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WEEKLY BIBLE THOUGHT

... whosoever shall save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's the same shall save it.

MINERS BACK TO WORK AFTER "HOLIDAY"

Despite the confirmation of Dr. James Boyd as Director of the U. S. Bureau of Mines John L. Lewis ordered his miners back to work promptly at the end of the two-weeks "Memorial-protest."

As The Journal looks back on the early days of the miners—when the mine owners, under no-limit immigration laws, brought over thousands of Huns, Poles and Slavs, and put them in the mines to replace Americans at even the then slave wages, and thinks of the days of the "Mollie Maguires," dealing with the criminal strike-breakers hired to shoot the miners down, without fear of the law, and the days that John Mitchell and others struggled to gain a foothold for the miners, to get any laws of mine security and protection for the men underground—with John Lewis taking up the battle where Mitchell left off, it all seems like a dream, or a "night-mare."

The miners in the early days lived under unbearable conditions, hardly human, and it did not take the Huns, the Poles and the Slavs, imported by the Big Boys, long to learn what a Union meant, and they went into it 100 per cent, and, while probably uneducated and in a pauper state, they saw they had nothing to lose, with their dead being brought to the surface, or remaining entombed, by the thousands, their families left paupers, and even those at work never got out of debt with the company commissaries, at which they had to deal for food and clothing, while living in company hovels. It was simply semi-slavery, and it took strong men, with strong minds and a will to carry on to break the chains.

And in summing up—even under the improved and government inspected conditions of today, how many of you who condemn the miners for their demands for better working conditions, pensions, and more pay, would want to go into the bowels of the earth and bring forth the black diamonds?

The best place to put hard-earned savings is in the bonds offered by Uncle Sam. He doesn't promise to make you rich quick, but he'll pay back every dollar, plus interest on your money.

TRUMAN AND SCOTT HAVING A TIME OF IT

President Truman and his Congress, and Governor Scott and his Legislature, seem to be having their hands full trying to keep the "children" in line, or even anything resembling a line, as far as their policies are concerned.

They tied a gasoline tax tail to Scott's two hundred million road bond bill, which they hope will sink it, and that road bond bill was Scott's pet baby. They are messing Truman's platform up shamefully, the "Dixiecrats" joining hands with the Republicans for "safe and sound legislation."

Any way you look at it this game of politics is becoming more and more interesting, with the "little man" winding up most anywhere.

Do you remember the days of old party lines? Those days have gone forever! Of course, they go in under strict party-line primaries, but when elected they vote as they see fit, saying "it is for the best interests" of their constituents. All of which is placing the Donkey and the Elephant emblems in an almost meaningless position, as far as "trade-marks" go.

DON'T LET THEM "LURE" YOUR DOLLARS

Have salesmen been ringing your doorbell, urging you to buy stocks? Have you been receiving high-powered "circular-letters" offering you chances to get rich quick in the stock market?

If they haven't got around to you, they probably soon will. Moreover, you'll be reading big "ads" suggesting that you take Wall Street's advice and become an "investor."

The New York Stock Exchange is getting ready to spend \$500,000 on an advertising and "publicity" campaign to induce thousands of plain Americans, who have a little spare money, to put into stock as they did in the boom days before the 1929 bust.

A New York financial page headline says: "Security dealers turn to mail, doorbells, to lure venture capital from individuals."

The average individuals with a little extra money can't afford to risk it on stocks. That was the lesson millions of unfortunate people learned in 1929, and it is still true.

UNION AIDS QUALITY WORK

The International Typographical Union has rendered valuable service to printing trainees after every war. Educational activities and strict supervision of apprentice training have played important parts in maintaining high standards and fine workmanship and have improved the health conditions among workmen in the printing and publishing industry.

