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"STOP LABOR"

Ever since the Appalacian Joint Wage Conference opened in New York on March 14, collective bargaining has been undergoing the severest test in all the history of the labor movement. Never before has collective bargaining been attacked from all sides by all antagonistic interests as it has been in this instance. When the representaspeedy settlement between employers and employes. Each side expressed a factions work together. It can't come place of the one that expired on March won't bend. The Democratic party 31, and the public was led to beleive went into power in this state and in this county, simply because thousands that all parties meant what they said.

and basic principle of collective bargaining. Hope of an early settlement was shattered. The conference developed into a major battle for the preservation of this great principle established by labor, declared by congress, sustained by the courts, United Mine Workers of America, sustained by the entire body of forward-looking labor, made the fight to preserve this foundation rock upon which the whole structure of the organized labor movement is built. On the other side the attack which sought to destroy the principle of collective bargaining were big coal companies, big Wall street banks which own or control them, big corporations, big in dustries, railroads, great and powerful public utilities, the National Manufacturers Association, the United States Chamber of Commerce and all the rest of the anti-union interests of the country. And, shamefully, indeed, the high command of the American Federation of Labor joined them in the effort to prevent the Appalacian confrom reaching a fair agree was a disgraceful spectacle to see the high command of the American Federation of Labor aiding and assisting Wall Street in this murderous attack upon the very fundamental principle of the labor movement.

Those who were engaged in this colossal destructive campaign knew that and read quite a lot about it, too, in if they could prevent the Appalacian the New York Sunday supplements conference from reaching a fair and All of which, does lead us to believe reasonable agreement they would thus that New York has really got some administer a blow to collective bar- thing. Mussolini points out that gaining that would malevolently cripple the labor movement in the country. 'Stop labor!" became the battle cry

a stop to the progress that the labor movement has made in the last few years, a degree of progress the like of which never before was seen in the American labor world. But these destroyers met a strong, prowerful, determined and resourceful foe they ran up against the United Mine Workers of America. This union of ours never has been whipped. This is not the first time that the United Mine Workers of America has been called upon to meet the combined attack of labor's enemies. This union never has shunned a fight when it became neccessary to defend the rights and protect the interests of those who toil. It stands ready to protect labor from assault at any time. It has happened so often in the past that when a major struggle comes on American labor naturally looks to the United Mine Wor kers of America, the greatest of all trade unions, to go out in front and lead the fight. Whenever the fundamental rights of labor are attacked, the United Mine Workers of America always accepts the challenge. More than once it has saved the labor movethan once it has saved the labor move-ment from destruction. Every rank and kind that particularly hit the poor peofile member of organized labor, including the American Federation of Labor, knows this to be true.

anti-union interests against the success of the Appalacian conference, the principle of collective bargaining will continue to function, and the United Mine Workers of America will still protect it.

On Wednesday evening of last week writer was among those-not so many folks—who attended the Jackson dinner of the Democratic party in the Fort Stanwix hotel in Johnstown., The usual trek of the rank and file of the job-holders wasn't evident, and the party, when out of state power, can't command the crowd. The Republicans, for the time being, at least, will have the pay-roll following. But what the banquet members lacked in numbers, they didn't lack in enthusiasm, and about all present generally conceded that if the party is to stage any comeback in this county, it will have to be done with harmony as the watch-word within their ranks.

County Commissioner John J. Kane of Allegheny County was the principal speaker, but he didn't steal the show. Rather that particular spot goes to Senator John J. Haluska, who, with Assemblymen Westrick and Chervenak ,arrived late at the gathering, from Harrisburg. Haluska blamed the defeat of the party last fall on lack of unity within the party and urged all factions to join victory in this year's elections. Failure to build the various factions into a solid, united party, will mean repeated defeat, he said. Haluska declared practically every Democrat wanted to be a leader when the party went back into power in the state, and that Cambria county was no exception, as plenty examples of individual leadership sprang up in the campaign. Commissioner declared that the Democrats defeated themselves through selfishness in the primary campaign.

