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A PROSPEROUS YOUNG UNION.

PRESIDENT FORD OF THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES UNION REPORTS MUCH PROGRESS MADE.

The following communication from President H. H. Ford, of the Federal Employees Union of Eastern North Carolina, which I believe will serve as a stimulant to the present co-operative movement by the Label Products Committee to bring closer together all union men of this section that they may act in unison on vital matters concerning the welfare of the workers, as well as an understanding with the business men and merchants of the city, and in which he extends the hand of brotherhood to all union men and seeks their co-operation—cordially inviting them to meet with his union with a view to advancing the interests of all,—we publish in full, and hope that every unionist in Wilmington will read and absorb it, for it is rich with inspiration for greater efforts for more perfect organization, which means better conditions for wage-earners:

Editor The Saturday Record:

My attention has been called to your paper by some of the members of the Typographical Union, and I was given a copy of it yesterday—which was the first time I had seen it.

It was my intention to have gotten in touch with some of the other organizations of the American Federation of Labor at the time of our chartering, but as my time was limited I had to wait until now.

I note that you have our union listed in your paper, with meeting place, etc., and am glad to be in the Union Calendar with sister unions.

I am mailing you a copy of the Federal Employee, our official organ, and a list of our members. Also, please state through your medium that we wish to get in touch with the other organizations in the city, and will be glad to have them come to our meeting on Sunday afternoon.

I had a very slow time in getting up the organization. On Labor Day I had about a dozen members; February 22 '39 signed the charter, but in the past few weeks our membership has jumped to more than 75, and we expect 100 by May 1.

The Federal Employees' Unions are only a year old, but there is today a total membership of more than 10,000, and where only a month ago there were 15 unions there are now something like 40, scattered from Maine to California.

There has been an unwritten law among federal employees that they could have no organizations, and even after we were organized and had been endorsed by the biggest department heads, many hesitated, but the time has come when it is recognized as something that should have been done long ago. Our members cannot strike, of course, as this is a violation of law; but this is not the prime object of any organization. There is no class of men in America today that does not belong to some organization and are thereby prepared to defend their rights.

Our organization has accomplished much in the line of favorable legislation which has heretofore been undreamed

of. We are trying now to get a retirement bill passed for superannuated employees. A master of a dredge or tugboat, who spends his whole life on the work, has as much retirement as anyone else; and it is unnecessary for me to say that the average employee of the Federal Civil Service has as much fidelity as any man who walks under the Stars and Stripes.

There is no body of men in existence in the United States that stands ready to defend national honor quicker than our men; and there is not a single one who would do anything in contravention of its rights; but we do feel that there are a lot of rights and privileges coming to us as federal employees which have long been denied or else have been overlooked.

I am today addressing a letter to the heads of unions in this city, telling them of our organization and assuring them of their welcome to our meetings, and hope we can make everything cordial all round. I would have done so before, but did not have the list of officers until I received your paper, and, further, because I have been devoting most of my time outside of my office to getting new members into our organization.

If at any time I can be of service to you, I shall be glad to serve as far as practicable, and feel sure that all our membership will do the same.

With best wishes for your success, and for the success of organized labor in this section, believe me,

Fraternally,

H. H. FORD,

President, Federal Employees Union, No. 15448.

We assure Brother Ford his union will be cordially welcomed into the labor movement in this city, and would suggest that they elect three delegates to Wilmington Trades Council and one to the Label Products Committee, and get in close touch with the local labor movement. The Trades Council meets Monday night at 8 o'clock, in Bonitz Hall, and the Label Products Committee meets at the same hall at a date to be set before next Monday. Send the names and addresses of your delegates to the Wilmington Trades Council to Mr. R. Pollock, corresponding secretary, 709 S. 4th street, and he will notify them of time and place of meeting of that body. Also mail address of delegate to Labor Products Committee to Geo. W. Cameron, secretary, 509 S. 4th street, and he will notify the delegate of the time and place of meeting. Elect these delegates, brothers, and help the local labor movement in its struggle for human rights.

