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## Closed Shop Pact At Bennettsville Mill Is Reported

BENNETTSVILLE, S. C. — The existing labor contract between Marlboro cotton mills at Bennettsville and local 1912 of the United Textile Workers of America was renewed this week with the addition of a closed shop provision, it was announced here by Gordon Chastain, national vice-president of the U.T.W.A.

Chastain said the new contract would become effective August 4 and run for 12 months. Under the present contract, all employees of the mill except three are members of the union, Chastain stated. When the new contract goes into effect all eligible employees will be required to maintain union membership, he said.

According to Chastain, the new contract was signed by himself for the national U.T.W.A.; by Fernie Fowler, president, and Wilson Hammond, secretary for the union local and by David D. Carroll, president, and E. H. McGregor, secretary, for the mill management.

Chastain said the contract was the first closed shop agreement ever negotiated in the textile industry in South Carolina. The U.T.W.A. is an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor.

## Brown Heads The Electrical Workers Union

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Executive Council of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers appointed Ed J. Brown of Milwaukee to the office of president, succeeding Dan W. Tracy who recently resigned to assume his new post as Assistant Secretary of Labor. Mr. Tracy was persuaded to accept the position of chairman of the council in order that the Brotherhood may continue to have the benefit of his advice and experience.

The new IBEW executive is 47 years old and has been a member of the Brotherhood since 1916.

A graduate of the law school of the University of Chicago and admitted to the bar, he has never practiced law, preferring to remain in the union field. His ability has also won recognition in public life. Former Governor Philip F. La Follette appointed him a member of the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin. Last September he was elected a member of the Brotherhood's Executive Council to fill a vacancy created by the death of James F. Casey of St. Louis.

## Dubinsky Denies Union Caused the Alpena Shutdown

NEW YORK, N. Y.—President David Dubinsky of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, denied the statement issued by the Alpena Garment company, Alpena, Mich., that the union's demands for union recognition and better work conditions were responsible for the decision of the company to close down its four cotton dress factories in Alpena, Rogers City, Onaway and Cheboygan, Mich. Blaming the management for the shutdown, Mr. Dubinsky said "the enormous overhead and the heavy drawings of the various executives and directors and the money drained out of the business when it made profits are responsible for the closing the plants."

## MACHINE THAT SINGS IS HIT AT BELL FAIR EXHIBIT

The Voder, the machine that talks like a man, can sing, too!

This remarkable mechanical marvel, songs and all, is an outstanding feature of the Bell System exhibit at the New York World's Fair, which has opened its doors for a second showing.

But Pedro the Voder is not all the Bell show, by any means. Visitors to the exhibit, which last year ranked among the Fair's first three, will have an opportunity to hear their own voice and test their ability to hear.

Demonstration long distance calls, a highlight of 1939's exhibit, again are providing laughter and thrills for hundreds.

If you are planning to visit either the New York or San Francisco fair, be sure to put the Bell exhibit on your Must See list.

**TIMES-HERALD IN WASHINGTON SIGNS SERVICE CONTRACT**

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Washington Times-Herald, one of the four daily newspapers here, signed a contract for its employees in the service detail department who are members of the Newspaper Service Employees Union No. 22201, a Federal Local Union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

Having qualified as administrator of the Estate of Cary C. Link, deceased, late of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned at the Bryant Building, Charlotte, North Carolina, on or before the 5th day of July, 1941, or this Notice will be placed in the bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement with the undersigned.

This 5th day of July, 1940.

D. W. HOLBROOKS,  
Administrator of Estate of Cary C. Link,  
July 11-12-25-Aug. 1.

## VOTERS SHOULD DISCOUNT WHAT THEY "HEAR AND READ"; LET'S HAVE MORE LIGHT THAN HEART

The great political parties have picked their standard-bearers and the campaign may be said to be fairly under way. Let us hope that it will be conducted with more light than heat.

Charges will be made and will be answered with counter-charges. Voters will be well advised to discount what they hear and read by 50 per cent and accept the remainder with reserve until it is supported by facts.