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AFL CONVENTION CALENDAR

Following is a list of conventions scheduled for this year by National and International Unions and State Federations of Labor under the banner of the American Federation of Labor. This list is not final or complete. Additions will be announced later:

- April 4—Coopers International Union of North America, St. Louis, Mo.
April 4—Florida State Federation of Labor, Lakeland, Fla.
April 4—Louisiana State Federation of Labor, Shreveport, La.
April 25—Hotel and Restaurant Employees, etc., Chicago, Ill.
May—Associated Actors and Artists of America, New York.
May 2—International Brotherhood of Boiler Makers, etc., Montreal.
May 2—United Wall Paper Craftsmen, etc., Niagara Falls, N. Y.
May 5—Tennessee State Federation of Labor, Chattanooga, Tenn.
May 9—Laundry Workers International Union, Chicago, Ill.
May 10—Iowa State Federation of Labor, Mason City, Iowa.
May 12—Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, Harrisburg, Pa.
May 13—Kansas State Federation of Labor, Topeka, Kans.
May 16—Arkansas State Federation of Labor, Little Rock, Ark.
May 16—Michigan State Federation of Labor, Jackson, Mich.
May 16—Missouri State Federation of Labor, Jefferson City, Mo.
May 16—Virginia State Federation of Labor, Richmond, Va.
May 18—Georgia State Federation of Labor, Columbus, Ga.
May 22—Maryland-D. C. State Federation of Labor, Ocean City, Md.
May 23—International Ladies Handbag, Luggage, etc.—Atlantic City, N. J.
May 28—International Association of Siderographers, Washington, D. C.
June 4—South Dakota State Federation of Labor, Rapid City, S. D.
June 13—The Order of Railroad Telegraphers, Tampa, Fla.
June 19—Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, Detroit, Mich.
June —Boot and Shoe Workers Union, Undecided.
June 20—Oregon State Federation of Labor—Eugene, Oregon.
June 28—Texas State Federation of Labor, Beaumont, Texas.
June 29—International Plate Printers, etc., Ottawa, Can.
June 30—South Carolina State Federation of Labor, Spartanburg, S. C.
July 11—Washington State Federation of Labor, C. Okane, Wash.
July 18—International Stereotypers and Electrotypers, etc., Los Angeles, Calif.
Aug. —Radio Directors Guild, Undecided.
Aug. 8—North Carolina State Federation of Labor, Charlotte, N. C.
Aug. 13—International Typographical Union, Oakland, Calif.
Aug. 15—Utah State Federation of Labor, Logan, Utah.
Aug. 15—Wisconsin State Federation of Labor, Eau Claire, Wis.
Aug. 15—International Photo Engravers, etc.—Columbus, Ohio.
Aug. 22—American Federation of Teachers, Milwaukee, Wis.
Aug. 25—West Virginia State Federation of Labor, Parkersburg, W. Va.
Sept. —International Association of Marble, Slate, etc., Buffalo, N. Y.
Sept. 4—North Dakota State Federation of Labor, Fargo, N. D.
Sept. —New Jersey State Federation of Labor, Atlantic City, N. J.
Sept. —Mississippi State Federation of Labor, Gulfport, Miss.
Sept. 8—Arizona State Federation of Labor, Undecided.
Sept. 12—Nebraska State Federation of Labor, North Platte, Neb.
Sept. 12—International Chemical Workers, Montreal, Can.
Sept. 12—International Union of Wood, Wire, etc., Los Angeles, Calif.
Sept. 12—International Union of Metal Polishers, etc., Rochester, N. Y.
Sept. 12—Amalgamated Association of Street and Elec., etc., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Sept. 16—Nevada State Federation of Labor, Las Vegas, Nev.
Sept. 19—Minnesota State Federation of Labor, Undecided.
Sept. 19—The Commercial Telegraphers, etc., Montreal, Can.
Sept. 26—Illinois State Federation of Labor, Springfield, Ill.
Sept. 26—Metal Trades Department, St. Paul, Minn.
Sept. 30—Union Label Trades Department, St. Paul, Minn.
Oct. 7—New Mexico State Federation of Labor, Albuquerque, N. M.
Oct. 24—Kentucky State Federation of Labor, Louisville, Ky.
Oct. 17—Railway Mail Association, Omaha, Neb.
Dec. 1—International Union of Journeymen Horse, etc., Arcadia, Calif.

* Date not definitely set.

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