

THE AMERICAN WORKINGMAN

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He may live in a tenement, but the American workingman is the backbone of this republic. It is largely because of this that we are the most prosperous nation on the face of the globe.

Furthermore, America learned the lesson sooner than any other nation, that the prosperity of the whole people depends upon the prosperity of the workingman. Not that he has received all to which he is entitled.

The American workingman is an independent, free-acting citizen. Any man, be he labor leader, demagogue or politician, who says that he carries in his vest-pocket the votes of the American workingman, is a liar.

When the American workingman does follow a leader, it is because that leader has made good, or because the principles which he is advocating appeal to the workingman's good sense.

The American workingman is not a "revolutionist." But—he is demanding that women shall receive equal pay for equal work; he is the champion of little children in his fight against child labor; he is helping the immigrant to take his rightful place in our Democracy.

He is breaking down antagonisms that separate men of different religious beliefs. He is opposed to the distinctions made by so many of us on account of class, creed or color.

N. C. PAYS OUT TO UNCLE SAM \$354,463,507 FOR YEAR OF 1940

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. — The Treasury department has announced that 1940 internal revenue collections in the state of North Carolina totalled \$354,463,507.

Income taxes provided \$29,761,350 of this total in 1940 and \$22,957,814 in 1939. Of these amounts corporation taxes yielded \$19,212,364 in 1940 and \$14,392,996 in 1939.

Pay roll taxes for the state totalled \$10,674,802 in 1940 and \$9,575,335 in 1939. Other miscellaneous internal revenue taxes collected in the state totalled \$314,027,354 in 1940 and \$280,954,083 in 1939.

HEARTY SHAKE

Tom: "Was her father rough with you when you told him you had secretly married his daughter?" Dick: "I'll say. He nearly shook my arm off."

City Workers Want Amendment To Retirement Law

An amendment to the state retirement law that would include municipal and county employees will be introduced in the North Carolina General Assembly early this week.

Mr. Galloway said that he had received information from Patrick Healy Jr., secretary of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, that the amendment would be introduced Tuesday.

This measure would amend the law, passed last week, providing for the retirement of State employees and school teachers. It will bring into the benefits of this law workers for municipal and county governments at the will of the governing body.

THE MARCH OF LABOR



The cotton factories established in the country districts of Lancashire and Yorkshire toward the close of the 18th century were worked by pauper children from London and other towns whence they were brought in cart-loads.

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Public hospital and clinic cases of physical sickness and mental breakdown increase from 50 to 75% during each depression year.

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Old Lady (on platform): "Which platform for the London train?" Porter: "Turn to the left and you'll be right."

SOME DO

The celebrated soprano was doing a solo when Junior said to his mother, referring to the conductor of the orchestra: "Why does that man hit at that woman with his stick?"

Fear and distrust are deeply rooted in the heart of mankind, and dread may be read on the face of the people.

There are many anxieties and burdens for the people these days.

"Wars of the 20th century have reached a total of eight times greater than all the wars of the preceding centuries."—Prof. Sarokin, Harvard College.

"There is a widespread opinion that Satanic agency has been at work in causing so many churches and hospitals to be wrecked through air raids, especially in the London area."—London Herald.

"Half of the population of between six and seven million people in the area around Warsaw, Poland, is already starving."—New York Sun.

HEE, HEE! "I tell you I can see good in everything." "Is that so? Can you see good in a fog?"

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