For example, George Seides, well-known writer, this week charged that in a recent speech before the National Press Club in Washington, Wendell Willkie "came out openly for industrial dictatorship in the United States. Not only American business, but all America, should be run by Big Business. There should be no government interference, check, control."

It was also asserted that the G. O. P. standard-bearer called "for a let-down of all the 'New Deal' social and economic reforms which would interfere with this business dictatorship."

Certainly, Mr. Willkie has a right to be heard on these allegations. If false, it should not be difficult to disprove them. Several hundred persons heard the speech, which was made under promise that it would not be reported.

If Mr. Willkie holds views resembling those ascribed to him, he would be a dangerous man in the White House. He should lose no time in giving the American people the facts, and the people should withhold judgment until he has his day in court.—Labor.

## GIRL SCOUT SERVICE BUREAUS ARE ASKED FOR TO INTENSIFY COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR GIRLS

The following comes to us from Girl Scouts, Inc., New York City:

Labor leaders know how important it is to give young people from 18 to 23 a chance to find jobs and be active citizens. And they know that it's equally important to give boys and girls from seven to eighteen a chance to practice democracy on their own level, to feel that the world needs them and that they can help build a better one. Democracies have taken the training of their children for granted. Dictatorships haven't. The years from seven to eighteen are the years of most extensive training for the children of totalitarian states. And we all know what a short seven years of such training can do.

Democracies not only have the bad habit of taking children's training for granted. They're especially likely to take girls' training for granted — to think it's unimportant. Dictators know that girls are not only future citizens, they're the mothers and influencers of future citizens, which makes their training doubly important.

The Girl Scouts of the United States report that American girls are literally clamoring for Scouting with its purely voluntary practical training in self-governing troops.

Why haven't more of them had it?

Because too few of their now-worried elders were interested enough to sponsor troops and help find leaders for them. Girl Scout leaders are volunteers; the organization offers training in democratic procedures, in encouraging girls to ask "what are the facts?" and in helping them to go and find out.

Scouting is something else that democracies have taken for granted. Again, dictators haven't. When a totalitarian state takes over a country Scouting is one of the first things abolished. Dictators know that a nation's future belongs to its youth.

Any program of youth training works against time. Working, then, against time, the Girl Scouts of the United States stand ready to give more girls the experience they need to build democracy at home.

The national headquarters has recommended to all local groups that they set up Girl Scout Service Bureaus to intensify the welfare work and community service of the girls and coordinate it with the work of other agencies.

There are more than half a million Girl Scouts in America. Millions more would be members if facilities and trained leaders were available. It seems up to farsighted men and women to make them available.

## A. F. of L. Wins Out On First Unit Of \$5,500,000 Job

MASSILLON, Ohio.—Representatives of American Federation of Labor unions in Massillon won a decided victory over the C.I.O. in a four-way A. F. of L. contract signed by the United Construction company of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Massillon city officials governing the employment of labor in the construction of the municipality's first unit of the \$5,500,000 flood control and viaduct project. Through the activities of the A. F. of L. group the project not only became a one hundred per cent A. F. of L. job but contracts were also negotiated with two building supply firms who are providing material for the construction of the two high pressure conduits. Local unions negotiating the agreements were the Operating Engineers, Truck Drivers, Hod Carriers and Laborers, and Carpenters.

## END OF GOLD BUYING?

Having found the pot of gold at the rainbow's end, we promptly buried it at Fort Knox, Kentucky. The other day an economist stated that our gold policy or our foreign trade would have to stop because purchasers of our commodities have little more gold left for us to collect. So in the near future we will have to go on a barter basis and accept tin, rubber, mica, manganese, chromium, molybdenum and other materials which are vital to the nation's industry and our program of defensive armaments.

It is said that we can manufacture an artificial rubber which is better and cheaper than the natural rubber we get from the East Indies. While this will create a new industry at home, it will make more difficult our current policy of international exchange based on gold.

Thus the United States, like the rest of the world, is confronted by a problem essential to our well being. Just how much foreign trade do we need or want, and how will we effect an exchange of commodities through an accepted medium of exchange like gold.