Some of the Demicratic office holders in the county weren't at the Jeffersonian banquet, and even some of those office holders who will seek election again this year weren't present tives of the United Mine Workers of Likewise, we'll venture the guess that America and of the operators of the most of the new faces that will seek names on the primary ballot weren' Appalacian bituminous area first met there either. However, what the gathin New York there appeared, on the ering lacked in numbers, it didn't lack surface, to be a hope for a reasonably in the realization that no hope for sucdesire for a new contract to take the when one faction wants it all—and of independent voters who had been It was not long, however, until the following Republican standards, saw sinister hand of outside interests be- their only hope in the liberal platforms came apparent in the proceedings, the of the Democratic party. The Demowhole purpose being to prevent the cratic old guard must realize that to negotiation of a contract that would be a Democrat in reality, one must not afford protection to the fundamental necessarily always have been a Democrat. If such were the case, then we would never have had Franklin D. Roosevelt in the White House, nor would the party have had four years of power in the state. Perhaps it was a disregard of that tenet that caused the bitter feuds of the primaries of last approved by the American public, year, which ultimately led to defeat in the general election

> They won't let us rest in peace, neither will they let us enjoy our seventh-day recreation, in peace and contentment. Now, before the legislature at Harrisburg, are bills signed to stop our fishing on Sundays, and likewise, a prohibition of seeing Sunday movies. Those old-blue laws that were so unpopular for so-many years, again would foisted upon us by certain legislators. The modern world outdistanced such narrow concepts as no-fishing but Pennsylvania has only in the last several years thrown off the yoke. The Blue Law revival should be nipped in the bud by permanent intering and anti-movie bills.

Because the weather wasn't exactly spring-like, and with nothing better to do, we listened to the radio broadcas of the formal opening of the New York World's Fair last Sunday afternoon country couldn't be thinking of war when they are making elaborate plans for a world's fair in 1942. How, then, of the opposition. They meant to put can we have any such thought in mind when we have two world's fairs on our coasts in 1939?

The State Legislature is now on the fifth week of its session and is only solving the first major problem lem that too kits members to Harrisburg last January. That is the enaction by the Senate of eight bills, reimposing for two years taxes to raise 163 million dollars in that time. The house had passed the bills. But even passage of these bills won't balance the budget. It is almost certain to remain unbalanced when the legislature adjourns. Republican leaders with Mr. James, have decided to postpone efforts to make income and outgo balance until an inevitable special session which probably will convene after next November's elections.

And this forthcoming special session brings to our mind something that Assemblyman Dennis Westrick said the other day. He believes the Republicans have in mind the abdominable sales ple. If the administration didn't need cash so badly, we might have had some or, knows this to be true.

In spite of the gigantic onslaught of ular as were the Earle administration's taxes with the wealthy, the James crowd, not knowing what else to do re-enacted lock, stock and barrel, the entire set-up, and the folks who buy things to eat, won't have to pay anv special taxes to do it right now-at least not until after a special legislative

session which will be forthcomingjust as surely as the sun rises in the East.

The Congress of Industrial Organizations charged on Saturday that Wagner act amendments proposed by the American Federation of Labor were prepared with the aid and advice of "reactionary and anti-labor corporations" and offered "documentary proof" to the senate. AFL President Bill Green has denied these charges, but to the rank and file of labor it does seem strange that the AFL wants the same changes as do such labor-baiters as Tom Girdler and E. T. Weir. It simply doesn't simply cannot make sense. has the earmarks of "selling labor down the river."

CIO President John L. Lewis declares that "individuals or other groups who recommend amendments to Labor Act at the behest or in the inerest of the National Association of Manufacturers or Mr. Weir or Mr. Girdler, should have torn from them their mask of pious expression of good will for the workers in order that the country may know the real motivation of such proposed amendments. "I charge publicly," says Lewis, "tha these amendments recommended by Mr. Green and his associates have been prepared with the aid, advice and the counsel of representatives of the National Manufacturers' Association and of several of the most reactionary and anti-labor corporations of the country." It does seem strange to us that any branch of organized labor could that labor's bitterest enemies likewise

While elsewhere in this column. we aired a bit the troubles the Democrats are having in this county, and its inception back in the days of patronage and power, we can't pass up the Republicans, because they are even now in the midst of those same troubles, and the Democrats even in this year's county elections. benefit from the dissension and the jealousies now rampant in the G. O. P. of Cambria. In spite of the fact that Governor James and his administration have had the reins since last January, only a few of the Republicans have, as yet, found jobs— even menial ones. You see them even menial ones. You see them in earnest conversation together on street corners in every town in the county. And its not hard to surmise what they're talking about.

