

UNION CHARGES BRANDED FALSE BY GROUP CHIEF

Head of Real Silk Benefit Association Answers Pay Raise Attack.

Charles Leeke, a knitter at the Real Silk Hosiery Mills, was re-elected president of the Employees' Mutual Benefit Association at an election just completed by all employees of the company. The election was by secret ballot and Leeke was chosen by a large majority.

According to Leeke, in his statement to the employees, thanking them for their vote of confidence in his leadership of the company's affairs, statements being circulated to the effect that the company is violating provisions of the NRA are absolutely false and unfounded. Furthermore, he states that the wage increase of \$250,000 recently announced by the company was absolutely brought about by himself and the E. M. B. A. board as representatives of the employees.

His statement is to the effect that he, as spokesman for the E. M. B. A. board, on Monday, Aug. 28, had a conference with the management and suggested a wage increase, based upon his observation that the company was starting to experience satisfactory business conditions again. His request, opening the subject of a wage increase, was met by the management inviting the E. M. B. A. board to make an investigation of the entire situation and the company's prospects.

According to Leeke's statement, that investigation revealed that the company just had completed its first profitable month this year and that the prospects were encouraging. The E. M. B. A. board spent two days investigating the situation and on the second day, Aug. 29, the board recommended a definite schedule of wage increases, which was presented to the management and accepted by it.

"I always have felt," said Leeke, in his statement to the employees, "that the large majority of our employees have complete confidence in their association to look after their best interests and to see that they are getting all that is coming to them."

Initiated Pay Raise

"I have taken it for granted that up to this time the employees knew that the last wage increase was a result of the recommendation and the action of the company's board of directors, but since statements have been made by others that the wage increase was due to other causes and that it was forced upon the company by outside influences, I feel obliged to inform all our employees of the true facts regarding the situation, which are that the wage increase was initiated by me as president of the E. M. B. A."

"I do not feel that I am immodest in making this statement, because after all I have only carried out my duty and obligation to the employees as their president and representative. Since the new election has been in progress, I have hesitated in making any statement which would make it appear that I was electioneering for myself, as I wished the employees to be free to choose any successor they wished if they felt they could be better represented."

Now that I have been re-elected by a large majority, however, and this vote of confidence has been given to me, I feel it entirely in order for me to state these facts, which I know many of the employees will be interested in learning."

Charges Held False

"I feel gratified that the members of our association have sufficient confidence in me to elect me as their president. The E. M. B. A. is the organization that has stood for fair treatment to employees of the Real Silk Hosiery Mills, and it is a most unusual organization."

"The E. M. B. A. provides and always has provided for collective bargaining between the duly elected representatives of the employees of the mill and the management. Our organization therefore has had, in effect, for many years, the same labor provision that now has been adopted by the NRA."

"Reports that have been made recently by outside union organizers to the effect that employees are asked to sign statements which are in violation of Section 7 of the NRA are absolutely false. Our E. M. B. A. has in effect every provision of the code of the hosiery industry approved by President Roosevelt, and I can state that the Real Silk Hosiery Mills is absolutely living up to every detail of that code, and any statements made to the contrary are false."

Exchange to Close for NRA
NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—The New York stock exchange Friday announced the exchange would be closed at noon Wednesday, Sept. 13, in observance of the state-wide NRA demonstration.

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A pretty fair reporter is Miss Peg Menefee, 611 Carlyle place, and that goes two ways. One of the editorial staff of the Indiana state fair publicity department, Miss Menefee is seen here taking a brief rest from her typewriter while she watches the race horses round the curve back of the fair administration building.

OFFICERS SIFT MYSTERY DEATH

Collect Information at Richmond in Missing Salesman Case.

By United Press

RICHMOND, Ind., Sept. 9.—Still without any definite clues, officials today resumed their search for Emory Stover, Richmond salesman, who has been missing for a week.

The case assumed a new angle with the appearance here of a federal agent. He collected information regarding Stover's disappearance, but did not reveal what criminal bureau he represented.

Stover telephoned Connorsville police a week ago tonight that three men had attempted to "take him for a ride." He said he escaped. Later, however, his abandoned automobile was found near a water-filled gravel pit at Cambridge City. His empty pocketbook and parts of his clothing were found nearby.

Sheriff Harry Thornburg searched the gravel pit without avail and more recently the Wabash river near Rockville was dragged for Stover's body, following reports of a fisherman that he had seen three men throw a large bundle into the river and remark:

"Let's take a drink to that guy and get out of here."

Thornburg said he was convinced that the fisherman's story had no bearing on the Stover mystery.

HEAT STROKE TAKES BLOOMINGTON EDITOR

Louis Huff Dies After Playing in Golf Tourney.

By United Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Sept. 9.—Louis Huff, city editor and former sports editor of the Bloomington Telephone, died at a hospital here Thursday night from cerebral hemorrhage.

He was overcome by the heat while participating in the annual city golf tournament Labor day.

Huff was born in Bedford and was graduated from the high school there. He entered the newspaper business at Bedford, after attending De Pauw university at Greencastle for three years.

He has been with the Bloomington Telephone for three years, starting as sports editor. He was an official and one of the organizers of the Indiana Sports Writers' Association.

Surviving him are his widow, and two sisters and his mother, living at Bedford. Funeral services will be conducted at Bedford this afternoon.

CHILD IS SHOT AT PLAY

Playing "holdup" may result fatally for Vivian Poland, 7, Bridgeport, who is in Methodist hospital with a bullet wound in the abdomen as a result of the accidental discharge of a revolver held by her brother, John, 14.

