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Americanism is an unflinching love of country, loyalty to its institutions and ideals, eagerness to defend it against all enemies, undivided allegiance to the flag, and a desire to secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity.

**PUNISHMENT FOR VIOLATORS OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAWS**

Laws requiring employers to provide funds to compensate working men and women for injuries causing temporary or permanent disability and the dependents of workers killed in industrial accidents are among our most humane statutes.

Such legislation is pre-eminently just. It is therefore difficult to believe that there are employers who deliberately seek to evade their legal responsibility to provide the fund established by State statutes and obey the rules set up for the proper administration of the laws.

But that such undesirable citizens do exist is revealed in the report by Frieda S. Miller, Industrial Commissioner of New York State, that the Attorney General acting for the Department of Labor finalized in the New York City area 276 prosecutions during June for violations of the workmen's compensation law and won 270 convictions.

The Labor Department charged evasion of the workmen's compensation law by fake partnerships or contracts in 47 cases. In 43 of these cases convictions were obtained.

Fines imposed in 180 cases ranged from \$1 to \$50 and totaled \$1,200.

The rules which employers are required to observe under workmen's compensation laws are plain and easy to follow. There are practically no valid excuses that can be presented to justify their violation. In order to be sure that employers will fulfill their duties in regard to these laws so eminently necessary for the protection of the workers, it is doubtful if microscopic fines are effective.

There are certain laws which are so ethical that judicial clemency is out of place with regard to persons found guilty of violating them. Workmen's compensation laws are in the category of statutes where full penalties should be imposed.

**I QUESTION**

BY WM. S. GREENE

QUOTATION? Former Prime Minister of England, Earl Baldwin, says: "Progress in labor relations would be increased ten-fold, if politics could be eliminated. The political weapon is no longer being used in England, because the old die-hards among employers have been eliminated and labor has come down to working with the constitutional government." It has always been my recollection that England still has a very powerful Labor party, in politics. In fact, for many years recently they furnished the Prime Minister, Ramsey MacDonald. I think as long as you have a free Democracy, we will have politics. But, I also believe that Labor should be members of any party they see fit to belong to, and take active part in those parties. We have Conservative and Liberal men in Unions, just as we have the same in political parties, and in factions of each party.

QUILL? Is it perhaps because F. D. R. has fixed taxes that they have to be paid by the wealthy, instead of being passed on, as usual, to the poor, the reason so much High Class opposition is evident to him.

INTERNATIONAL? If Italy and Germany want to talk about Danzig, and I were Mr. Chamberlain, I would tell them I would talk to them when they had lived up to the last talk we had, and not before. In other words, made them live up to their last agreement. That is business, if I were Chamberlain, I would do a little sword rattling on my own, unless the

last agreement were lived up to, and the country of Czechoslovakia restored to its freedom. But I am not Mr. Chamberlain, and can't take it like he can. And it's lucky for a lot of people that Chamberlain has been able to take it. His actions depend on one thing, in my opinion, and that is, if England goes to war, can it get enough out of it, from their opponents, to make it pay. He has probably figured out that war with Germany, is something like getting blood out of a turnip. The English have always been good business people.

RIDICULOUS? If you worked for a corporation, have you ever really tried to figure out who you were really working for? The stockholders of course. That is the answer in the book. Now the mind of man is such, that we have many and devious brain convolutions which act in such a manner, that if you try to find out by what channel an actual decision of your mind is reached, it would make a journey across the U. S. seem like a step or two in comparison. The mind has also acted on the simple question at the beginning of this paragraph so that the steps in between some corporations and their stockholders in fact, are practically impossible to follow. You just can't find out who you are actually working for, with holding companies, and interlocking directorates, and other convolutions in the way of a direct answer. What is the solution?

SERIOUS? We read in the daily papers about the Typographical Union being suspended for non-payment of an assessment of one cent per month per head. They are paid up in their per capita tax. This is a democratic country, and our unions are run on democratic principles. The Typographical Union is no exception. They submitted the request for one cent additional from the Executive Committee of the A. F. of L. to their membership for vote, and the vote was against paying it. The A. F. of L. Executive Committee should have a wide open point of view, especially from a suspension standpoint. I would like to know what went on, when this subject was discussed. Perhaps there is method in their madness, especially when it is known that the International Typographical Convention is being held this week in Fort Worth, Texas. As one on the battle front to one of the general staff, I hope you use the round table to smooth things.

