commun ists are more clever, more subtle and more dangerous. Like termites, they bore from within established institutions. They extol democracy, alstitutions. They extol democracy, although in Soviet Russia they have killed the last vestige of freedom. They pledge allegiance to the Constitution, although they recognize no law but their own. They have even made overtures to religion. A wide following of fellow-travelers (they used to be called parlor pinks in the old days) are placed in influential positions. They operate from within the schools, the press, the Government and the C. I. O. Moreover, the Communist Party appears to be well-financed and well-

GRUBBING GRAFTERS

The Nazi-Facists in this country have no central organization. The propaganda groups are widely scat-tered and disassociated. Many of these organizations are run by flyselling misinformation to suckers for their own profit. Their ideology of hatred and their heroes, Hitler and Musoslini, are repungent to the vast majority of Americans. One would have to entertain a very

Metting On June 13

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Charlotte Typographical Union, No. 338, will meet Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. H. F. Carriker, 415 Pecan avenue. The meteing will be important on account of the election of officers, Three candidates, Mrs. W. R. Cashcan group. It is interesting to note that the Communists, who screamed blue murder when the Dies Committee stepped on their toes, are ap-

plauding its present activities. PROSPERITY NOTE

Secretary-Treasurer Frank Morrison tells us that he expects to be able to report to the Cincinnati convention in October a paid-up membership of a four million in the American Federation of Labor. Best estimates place the C. I. O.'s paid-up membership at not more than one million. They don't give out any official figures. important to remember that the C. I. O.'s public claims do not specify paid-up membership, the only kind that

counts in any organization. Even the smart-alecks who thought he extreme sensationalism of the C. . O. was going to sweep the country by storm are beginning to revise. They have seen the A. F. of L.'s numerical strength grow steadily even in depression times. That's a sure sign of health. They have seen the C. I. O. pull in its horns at the first depression scare and its membership dwin-dle rapidly under pressure. Those are unfailing symptoms of congenital

BUT ANY JURY WOULD FREE US We could be arrested for what we think of the way labor news is presented (or misrepresented, take your choice) in the Daily Worker, the Washington Merry-Go-Round Column and the C. I. O. News.

POSIES

Roses are blooming in Washington and bouquets are plentiful and inex-pensive. So we think it's timely to pestow a few of them on some of our deserving but unsung sirs and brothers and sisters in the Federation.

Here they are:
To the Legislative Bureau of the A. F. of L. (Bill Roberts, Bill Husing by-night grafters who are in the busi- and Paul Scharrenberg) because of their efficient service and because they are so influenced with and highly respected by the lawmakers on Capitol Hill.

To Chief Organizer Frank Fenton and his aides in the field, for their fine work in recruiting membership even in hard times.

To the Research Department (Miss Florence Tohrne, Miss Margaret Scatterfood and Boris Shiskkin) for the preparation of regular reports on unemployment, business conditions and legislation which command the high-est regard in labor circles and in official and journalistic Washington.

To Editor Julian Pierce and Assistant Mary Gibbs, for turning out the American Federation of Labor Weekly News Service on a uniformly high and informative plane.

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TOM COOPER, WILMINGTON'S MAYOR HOPES TO BE GOVERNOR OF N. C. AND THE JOURNAL HOPES HE WILL

WILMINGTON, N. C .- I talked today for more than an hour with the only ex-convict who has climbed out of a slough of despair as that record must be to the position of mayor of an important American city. What is more, my ex-convict is a candidate for the governorship of the State of North Carolina—the election comes next spring, and he is given an excellent chance of winning.

Tom Cooper, mayor of Wilmington and director of public safety, is a wiry, dark-haired, fiftyish man of medium size with a dynamic personality. He resembles Mayor La Guardia in about everything except the extra poundage the New Yorker carries around his middle. Cooper was sentenced 15 years ago to a three-year term in the Federal penitiary at Atlanta as a result of the bank crashes in the minor panic of 1922. He was president of two Wilmington institutions and also what he terms a 'figure-head" president of a savings bank. All three went under. On the State tharge concerning the savings bank he was sentenced to eight years with the North Carolina convict road gangs.

Mayor Cooper blames his troubles on the Ku Klux Klan, at that time in practical domination of State politics. He never joined the organization and incurred the wrath of the State Klan leaders when, as a member of the board of education, he permitted Knights of Columbus to use the Wilmington public schools for the deal was closed, his prospective employers learned of his past night instruction in reading and and there was nothing doing. So he

There is still considerable illiteracy among grown-ups in this section. There seems ground for the mayor's assertion of no knowledge of wrongdoing in the fact that he and a brother bank official were acquitted at their first trial.

Cooper accepted the sentence and went to Atlanta. The other man appealed and was granted a new trial. When that was announced President Coolidge ordered the banker freed. But he had already served more than two years.

roads. He was freed by the then Governor of North Carolina, A. W. McLean, after serving 14 months. "It was while I was in Atlanta,"

W. A. S. Douglas, columnist for the Washington Times-Herald, recently published the following story in his column, "Rollin' Along," about Wilmington's mayor, Tom Cooper: to kick you when you're down or lend you a hand up. My mother—she died while I was in prison—used to write me letters that showed through her attempts at comfort how horribly she had been hurt,

"They hurt me, too, these letters. So I wrote and told her if she would just think of the future and not the past that I would show her the faith of my fellowmen could return to me and be almost though never quite as sound as her faith in me. I told her the highest office in the gift of the State of North Carolina was the governorship. And that, some day, I would be Governor."

