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Drivers Union No. 110, A. F. of L. seems to be having trouble with the United Mine Workers. It wasn't so many years ago that Drivers Local 110, when they were trying to strengthen their union, had no qualms about asking support of the United Mine Workers in furthering their cause. But, today, Drivers Local 110, have shown their colors by giving support to a movement that would support the Progressive Miners in Johnstown. Now Drivers Local 110 is on a "spot", and it is a spot of their own leaders' making. Why any local in this section would flout the very friends who made the local a mystery. It certainly isn't good business on the part of the leadership, and it brings misery to the rank and file of their union, as well as to the employers who have signed up with Local 110.

The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board after laying off some of the employees, is now said to be preparing to cut salaries of a number of managers, assistants and clerks through a "reclassification" of stores. Some of the clerks may be reduced from \$1200 to \$1020 a year. And may we suggest that \$1020 a year is not enough for a going institution such as the State Liquor Stores to pay its help in this modern day and age, and if such is the plan of the James administration—and it seems to be such not only in liquor stores, but also in other departments—then Pennsylvania can well bow its proud head in shame, as a cheap labor advocate. Under a system put in at the end of 1938, the salaries of store managers and assistants are fixed according to the amount of business done at the stores. The Liquor Board Unit of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America complain wages were not granted when sales increased in 1937 but preparations were made to lower them when sales fell off in 1938.

Some complaints against dogs has been manifest in Patton. Some of these dogs doubtless have tags. This is the spring gardening season, and your dog has no particular business running at large. If he does damage to your neighbors' property or gardens, you are to blame and should be held responsible. There may be dog owners in Patton who have canines they don't particularly want—but because of sentiment, won't dispose of them. Burgess Jacobs tells us that a word to the policeman, will cause the dog to be disposed of. But making information against your neighbor because of his dog isn't a very courteous move either. If you take care of your dog's business, other folks will try to keep the dog under control.

Pennsylvania State Store employees already get less money than the men doing the same work in other states, while salaries of Liquor Board members in Pennsylvania are the highest in the nation. Pennsylvania should pay its employees decent wages. Cutting the "little fellow" may be "economy", but it's not good ethics, especially when the department they work for is a going and a paying proposition to the state. Organized in civil service under the Pinchot administration, the Liquor Control Board employees have been outside the circle of politics. There are just as many Republicans as Democrats in the personnel of employees. We hope the James administration won't make the store system a place for political job seekers—and demoralize the high standard of liquor selling in this state. The House now is busy legislating to take away the appointive jobs of elected members of the state, in attempting to take 280 jobs of mercantile appraisers, and state assistants to county registers over the state—and may get away with it. But they should keep their hands off the Liquor Stores.

We stand corrected. A couple of weeks ago this column rather sarcastically commented on the issuing of so-called "loot" packages to the members of the present Legislature at Harrisburg. Of course, we were prone to blame it on the James "economy." Now we find that the authorization of the "loot" packages at this session of the state's law-makers was made by the previous administration. But that doesn't make matters any better. Whether Democratic or Republican in its inception the taxpayers still have to foot the bill—and the Republicans over years and years of time did have "loot" packages, and did foster them, and it was not until the second term of Gifford Pinchot that they were abolished—and they should again be abolished. Legislators are elected to serve the people—not to receive gifts of toilet articles—which they award themselves.

Particularly and rather explicitly are the miners of this state opposed to Major Lynn G. Adams as head of the State Motor Police. The Democratic members of the State Senate have so far refused to confirm the appointment of Adams. But Governor James says that "Adams will ultimately serve as commissioner of police." Well, that's that. But it won't help the Republicans gather

in the miners' vote at coming elections.

