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MEETING PLACE CHANGED DUE TO INABILITY TO American Federation of Labor to SECURE MEETING HALL SUFFICIENTLY LARGE TO act as their bargaining agency, ACCOMMODATE LARGE CROWD EXPECTED TO AT-TEND MEETING.

Announcement was made Tuesday by President C. A. Fink gotiations will begin immediately of the North Carolina Federation of Labor that the August by Teamsters and Chauffeurs Lo-12 convention of the State Federation will be held in Durham | cal No. 991 and the Amalgamated instead of High Point. The change in meeting place was Meat Cutters and Butcher Workbrought about due the the inability of the High Point enter- ers. tainment committee to find an auditorium in High Point sufficiently large to accommodate the large gathering that offi- MASSACHUSETTS' JOBLESS cials expect to convene for this year's meeting.

PRESIDENT FINK VISITS CHARLOTTE.

President Fink was a visitor to Charlotte Tuesday of this week conferring with Southern Director George Googe and local labor officials relative to both the State Federation meeting and the Southern membership campaign of the AFL which is now getting into full swing throughout Dixie. Mr. Fink stated that he expects one of the largest gatherings of delegates and visitors and labor officials at the Durham meeting in the history of the North Carelina Federation of Labor. The sessions will be held at the Washington Duke hotel, which will be official headquarters.

According to announcements all sections of the State will be represented and Charlotte is to have full quotas of dele-

gates on hand.

AFL Assails Pulpwood Industry's Drive To Weaken Wage-Hour Act

MOBILE TEAMSTERS WIN

ELECTION

Even in the high-wage, laborshortage, wartime year of 1943, wages of pulpwood cutters and loggers in the South ranged as low as five cents an hour, according to evidence placed before Wage-Hour Administrator L. M. Walling by Boris Shishkin on behalf of the American Federation of Labor and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America at a hearing held in New York.

The AFL appeared in vigorous opposition to the proposed amendment of the wage and hour regulations, sought by employers in the pulpwood industry, which would shift responsibility for recordkeeping from employers to the employees. Mr. Shiskin warned that "the proposed amendment would not only nullify the minimum wage provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, but in the end, would destroy effective enforcement of all labor standards required by Federal as well as State legislation enacted over a period of more than 50 years."

"It was the purpose of the Fair Labor Standards Act to eliminate sub-standard wages in low-paid industries of which the pulpwood industry in the South is one of the lowest," Mr. Ssihkin said.

"Adoption of the proposed amendment to regulations would mean a complete abandonment of the minimum wage where it is most needed. It would mean that the pulp produced for the manufacture of paper would be deliberately left to the very substandard conditions which the Wage and Hour Law was enacted by Congress to correct. If the amendment were adopted, the Fair Labor Standards Act ifself would no longer be worth the paper it is printed on."

Pointing out that the employers who testified as proponents of the amendment to regulations came to make their plea "with unclean hands," Mr. Shiskin presented a long and detailed factual record of widespread wholesale violations of the Wage and Hour law which led not only to criminal convictions but also to large restitutions to pulpwood workers in the course of the Wage and Hour enforcement.

"In February, 1943, a high-wage, e-or-shortage wartime year, over 80,000 workers in pulpwood logging, lumber and related work less than the legal minimum of 40 cents an hour," he said.

"Officially secured evidence shows that, even during the war, wages for the more skilled workers fluctuated between 20 cents and 30 cents per hour, but in a number of instances ranged as low as 5 cents per hour with the weekly earnings, even in summer months, often below \$10 per

Please also were entered in support of the AFL position against the amendment by the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill workers of the United States and Canada and the International Ladies' 'Garment Workers Union of America, both AFL affiliates. The Children's Bureau, the Women's Bureau and the Division of Labor Standards of the U. S. Department of Labor and the Department of Labor of Rhode Island likewise testified against

have met and drawn up a contract for wages, hours and working conditions. The contract has been submitted to management and ne-

Boston.-The Massachusetts Division of Employment Security reports that the payment of \$58,404,-856 in the first six months of this year, is an all-time high in unemployment benefits. Approximately 62 per cent, or \$35,917,531 of the total, went to war veterans as readjustment allowances, and the remaining 38 per cent constituted a new civilian peak.

The high point for veterans was

TROLLEYMEN GET RAISE

Toledo.-Members of the Amaland Motor Coach Employes accept-Mobile, Ala.-Employes of the ed a 12-cent-an-hour increase to Haas Davis Packing Company of resume work after a 10-day walk-Mobile, who last week elected the out.

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reached in March when 81,219 checks, totaling \$1,619,049, were paid and peak benefits to civilians were reached in May when 52,984 checks, totaling \$1,098,956, were distributed in a week.

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