In order to keep the perpetual game of trade going we may have to give Europe and Asia a few handfuls of golden chips from the vast horde of sterile bullion which we have buried in Kentucky. Let us use its power and prestige in such a manner that our gold will create amity, good will and freedom among the people of the earth.—St. Louis Labor Tribune.

## Baby Is Born To 12-Year-Old Columbia Girl

COLUMBIA, S. C.—A 12-year-old mother gave birth to a baby son at a hospital here Thursday, it was disclosed today, and both the mother and son were reported to be getting along nicely.

Physicians said the baby was "normal in every respect and heavier than the average male baby." The child weighed eight pounds, 12 1/4 ounces at birth. The mother, who lives here, attended the hospital's prenatal clinic for some time before the baby's birth.

## FOR WAFFLES AT THEIR BEST LOUISVILLE, Ky.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — There are some people who don't like waffles. Waffle lovers in the Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corporation premium department say these "antis" would speedily become waffle boosters if they could taste waffles made in the Manning-Bowen iron given for coupons packed with Raleigh union made cigarettes. It is a smartly styled twin iron with baking heat indicators, cool walnut handles, and chromium finish. The large aluminum grids supply plenty of crisp delicious waffles, it is said.

## CORKSCREWS

Employers are making funny passes nowadays in order to escape the regulations of the Wage-Hour law. A button manufacturer in Missouri claimed exemption because, it argued, since the product was made out of mussel shells, its workers were fishermen.

A gravel firm in Washington, D. C., sought exemption on the grounds that its workers were seamen since they had to perform their tasks from dredges.

On that basis airplane pilots should roost in treetops as kin to the hawks.

## JOURNAL'S LABOR DAY EDITION THURSDAY, AUGUST 29th

Advertisers are asked to co-operate with The Journal to the end that we may be able to put our Labor Day Edition out on time, by seeing that copy is in not later than Tuesday morning. The co-operation up to the present time has been far beyond our expectations, and causes us to feel grateful that the efforts The Journal has put forth for ten years for peaceful relations between Capital and Labor has been appreciated by the citizens of this section.

## Memphis Waging Important Battle For Labor's Rights

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — For many months now the local union of Motion Picture Operators, loyally supported by the Memphis labor movement and the Memphis Labor Review, has been waging a fight for Labor that is far-reaching. The Royal Theatre here, operated and owned by W. C. Parham, has obtained an injunction against the local union which forbids picketing. Its sweeping effect goes further, and forbids the local union to pass out handbills to its friends and the public, notifying them of the unfairness of Parham and his Royal Theatre.

Such an injunction can be obtained only in a few states, and Tennessee is one of them.

Picketing is a recognized and established right in practically all states, and has been upheld time and again by decisions handed down in the United States Supreme Court.

Yet in Tennessee such an injunction has been obtained by a little two-by-four theatre manager and, if permitted to stand, may result in like injunctions being obtained against any union in the state of Tennessee and in other states.

## Buford Greene Gets Reissue Patent On Typesetting Mach.

Patents recently issued to Carolinians, include a variety of devices, according to Paul B. Eaton, patent attorney of Charlotte. The following is one of them:

"B. L. Green, the patentee in a number of patents relating to automatic typesetting, obtained a reissue of one of his patents with broadened claims, covering the means for preparing a control record for a linotype machine to automatically operate the same, and having means, when a mistake is made in preparing the record, for cancelling the mistake and subtracting the measurement of that letter, and at the end of the line for automatically returning the measuring means to zero position for the beginning of measuring of the space the characters in a line will occupy in regular line printing."

## Calvine Mill News

Mrs. Ben Hudson spent a week at Laurinburg, N. C. While there she attended a fish fry, where they fried up 700 pounds of fish. That's a lot of poor fish.

Mr. Fred Kanup went to CCC camp last Monday and also J. P. Phillips. Earl Wilbanks joined the U. S. Army and left last week for duty.

Sarah and Addie Gurley, daughters of Mrs. Bertha Helms, spent last week with their uncle, Mr. Cleve Gurley, near Camp Greene.

MRS. BERTHA GURLEY.

