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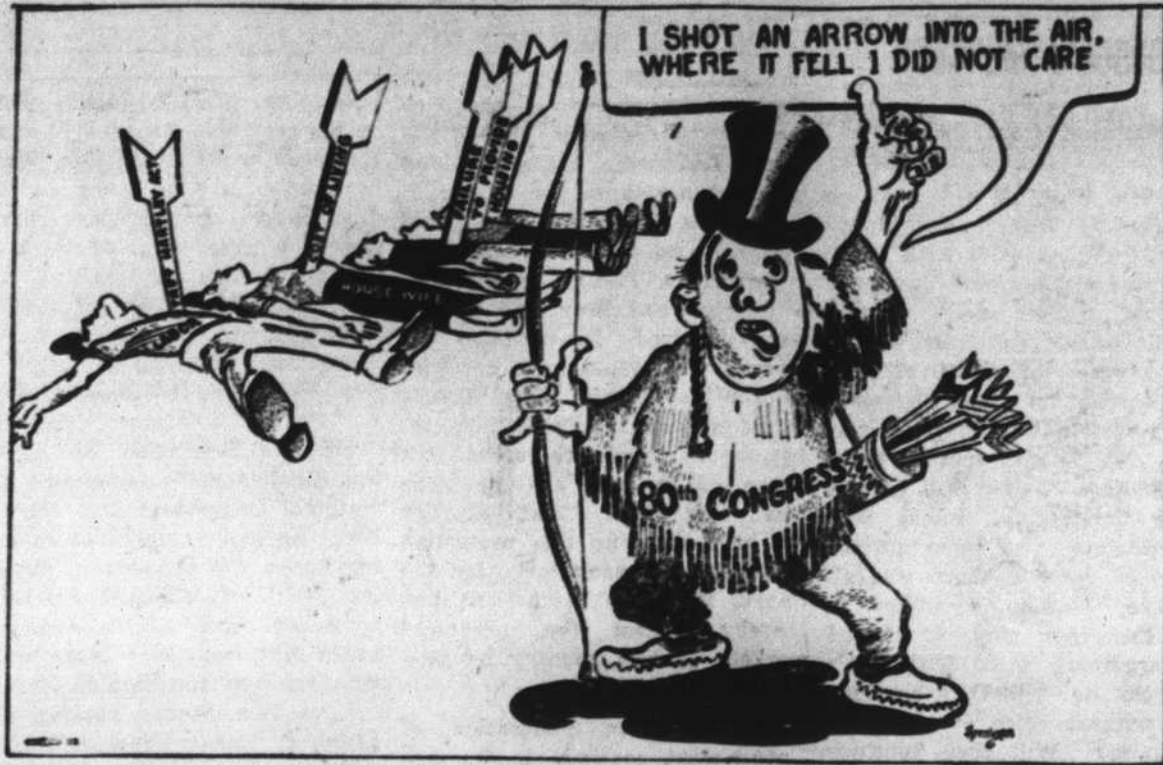
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Unions Praised For Part In Drive Against Child Labor

New York.—"The children of America owe a great debt of gratitude to organized labor," declared James Myers, membership secretary of the National Child Labor Committee, in a special Labor Day message.

Recalling that "it was the trade unions which started a successful agitation for free public schools in early American history," Mr. Myers pointed out labor has been a major influence ever since in freeing children from toil in factory, mine and field and providing them with increasing opportunities for education.

"The job is far from done,"

Myers said, "for even today there are nearly 2,000,000 children 14-17 years of age employed in industry and agriculture. Laws in many states must be strengthened and better enforcement provided.

"Attention must also once more be turned on our schools. Do they offer the kind of courses which will prove attractive and useful to young people and give them preparation for intelligent citizenship in a democracy? A study of 'why children leave school' now being conducted by the National Child Labor Committee promises to make some

BUDGET CUT FORCES REDUCTION IN SERVICE

Washington.—Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer announced the Census Bureau would curtail its statistical services during the next 12 months because of a \$1,000,000 cut in appropriations.

A number of industrial surveys will be discontinued, others changed from a monthly or quarterly to an annual basis, and still others "suspended," he said.

He said the \$5,100,000 Congress made available to the bureau for statistical services in fiscal 1949 was 45 per cent less than two years ago.

significant revelations on this subject.

"On Labor Day, it is well for us all to remember that any civilization can be judged by the welfare of its children."

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