But the real fun won't start until jobs actually have been dispensedand there aren't any more to give. promised a job to most every chap that county commissioners, acting as worked and voted Republican. the G. O. P. planted a seed that will breed | years when the discontent and dismay. And it will be interesting to note the reactions that are to come. And Cambria county's G. in Johnstown the Republican commiteemen want a substantial finger ceeds in entering the picture.

progress at Harrisburg and the prime will run to succeed himself feature of the early sessions was that The general election will the CIO would not make peace with the American Federation of Labor uning open from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m. Per-

and the G. O. P. generally, were the sanctimonious campaigners who last fall stumped the state with the attitude of holy horror at the way the Democrats were working relief and politics. In fact our good Governor said a lot about the big divorce suit he would have when elected—divorcing re-lief from politics. Now the Repub-lican House of Representatives— with the full knowledge of James, overwhelming passed a "ripper" bill, to oust the entire Department of Public Assistance civil service set-up, with the greedy thought in of finding a lot more jobs for good Republicans. It is not to our mind to cross with anything that may give the victors the spoils—but we surely do need lie-detectors at-

tached to the Republican campaign orators, and to the fellows who write the words contained in Republican platforms, that apparantly are but mere words—and don't mean a damn thing.

But to the detriment of the adminis tration down on the Susquehanna river, it doesn't have the majority in the senate it would like. Dozens of nominations by Governor James, as well as county assistance boards have not been confirmed because 23 Democrais have held fast in their refusal to go along with the 25 Republicans. Thirtyfour votes are needed for confirmation —a two-thirds majority of the sen-ior chamber. Now the Democrats say these appointments can be confirmed if the Republicans decide not to go through with the ripper bills, and perhaps that may mean that the DPA will not give out a large number of jobs to G. O. P. faithful, after all.

POLITICAL BEES ARE BUZZING IN CAMBRIA AS TIME DRAWS NEAR

All of the County Offices With But Two Exceptions to Be Filled During Fall Elections.

With the arrival of warm weather, potential candidates for public office are of the would-oe office holders appear avenue recently. She was taken into to be coy in publicly announcing their police custody—but the publicity gag candidacies, the voters can feel assur red that from now until the November election the great annual American in- fee, and neither do those seeking to be desirous of wanting the same things door and outdoor sport—running for be elected as school directors, in the office-will be participated in by their fellow citizens as usual

All county offices with the exception of sheriff and jury commissioners, ere to be elected this year. In addition Johnstown will elect a mayor and two councilmen, and scores of offices are to be filled in 32 boroughs and 30 of the townships in the county.

Officially the race will not open until Saturday, June 24th when candidates may begin to obtain signatures on their nominating petitions. Any signatures obtained before that date will invalidate the petition. A supply of petitions will be obtained by the county commissioners and probably will be leady for circulation among the jobseekers early in June.

Candidates will have until July 24th commissioners and will have the righ to withdraw up to and including July 29th. The primary election will be held Tuesday, September 12th, the polls being open from 7 a. m. until 8 p. m.

The county commissioners, at election this year, probably will not Then will the greater number of the have the duty of canvassing and tab-Republicans seeking reward be up in viating the vote. The election law proarms. During a campaign last fall that vides that this duty shall fall upon the county board of registration, except in candidates themselves.