## BUNDSMEN AND COMMUNISTS CONDEMNED BY F.B.I. CHIEF

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Communists and bundsmen were vigorously assailed here by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who declared the Nation was confronted with a new enemy "far more crafty, scheming and despicable than the kidnaper, the highwayman or the burglar."

He told police chiefs attending a New York state convention "the forces that threaten America today are motivated by avarice, lust and insatiable thirst for power. They would destroy every vestige of our traditions, institutions and sacred heritages. They have but one principle—that the ends justify the means."

"No fifth column will make headway in America," he added, "if our citizens support and protect legitimate law enforcement, rather than the stab-in-the-back activities of cowardly Communists or goose-stepping bundsmen."

## ANOTHER PACT FOR HOTEL EMPLOYEES

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—R. A. Farrell, Special International Representative for Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Alliance, reports that Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Local Union No. 557 has signed a standard union agreement with McDonald's "Round House," now a very popular eating place on Sixth Avenue, opposite the bus station.

## BOY FRIEND?

"That is a pretty dress you have on."

"Yes, I wear it only to teas."

"Whom?"

## KNEW WHO WON FIRST

Husband: "We had a drinking contest at the club today, dear."

Wife: "Who won second prize?"

## I. T. U. LAWS GIVE THE SOLUTION FOR THE CONSCRIPTION PROBLEM IN U. S. SAYS BILISOLY

With Congressmen in a dither over what to do about jobs of men conscripted for the national defense, Tony Bilisoly, former president of the local Typographical Union, suggests that the committeemen studying this question give attention to how the ITU has solved the problem.

In Section 7 of Article X of the Laws of the International Typographical Union is the following:

Sec. 7. In cases where members are admitted as residents of the Union Printers Home, or who enlist for active service in the regular army or navy in time of war, or enlist for active service in the army or navy of any country that may be allied with the United States in a war for a common cause, or members of the national guard or Canadian militia who may be ordered to war, or those who may actively engage in war work for the American Red Cross, Red Cross Societies of the allies, Knights of Columbus, the Salvation Army, the Young Men's Christian Association, or any recognized organization of a similar character, their situations shall be filled by the foreman: Provided, That upon again reporting for duty the situations formerly held by these members shall be restored to them.

This rule has been incorporated in the ITU laws for 25 years or more, and proved its efficacy during World War I, Bilisoly declared.—Raleigh Labor Herald.

## FACING THE FACTS With PHILIP PEARL

In his Washington office behind sound-proofed walls and bullet-proof windows sits the loneliest man in America, deserted by his former friends and supporters, ridiculed by every newspaper in the country, the leader of a vanishing army. This man has lost the loyalty of his followers because he never was loyal to anyone but himself. He has lost the respect of his associates because he never respected anyone's views but his own. He has lost face because he could not be self-effacing. He has lost the CIO because he could not see in it anything but a stepping-stone for his personal ambition.

John L. Lewis is through. He may hide away in his office and cut himself off from contact with the outside world but he cannot dodge his fate. He may still dream about power and glory but the realities that face him are defeat and disgrace. He may not yet see the handwriting on the wall but he ought to be able to read it in the newspapers.

Let us read it to him with any interpretation that may be necessary.

The keynote is sounded by Philip Murray, CIO vice-president and always regarded as Lewis' closest lieutenant. Mr. Murray in an interview reported in the New York Herald Tribune differed sharply with his chief on the third-term question and said "that so far as he knew Mr. Lewis was the only major CIO leader who was opposed to President Roosevelt's renomination." He denied that this augured any move to oust Lewis from the CIO Presidency "at this time." The newspaper reporter went on to point out that it was doubtful whether such a move could be made until the next CIO convention.

In a former day if Murray were merely to think in the privacy of his own mind about ousting Lewis he would have considered such thoughts treasonous. Now he discusses the subject publicly. That, in our opinion, indicates the handwriting on the wall.

But let us go further. In the City of Rochester, N. Y., CIO officials were even more outspoken than Murray. The CIO industrial council, which passes as a central body for local unions, held an indignation meeting against Lewis which was reported in the Rochester Chronicle and Democrat. The paper quotes Fred Bunn, council vice-president, as saying:

"John L. Lewis is on his way out."