The children were at play today in the yard of their home when the accident occurred. John had a .32-caliber revolver which was not believed to contain any cartridges.

BRIDE FORGIVES TO AID MATE IN FREEDOM FIGHT

Forgets Beating to Go to Aid of Husband Held in Jail.

Porgiving love of a bride of two months is back of efforts of Mrs. Maxine Earl, 32, to win the freedom of her husband, Hugh Earl, 31, of 631 North Gladstone, held under \$5,000 bond on a charge of giving her an unmerciful beating.

Despite intention of Dr. William E. Arbuckle, coroner, to reopen investigation of the death two years ago of Earl's first wife, and forgetful of her own grievance, the second wife made the rounds Thursday at police headquarters pleading that Earl's bond be reduced.

Mrs. Earl asked one professional bondsman to be security for Earl's freedom, but he refused. Then she appealed to a detective, telling him that she and Earl had become reconciled and that she wished the bond reduced to a figure which could be met.

However, all her efforts failed. Charles J. Karabell, municipal judge pro tem., set the \$5,000 bond when Earl and his wife appeared in court Wednesday and continuance of trial was granted to Sept. 19.

Karabell denounced Earl in bitter terms and mentioned the death of the first Mrs. Earl and said the bond was set high with a view to keeping Earl a prisoner through fear that he might molest his wife further. The first wife, Mrs. Mollie Earl, was found dying by Earl when he returned home from his work as a postal clerk the night of April 21, 1931.

UTILITIES TO BE TOPIC

Utilities and complaints against them will be related by Miss Mary Symms of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Indianapolis, in a talk before the Science Club of Indianapolis, Monday at 12:15 p. m., at the Columbia Club. Miss Symms was secretary to the director of service of the Indiana public service commission.



All hands on deck for the new deal. South Sea Islanders plan Contract Bridge Yachting Cruise, shaking the shimmy for the shuffle.

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"The Physical Phase of Child Guidance" will be the subject of an address to be given by Dr. Paul Allen, president of the Indiana State Osteopathic Association, before the Parent-Teacher Association of the Ezra Hebrew school Tuesday night at 8 in Kirshbaum Center.

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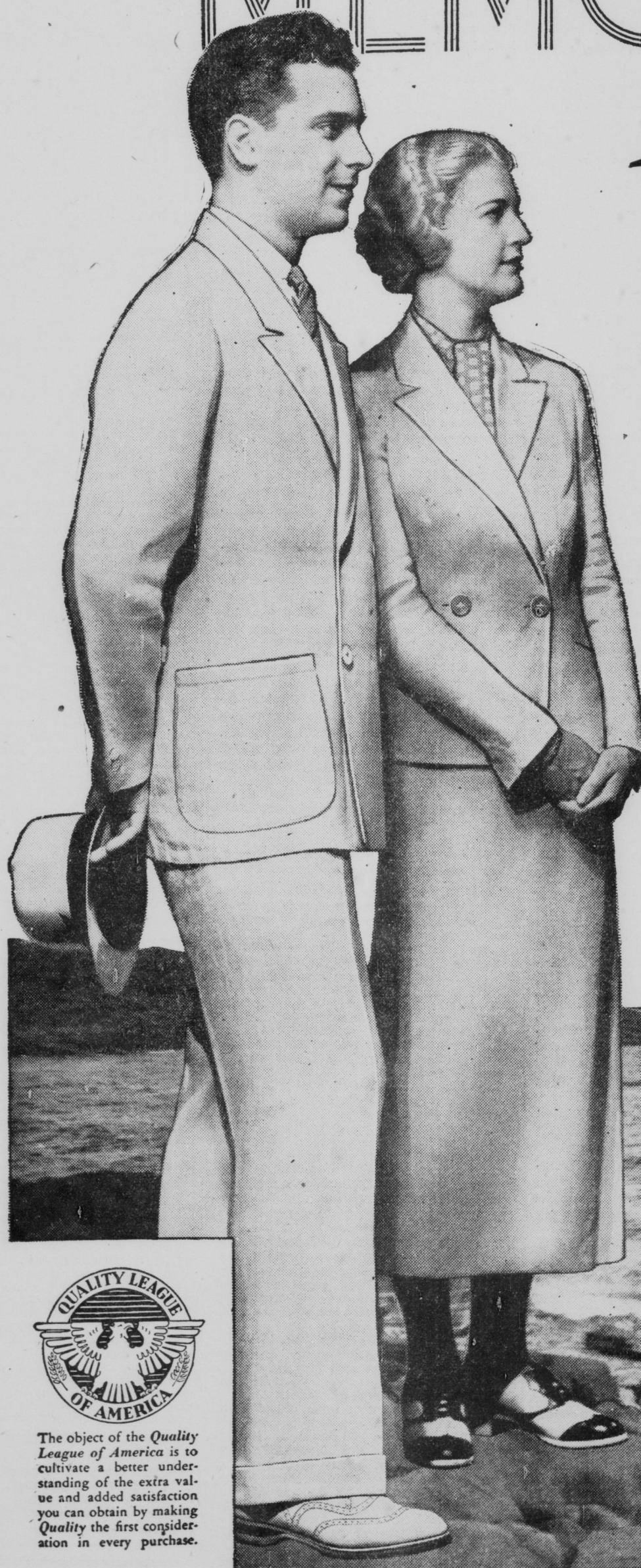
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