Some folks perhaps rather rightly are assuming that all is not well with the rank and file of the Republican party in Cambria County. Particularly is the rather conspicuous absence of jobs causing more than a ripple in the lake. In fact, when the good old Johnstown Tribune every once in a while commissions Pete Pumperknickle of Ebensburg to write some of his "fifth story" court house propaganda on county politics for their editorial page, Mr. Pumperknickle describes that all is harmony—that after the legislature adjourns jobs will be forthcoming, and that all good Republicans should continue to be patience personified. But the same old bogey still will exist. There won't begin to be enough jobs to go around. Too, it is not unlikely that some of the faithful may be asked to wait until after the fall election before the gravy train arrives.

One has only to read the daily news papers, as well as a lot of the magazine articles these days to assure himself that there is a combined and concerted effort on the part of big business to handicap and to attempt to break labor unions. Columns of matter, that need not even have to be read between the lines give that advocacy. And the American Federation of Labor to a great extent is doing the bidding of the arch-enemies of labor. We wonder what history of the labor movement of today, written twenty years from now, will record. It's not likely that it will be anything the AFL can be proud of.

Having completed its hearings on revisions of the Neutrality Act, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee down at Washington is now engaged in a difficult and delicate task of framing a law that will help keep this country out of war. Of course there is no legislation, however carefully drawn, that can absolutely accomplish this. Powerful resources for defense are a deterrent to would-be aggressors. We seem to be creating those resources. But because of them, let it be hoped that they will remain just for that thought alone. There are still a lot of us who remember 1917, and there are still a lot of us who don't believe it is to any advantage of ours to try and iron out though loss of life to youthful Americans just what the boundary lines in a lot of European countries should be. They have a war about every 20 years over there anyway, and surely Uncle Sam has learned that besides the lives he offers and the money he loses, he will always be holding the bag for gains that his allies may have that concern our citizens not at all.

Here's another one! The state government may have to pay \$1,200,000 by following Governor James' plan to abandon construction of a maximum security prison, Mt. Gretna. If the contract is abandoned it is believed that the costs of paying off the contractors would have to be provided from state funds, as the General State Authority won't have any federal grants to help. After all, the federal government isn't going to pay out money for something it

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won't see built. So the James economy program, to a great extent a lot of hurried declarations for political purposes and effect only, isn't working out so well.

The present session of the legislature had not been under way long when it was made clear that Republicans were not going to make good on most of their campaign pledges regarding finances, particularly taxation. That, of course, has caused concern within the Republican reservation but the leaders hold to the hope that the people will take the view that the pledges were made in good faith and the party cannot make good on them because of inadequate knowledge of the state's finances. That there was no intention to deceive is probably true but the lesson brought home to politicians is that hereafter before they make sweeping promises, they should take time to learn whether there would be even a remote chance of redeeming them.

And the Republicans promised voters the moon and the stars, and didn't even imagine how they might be obtained.

Are all the AFL in accord with Bill Green and his Tory stand on revision of the Wagner Act? Emphatically not! In New York City last Friday night more than 600 delegates of both the AFL and CIO unions adopted a resolution opposing "without qualification all changes whatsoever" in the Wagner Labor Relations Act, at a special conference held by the two groups. The Rev. John P. Boland, head of the New York State Labor Relations Board, pleaded for five years operation of the Act before any amendments were considered. Alan Hayward, chairman of the New York Industrial Council of the CIO feared "there'll be bloodshed in the South if the Act is abolished or wrecked," since miners and other recently organized workers there "are not going to give up all they have

gained in the last two years without a fight."

At this same meeting of both branches of Labor in New York City, Elmer Brown, vice president of the New York Typographical Union No. 6, (Printers' Union) AFL, challenged William Green's right to speak for AFL members in demanding amendment of the Wagner Act. Mr. Brown urged "tight unity" of all 8,000,000 organized workers "under our banner." Even if AFL leadership has apparently crawled into bed with Wall Street, its rank and file has not done that.

More than 100 persons attended the annual gathering of the Northern Cambria and Ebensburg Kiwanis Clubs last Monday evening in the Ebensburg Golf Club.

The affair was in the nature of a dinner-dance, with favors being distributed to the guests. Cards were also played.