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WAGE EARNERS: Men and Women spend your wages in the city where you live, always remembering that "The Dollar That Goes the Farthest is the Dollar That Stays at Home."

The Labor Journal will not be responsible for opinions of correspondents. If you do not get your paper drop a postal to the Editor and he will see that you do.

We believe in American business and American Workers. We believe that a just share of the profits which the workers help produce, should be given the worker, for without this benefit, lasting prosperity cannot be assured.

The Labor Journal is true to the American ideals of Government and believe that the people of America under their own Democracy are capable of solving their own problems in their own way, without aid of philosophies that run counter to our demonstrated form of government. We believe in the Constitution of the United States and in the Stars and Stripes, its official emblem.

We are opposed of Nazism, Communism, Fascism, and all other "isms" that seek to destroy and undermine our Democratic form of government.

Were it not for the labor press the labor movement would not be what it is today, and any man who tries to injure a labor paper is a traitor to the cause.—Pres. Gompers.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., THURSDAY 27, 1941

BIBLE THOUGHT

A soft answer turneth wrath; but grievous words stir up anger. x x x The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright; but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness. x x x The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.—Prov. 18:1-2-3.

WESTBROOK PEGLER, THE PERFECT MAN!

Westbrook Pegler loosened up his wrath against the A. F. of L. in Washington Monday, appearing before a House committee studying legislative action against strikes in defense industry. The same old vitriolic Pegler, seeing no good in anything the A. F. of L. does, or any of its affiliated internationals. Behold, in Westbrook you have the "perfect man." A critic, and a vitriolic one, of each and everyone who agrees with him not. We have been connected with, and affiliated with, the Federation for nearly 52 years, and by and far it will stack up for decency, honest and uprightness with any body of men of like numbers that this writer knows of. True, it has had some crooks in it; true, it has made mistakes, but will Mr. Pegler tell us of an organization composing over five million members that has not had a few crooked leaders, as well as members, and we do not except the Church.

Mr. Pegler took particular pains to lay off the C. I. O., toward which he has leaning, and was once a member of it, if he is not now. The A. F. of L. has weathered many such gales over half a century, and has grown like the proverbial bay tree.

The Journal is glad to note that Mecklenburg will not have a three-man tax board, and that J. Arthur Henderson will continue in his present position.

Some one remarked to us the other day that if Christopher Columbus was alive today you would have a hard time convincing him the world was round in its present shape.

If the Legislature would cease holding one-day sessions of that body outside of Raleigh the business of the State could be finished at an earlier date. These little jaunts only upset the routine.

Our Negro criminal problem is becoming more acute. With a murder record of five for January-February, on Tuesday night four desperate negro criminals staged a jail-break in which fortunately there was no fatalities.

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Now it seems that it will be next week before the Senate reaches a vote on the Lease-Lend bill. Senator Wheeler is leading the Antis with much vigor and venom, but it is the consensus of opinion that the bill will pass by a close margin.

"Our Bob" was not getting the front page enough, so overnight he becomes an anti-Lease and Loan advocate. We believe there will still be a Republic here when Bob offers again, and if sentiment then is as it is now he will be an "also ran."

A News story of Wednesday says "Charlotte Druggists are Feeling War's Effects," and that "Mercury, Belladonna are Vanishing From the Counters. It tells us that by next Christmas perfume will be vanishing from the counters. The workers are not interested. As long as white beans, fat back, onions, potatoes and corn meal are available, we can all make it.

The Machinists International is threatening a break with the A. F. of L. which we hope will not occur. The I. T. U. seems on its way back into the fold. The Miami meeting of the A. F. of L. executive council is bringing out some interesting news stories, whether exaggerated or not, we do not know, but our faith remains in the A. F. of L., and we believe their decisions will be just and beneficial to the affiliated Internationals.

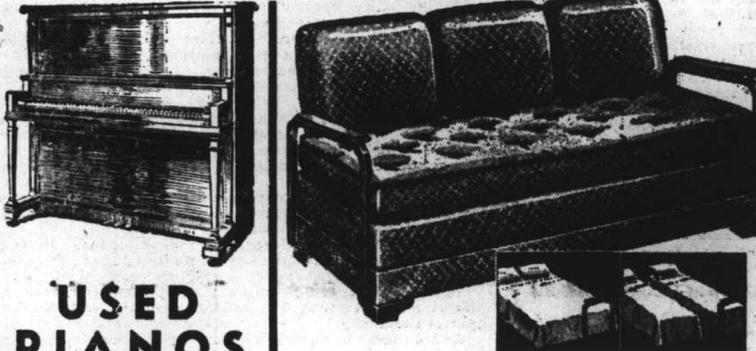
Five murders, all negroes, have occurred in Charlotte this February, and we are not yet at the close of the month. The "mysteries" have all been solved and the murderers are in custody. Good work by the Charlotte Police Department. And yet "they" or "some" of our citizens, do not believe we have a competent or efficient police department unless we go out of the department for a chief, which is all poppycock.

The "Political Ladies" are planning for a "clean sweep" locally, starting with the City Hall, and housecleaning will be started tomorrow Friday, when Judge Fred B. Helms will be the chief speaker at a luncheon of the ladies. They are credited with giving Judge William H. Bobbit his Judgeship. Mrs. R. E. Evans, a church worker will preside, so the boys down City Hall way may prepare for a Battle Royal—if they see fit to continue serving the city.

The Airport Election Bill, along with the Auditorium Bond Election Bill and the Tax Rate Bill will get through the present Legislature, but bills for pay raises; to abolish the Civil Service Board and the Parks and Recreation Commission are slated for the death chambers. The Legislature is on its way out. One of the redeeming features of the 1941 session is that it was short, for which it is to be commended. It does seem that of all times 1941, with America standing at the Cross-Roads of Destiny is no time to array class against mass, or Capital against Labor, or vice versa.

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GASTONIA, Feb. 22—R. W. Hunsinger, for several years past connected with the Railway Express company in Charlotte, has been appointed agent for Gastonia to succeed E. T. Brown.

The latter recently was transferred to the High Point agency after seven years here.

Mr. Hunsinger is a former Gastonian.—Observer.
(The above brought regret to Mr. Hunsinger's many friends in Charlotte, both in and out of labor. He was labor's representative on the local Parks and Recreation Commission, a delegate from his union to Charlotte Central Labor Body and an all-around good citizen. But Gastonia is not a long ways off and it is hoped he will be with us often.—Ed.)

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