John H. Cooper, president of the council, said:

"In my opinion he (Lewis) has done more harm to the CIO throughout the country than he has done good in organizing workers. The CIO has

become a laughing stock in the country because of his silly remarks. Something must be done to check the man. He's not going to humbug me."

Mrs. Anna Rosen, a delegate from the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, said:

"I think we should let him (Lewis) know he doesn't speak for labor."

The council proceeded to do this by adopting a resolution condemning Lewis' practical policies. Only two delegates voted against the resolution.

In Washington, the authors of the Washington Merry-Go-Round, a syndicated column, have for years been on friendly terms with Lewis and have given him oceans of favorable publicity. But the other day the column contained this significant observation:

"No matter how much he may do for labor, no one can please John L. Lewis."

Paul Mallon's syndicated column, also from Washington, refers to Sidney Hillman's attitude toward the CIO United Construction Workers. Hillman called this a paper organization and "left the impression" that he had opposed its formation.

Now, to Chicago. There the CIO United Auto Workers came out with a statement endorsing Roosevelt which, the New York Times said, "was intended by its authors to spike any third-party movement or other independent action contemplated by John L. Lewis."

And then, along comes Senator Burton K. Wheeler who for months has been flirting with Lewis and was the latter's choice for President on a third party ticket. And what does the Senator do? Just when Lewis thought he had Wheeler all pepped up and ready to go, the Senator flatly refused to start. He issued a statement eliminating himself entirely from the Presidential race.

Perhaps Mr. Wheeler had heard from back home, where the Montana State Federation of Labor had refused to endorse him. Perhaps he heeded the warning that the American Federation of Labor would oppose any Lewis candidate. Perhaps he suddenly realized that Lewis had no votes to deliver. At any rate, he got out of the picture in a hurry and left Lewis high and dry.

That's where Lewis is now — high and dry alone. The only supporter he has left—excuse the pun—is the Communist Party. Is it possible that in the absence of any other candidate for the "kiss of death," Lewis may hear and heed an inner call to run for President himself? We wouldn't be surprised — we couldn't be — by anything he does any more.

## INCOME PAYMENTS UP 5 PER CENT; FIVE MOS. 1940 TOTAL 29 BILLIONS SALARIES, WAGES, MAY 4, BILLION

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Income payments to individuals in the first five months of 1940 totaled \$29,132,000,000, an increase of 5 per cent over the same period last year, the Department of Commerce reports.

The index of such payments—using 1929 figures as 100—increased three-tenths of a point to 87 from April to May, Secretary of Commerce Harry Hopkins announced. This increase, he added, "reflected largely the increase in business activity following the slow decline in February, March and April."

At the same time, the Labor Department reported that employment in nearly every region of the United States increased between April and May in non-agricultural establishments. There was a net gain of 250,000 in such employment, it said.

Secretary Hopkins said that a rise in pay rolls during May was more than enough to offset a decline in cash farm income by the sharp drop in government agricultural benefits. Salaries and wages for May were estimated at \$3,789,000,000, an increase of \$61,000,000 over April and \$191,000,000 over May, 1939.

His report said that the total of income payment for the first five months of the year was divided in this way: Salaries and wages \$18,655,000,000; dividends and interest, \$3,428,000,000; entrepreneurial income and net rents and royalties, \$5,828,000,000; direct relief and other labor income, \$1,212,000,000.

**COULDN'T DELIVER**

A clerk in a miscellaneous store was serving a caller. The manager was at a desk some distance away, but he overheard the clerk say: "No, madam, we haven't had any for a long time."

"Oh, yes, we have," interrupted the manager; "I will send to the warehouse immediately and have some brought for you."

The lady went out laughing. The manager turned to the clerk: "Necor refuse anything; always send out for it."

"Well, you see," replied the clerk, "she said to me, 'We haven't had any rain lately.'"

**HE KNEW**

Agent: "Sir, I have something here which will make you popular, make your life happier and bring you a host of new friends."

Student: "I'll take a quart."