VACATION? Thursday my family and I took the second of my one-day vacations by making a grand tour of the mountains via route 104 to Mica-ville and back through Little Switzerland. Saw a beautiful lake on 104 that should have cottages all around it; stopped off at the State-Government fishery and wild game preserve; ate lunch on the top of a mountain called Wildacres; saw clouds spattering themselves on the side of mountains; marveled at the grandeur of the scenic panorama; then home in a driving rain.

**Charleston To Have Its Labor Paper; F. A. Miles Is Pub.**

CHARLESTON, S. C., Aug. 21.—Announcement is made by F. A. Miles, of this city, that he is to begin the publication about September 1st, of "The Labor Journal," as an organ of the Charleston Central Labor Union. Because of the rapidly growing labor movement in Charleston and vicinity, officials of the Central Labor Union have felt the need of a paper through which they can reach their membership and the general public with Labor's messages.

**Children? Dictators Just Love Them**



Though grim "military necessity" causes Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany, left, and Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy to build huge bombing planes in order to wipe out cities and their populations, the two dictators never fail to show their love for children—at least when they face a camera. Here Hitler playfully pats one of his youthful supporters who was singled out for the honor during a special celebration in Berlin's famous Olympic stadium. Mussolini proudly accepts a bouquet of flowers from a little Albanian child during his recent visit to Riccione.

**Labor Press Vital Need**

The freedom of the press, guaranteed to us by the Constitution, must depend after all upon the support which the readers of the press give to it. We need scarcely more than mention the fact that the usual daily newspaper, to say nothing of the magazines, do not feel called upon to espouse the cause of organized labor. Such fair plan as is given this cause by these publications is based upon the unanswerable strength of the position of the labor movement.

But we wish to emphasize the fact, that if there were no great section of the national publications known as the Labor Press, which gives its first and last loyalty to the workers of the nation, and especially to those who are members of the organizations of labor, the other sections of the nation's publicity organs would probably pay much more scant attention to the rights of labor.

Circulation is the life of any publication. Given readers, any publication is in a position of power, in proportion to its friends who show their loyalty to their own cause by their subscriptions to their own press, and by their activity in helping to enlarge its circulation.

The rights of labor will always depend, to a great extent, upon the freedom of the labor press. A labor paper which circulates freely in its own community is an index of the power of labor in that locality. It is a very definite part of the organization itself, and its functions are so vital that neglect of the labor press is sure to reflect upon the qualities of the labor movement itself.

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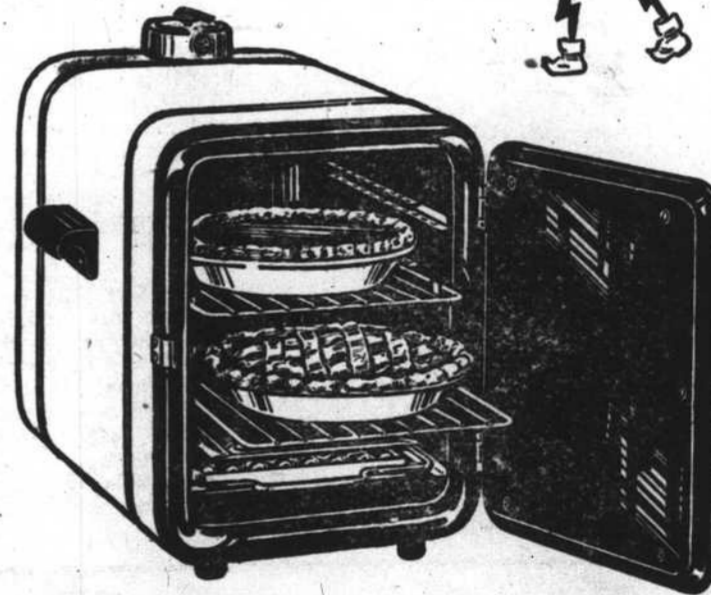
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