President Villere Enlists.

President R. J. Villere, of Wilmington Typographical Union, No. 556, who has served that union in a most efficient manner for two years, and whose term expires June 1, has "joined" Uncle Samuel's cavalry and will soon don the khaki, the sombrero and spurs and mounting his mustang will lie away to war for justice and humanity under the Stars and Stripes of Old Glory. The Record wishes him an effective career, and may he return "with hat and feathers" from his service of his country.

We are under the head of new business now.

Register Today—the last chance.

WAR ACT IS SIGNED.

Resolution of Congress Declaring a State of War Between the United States and Germany.

President Wilson yesterday signed the resolution of Congress declaring a state of war between the United States and Germany.

All the naval militia and naval reserves are called out by the signing of the resolution; the Allied war vessels patrolling the Atlantic coast will be withdrawn and many will be sent to the European battle fleets, now that German merchantships in American ports have been taken over, and there is no possibility of their slipping to sea as raiders.

All Allied warships will not be taken away until the status of the Austrian merchant ships is determined.

The President also issued a proclamation calling on all Americans to give their support to all measures of the government.

There are unconfirmed rumors that a large number of German submarines are waiting in Mexican waters for the opening of hostilities, and are being supplied from Mexican bases.

A German submarine has sunk a Brazilian steamer, with the loss of three members of the crew. Anti-German feeling is intense, and talk of immediate declaration of war is heard in high circles.

A message has been sent to the Cuban Congress by the president of Cuba asking that a state of war be declared between Cuba and Germany.

The interned steamers Nicaria and Kiel, in this port, have been seized by the government and the crews placed under guard at the Marine Hospital. Examination showed the machinery to be in a deplorable condition.

The registration books will be closed at 9 o'clock tonight, so if you desire to take part in the primary on the 17th you better get busy.

Mr. T. S. Kern, of Castle Haynes, was a visitor in Wilmington this week.

WRIGHT WILL PUT THE LABEL RIGHT.

Will Bring About Co-operation Between Merchants and Union Men That Will Keep Home-Earned Dollars at Home.

Mr. R. E. Wright, representing the National Labor Press Association, with headquarters at Indianapolis, Ind., is in the city in the interest of label products and is conducting a union label products campaign in connection with the Label Products Committee of this city which will result in one of the strongest co-operations between the merchants and workingmen ever known in this State. Mr. Wright has addressed several of the unions during the past week and is assured of the solid support of the union men of the city.

He will call on the local merchants in the interest of union-made label goods and will remain in this city until he has brought about the necessary co-operation between the merchants and union men to have goods bearing the union label of all classes on display for sale to members of local unions, and guaranteeing the merchants that the home-earned dollars of all union men will be spent at home for goods that bear the union label. Get in the movement, brother unionist, and help Mr. Wright get the Right goods on this market that bears the emblem of Right conditions of employment at the Right wages. Eh, Wright?

OUR ADVERTISERS.

Subscribers will please mention this paper when making purchases.

Shand quotes Butterine at 25c for to-day only. Read his ad.

J. E. Marshburn, No. 3 South Second street, advertises eggs at 35c, and Onslow hams at 25c in this issue.

Mr. L. L. Shepard, the popular grocer and market man at 817 North Fourth street, advertises on the sixth page of this issue. Mr. Shepard is one of the candidates for councilman from the First Ward and has a great number of friends among the workingmen. He expects strong support from his friends.

Mr. L. L. Shepard for Councilman From First Ward.

On the sixth page of to-day's paper appears the announcement of Mr. L. L. Shepard, a popular business man of the First Ward, who feels confident of his nomination and election, and pledges himself to serve to the best of his ability, if elected, for the greatest good of all citizens.

Mr. Shepard, through mistake at the first of his campaign, had some cards printed in a non-label office, but has corrected the mistake and his campaign literature now carries the union label.

Give him the proper consideration at the primary, April 17th.

Register today—last chance.