

NOTICE

State of North Carolina, County of Mecklenburg, Loraine Brown Hamilton, Plaintiff, vs. John William Hamilton, Defendant.

The defendant above named will take notice that a suit for an absolute divorce has been instituted in this Court upon this the 15th day of March, A. D., 1949; that because of the return of the High Sheriff to the effect that the defendant is not to be found in the above named County, and the affidavit made by the plaintiff to the effect that the said defendant is not to be found in the State of North Carolina; the said defendant will therefore take due notice of the existence of this suit in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court for said County, and call there for his copy of the Summons, and complaint in this cause of action on or before the 28th day of April, A. D., 1949, or this plaintiff will pray the Court for the relief asked for in this complaint, filed in this cause of action. This the 15th day of March, A. D. 1949.

J. LESTER WOLFE, Clerk of Superior Court. (3-17, 24, 31; 4-7; c).

Central Labor Union Notes

Several new delegates were ordered seated at the meeting of Charlotte Central Labor Union last week, including Brothers Hooker, Murphy, Webb, Flowe and Ivey of the Electrical Workers Local No. B-379.

The meeting was called to order by President Albea and the regular order of business entered into. Communications and bills were disposed of in prompt fashion and reports of delegates from local unions were heard.

John Lovett of the Convention committee made a report and said that delegates badges had been ordered.

A letter of resignation was received and read from Financial Secretary E. B. Morse who said that he had to give up his post for the time being due to ill health. Brother Morse is a delegate from the Musicians' local and has done an excellent job as financial secretary since taking the office a year or more ago.

The Central Labor Union visiting committee, composed of Bros.

Lovett and Hooker, reported that they recently made a trip to Morganton and Hickory and were warmly received by the Carpenters' unions in those places. Other trips are planned soon.

Trustee Craig reported on the work of having several chairs upholstered for the new hall.

Brother Walter Hooker made a report for his union, B-379, Electrical Workers, and Brother John Lovett reported progress for the Carpenters.

The legislative committee gave a report on a recent conference it had with President C. A. Fink relative to legislative matters in Raleigh. This had to do with proposed legislation calling for either amending or repealing the North Carolina anti-closed shop law and the committee plans to consult further with Mr. Fink in Raleigh in efforts to get the obnoxious labor law either modified or repealed.

Several nice talks were made by various delegates under the Good of the Order and the meeting adjourned to meet again on the fourth Thursday night of this month.

FUNERAL RITES HELD FOR FRANK MORRISON

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son who fought their battles with great vigor and purpose during his 43-year career as secretary of the American Federation of Labor.

A resolution passed by the AFL's National Legislative Council captures the spirit of these many tributes. It follows, in full text:

"Whereas, the Infinite Creator in His wisdom, has seen fit to return Frank Morrison to meet his Maker, and

"Whereas, organized labor has lost one of its founding stalwarts, the secretary emeritus of the American Federation of Labor, and

"Whereas, Frank Morrison will always live in the hearts of his brothers as one who kept the faith in all respects as they affected his fellow man, and

"Whereas, Frank Morrison will always be remembered for his untiring energy to shorten the hours of work and increase the wage of the working man, and

"Whereas, Frank Morrison, with Samuel Gompers and William Green, was constantly on the side of the men in public life who gave their support to the needs and rights of labor, and

"Whereas, organized labor can count many of its blessings and much of its progress to the constant vigilance of Frank Morrison, militant to a high degree, daring imprisonment, if necessary, for the things he held near and dear to labor, and

"Whereas, Frank Morrison has inscribed in imperishable memory of all who knew him well or even remotely his record of deeds in behalf of humanity, now

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the National Legislative Council of the American Federation of Labor does now spread upon its minutes a copy of this resolution and directs that a copy be directed to the family of Frank Morrison and that copies be furnished to the press and radio and to the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor with the request that it appear in the Federationist and in an early newsheet of the Weekly News Service of the American Federation of Labor. And further, that copies be forwarded to all publications of all national and international unions affiliated to the American Federation of Labor."

At the time of his death last week, Frank Morrison was 89 years of age. As always he was in the forefront of organized labor's struggles during his active service in the labor movement. Mr. Morrison maintained his keen interest in trade unionism and economic problems after his retirement. During the last few years of his life he held the post of secretary emeritus of the American Federation of Labor which he saw grow from an organization of 250,000 members to its present strength of nearly 8,000,000 trade unionists.

A kindly, white-haired gentleman of the old school, Frank Morrison was held in the warmest regard by the veterans of labor's fight for a place in the sun. He was an active figure in many of labor's historic struggles during the era when the rights of trades unions to mere existence was often challenged by powerful employers and their allies, hostile police forces and injunction judges. He stood shoulder to shoulder with Samuel Gompers, whom he served under for 29 years, in the battles which make up such a large part of the early history of organized labor in North America.

Forty-one years ago, in a historical fight against the issuance of injunctions in industrial disputes, Frank Morrison, Gompers, and John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers were tried on a charge of contempt of court. They were found guilty and sentenced to jail terms. However, the American Federation of Labor carried its case to the United States Supreme Court twice and the case was finally dismissed.

Mr. Morrison continued to work hard to publicize labor's ar-

guments against the use of the injunction for the benefit of unfair employers. Finally, in 1914, he had the satisfaction of seeing the Clayton Act passed. At that time it was believed that his law would stop the injunction persecution for good, but later it was found that the new statute had too many loopholes. Labor was forced to renew its fight and Mr. Morrison played an important role in the campaign which culminated in the passage of the Norris-LaGuardia act in 1932.

In addition to his part in the drive to eliminate the injunction abuses, Mr. Morrison became known as a champion of the shorter work week and as an advocate of measures to eliminate child labor. He was also active in backing legislation which resulted in the creation of the Department of Labor. In the political sphere, he helped form the AFL's traditional non-partisan policy and for several years served as chairman of the organization's national non-partisan political campaign committee.

Born in Franktown, Ontario, Canada, on November 23, 1859, Mr. Morrison became an American citizen in 1889 in Chicago. He began his career as a printer and throughout his life he maintained membership in the Chicago Typographical Union. He also studied law and obtained a degree in 1895 at Lake Forest University. He was admitted to the Illinois bar and practiced law in Chicago.

His election as AFL secretary came at the first convention he attended as a delegate from the International Typographical Union. At that time the AFL was only 15 years old. From his election in 1896, Mr. Morrison wit-

nessed the steady growth of the organization during the 43 years he served as its secretary. Because of his capabilities and the great respect which union members held for him, he was never opposed in an election over that 43-year period. His retirement came as the United States was drawn closer to the struggle of

World War II, a situation which demanded the energy of a younger man in the post of AFL secretary.

During the first World war, Frank Morrison served the nation with distinction as a member of the executive committee of the National Defense Advisory Council and chairman of the National

Committee on Wages and Hours. For his service he received an official commendation from the government.

While Mr. Morrison devoted his life to the cause of labor organizations, he was a man of many interests and affiliated with other fraternal, religious and social organizations.

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