And it is entirely likely that Com-Thomas Jr. and Colleges. is having troubles already. Down Frank P. Hollern will be candidates to succeed themselves, so that the count this year will be made the patronage pie. Republicans in the county court. Judge Charles C. Greer north of the county have lots of reason for worry, once Johnstown suction for worry, once Johnstown suction in all liklihood will be in charge of the count, as President Judge John H the count, as President Judge John H. McCann probably will be a candidate The State CIO convention is now in Judge Ivan J. McKenrick, no doubt,

The general election will be held on der the present leadership. In fact. Bill sons who have not registered may do Green was referred to in terms ranging from "stupid" to "sanctimonious hypo- of the primary election, and they will have an opportunity to register any time up until within thirty days before the election November 7th.

Under the new lection law it now costs money to run for office. Filing fees must be paid in all instances to the county except in cases where the office sought does not pay a fee or a

salary. Candidates for any county office must pay \$25 before they can file pe-titions to have their names placed on had been forming for some time. Under the ballots. Anyone desiring to run for mayor, city treasurer, city controlor councilman ,in Johnstown also will have to pay \$25, while in the twonships candidates for supervisor or auditor must pay \$1 and candidates for constable and justice of the peace in either boroughs or townships , must pay a fee of \$2. Persons seeking the office of borough councilman pay no

Recruiting for Britain's Territorials

Demonstrations and parades have been held throughout all of Britain

the drive to double the strength of the Territorial army. Here an officer

of the army demonstrates the handling of a Bren gun to a group

interested men and boys.

FAWN DANCER



Faith Bacon, fan dancer and number one competitor of Sally Rand, picked up a fawn, a crowd of specbeginning to come out of the political tators and a policeman as she woods in Cambria county. While most strolled through New York's Park

> city, boroughs or townships. Judges of election and election in-

spectors will be elected in the 171 precincts of the county this year. The fil-Candidates for county or city office need obtain at least one hundred signatures to their petition. Only 10 sig natures are required for borough or school district offices or for judge of elections. Candidates for election inspector need obtain only a signatures.

No refund will be granted to candidates withdrawing. Job seekers are permitted under the law to have only qualified voters, that is those who are registered and enrolled, sign their petitions. If signatures are obtained from those who are not enrolled in to file their petitions with the county party, through which the candidate is seeking election, the petition may be invalidated.

PLACE ST. FRANCIS ON MIDDLE STATES ACCREDITED LIST

St. Francis College has accomplished an important step in its extended expansion program, under the administration of the Very Rev. Edward P commissioners are M. Caraher, TOR, president, by being added to the list of colleges approved by the Middle States Association of

Accreditation by the Middle States Association means that St. Francis College is conceded by outstanding college and university educators to be college which meets the superior standards demanded by them.

Notice of the recognition came from Frank H. Bowles, Columbia University, who is secretary of the Institution of Higher Learning of the association. The association is headed by Daniel A. Robertson, president of Goucher College ,Baltimore, Md., and is reorganization and expansion that body for the central states

College officials, headed by Father Carather, were well pleased, by the action of the association, forit is to be taken as an indorsement of the program for the greater St. Francis started several years ago.

Father Carather came to St. Francis in the spring of 1937 as president of the college. He immediately took steps to bring to fruitation the plans fo rreorganization an dexpansion that his able direction the faculty has been completely reorganized ,inter atheltics have been returned to the Loretto institution and the academic offerings have been multiplied and broadened. In addition, the college has begun, by way of the radio and lecture platform, to serve directly the community at large.

"The accomplishments made thus far are only a beginning," said Father Caraher. "Greater things are planned, and recognition having been secured from the Middle States Association, these plans should rapidly become realities

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HASTINGS FIREMEN TO GET NEW PUMPER

The Hastings Volunteer Fire Company has closed a deal for the purchase of a new \$3,000 pumper which will be delivered to the company within the next month. The committee on arrangements for the purchase of new equipment was composed of Jim Fairbanks, W. V. Holtz, A. J. Dillon, Leonard Selfridge, and Russell Cun ningham.

CHARLES R. SHARBAUGH SCOUT COMMISSIONER

Charles R. Sharbaugh of Carrolltown, was appointed neighborhood scout commissioner for troops in Carrolltown, Bakerton and Watkins, at a meeting of scouters from the northern Cambria district of the Admiral Robert E. Peary Council held last week. Frank Young of this place is com missioner for the Patton district and northeastern Cambria county.



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