Mayor Cooper cracked his fist down on his desk. "And by God I will be, too," he almost shouted.

But the term on the road gang, with the dust from the automobiles of former friends and acquaintances churned in his face as he sweated with pick and shovel, came near to breaking his spirit. His wife supported herself and their two children during the long dreary prison terms. And when Tom Cooper was freed he felt like shaking the dust of North Carolina from him, despite his promise to his mother.

He went first to Florida, where he sold mules for a living. He was born on a farm and knew mules from the hooves up. He sold insurance, too, and sold it so well that he was offered an agency in Miami. But bewent to Texas, selling mules againand, once again, he was recognized as an ex-convict, a branded man. "What's the use?" he told me he

said to himself-and in his extremity he remembered the promise to his mother. So he came back to Wilmington, his head up, but his heart low down. And he found to his astonishment that men and women did not avoid him, that they came across the street to meetonin, to shake his hand, to wish him well.

In 1930 Tom Cooper ran for sher-He came back to Wilmington to start his eight-year sentence on the In 1934 he ran for the State Legislature and was elected. There he authored the State parole system and the liquor sales law—both now in operation. In 1937 he was elected mayor of Wilmington by the biggest majority in the history of the city.

"My one regret, that night of vic-tory," he said, "was that my mother was not alive to see that I was on my way to carry out my promise."

Everybody in Wilmington acclaims

Tom Cooper as a first-class mayor. He has revamped the police and fire de-partments, completely re-equipped the latter, installed the modern two-way radio system on all police cars, has secured \$1,700,000 from the Federal government for slum clearance and \$1,100,000 for the deepening of the river channel from Wilmington to the

Mayor Cooper lives with his wife and two daughters in a cottage that cost him \$2,900. He is an ardent new dealer, a Rooseveltian back to the President's Navy days when he first met him through Josephus Daniels, a

The mayor corresponds regularly with a number of the men he met in the days of his misfortune. A letter from one of them lay on his desk during this interview. Among other things, the man wrote:

"I have regained my health, thanks to you and through the grace of the Good Lord."

Frisco Printers Leave The Non-Partisan League

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—The San Francisco Typographiael Union, by a majority of 218 has voted to withdraw from the Communist dominated

Non-Partisan League.

The question of withdrawal appeared on the ballot for the regular biennial election of local officers.

S. C. Federation Convention At Beaufort June 30 and July 31

COLUMBIA, S. C., June 5.—Secretary Fred E. Hatchell, of the South Carolina State Federatio nof Labor, Carolina State Federatio nof Labor, is busy these days sending out credential blanks for delegates to be authorized to attend and participate in the convention of the Federation. The convention will be held in Beaufort, S. C., beginning Friday, June 30 and ending Saturday, July 1. Secretary Hatchell reports that many new affiliates have been added to the convention roll during the past year. convention roll during the past year.

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Sitting, left to right: Marion Hedges, Research Dept. of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; W. P. Hooker, Charleston, Secretary of the S. C. Authority Trades and Labor Council: Al Flynn, president of the Council and president of the South Carolina Federation State Federation of Labor; R. D. Clowe, Labor Relations Director, Santee-Cooper project; Alex McDonald, International representative of the Engineers; L. H. (Lib) Jones, International representative of Common and Construction Laborers' Union. CHARLESTON, S. C., June 5 .- 1 our Council and the Authority and hence they are not in the above photo-

Public reaction to the announced purity Trades and Labor Council, meetcouraged the labor representatives was ann council. Council. Picture

Standing: James Coles, Charleston, representing Carpenters and Joiners International Brotherhood; John Frock, International representative Plasterers and Cement Finishers; A. C. McGarner, International representative I. B. E. W. Charles W. Gll. International representative of Panters and Decorators; F. T. Cornelius, International representative of Machinists; John Briscoe, International representative of Bricklayers; Arthur P. Smith, International Representative of Boilermakers; J. W. Cain and J. Paul Fine International representative of Boilermakers; J. W. Cain pose of the South Carolina Author- promote peace and make possible completion of the job with no labor ing here last week, has greatly en. disturbances or misunderstandings," was announced as the policy of the

taining fair labor conditions on the Pictured above are many representing Santee-Cooper project just start- tatives of many International Unions

contractors on the job which will graph. For more than a year these representatives, with Al Flynn, president, and W. P. Hooker, secretary, and other South Carolina labor officials, have devoted much time to es-tablishment of a decent wage rate for this big job, and in looking after the interests of labor in other lines. Work done by these International represen-tatives and State Federation officials has raised wages of Southern labor to ing near here.

"We insist that all work on the big South Carolina project be done as nearly as possible by South Carolina labor and we are most anxious to establish a labor relationship between sentatives who have participated in all past work of the Council were not tablish a labor relationship between sentatives who have participated in all past work of the Council were not tablish a labor relationship between sentatives who have participated in and at the same time established labor relationships of still greater value.