

SHORTER WEEK DRIVE FORESEEN IN WASHINGTON

Militant Action Predicted
as Labor Struggle's
Outgrowth.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—A militant drive for short-work week legislation next session as a result of the break in the American Federation of Labor was predicted by leaders of the John L. Lewis wing today.

"First we are out to organize the unorganized," said one leader. "But after we do that, we will make a militant fight for our economic rights. One of our chief purposes will be to cut short the work-week to put some of the 10,000,000 to work."

At the same time leaders of the Federation aligned against the Lewis independent movement, said they expected to continue their fight next session for the Black Connery bill. The measure, drafted with the help of Donald Richberg, former NRA Administrator, and Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins after the Supreme Court NRA decision, is designed to circumvent constitutional issues. It provides for a 30-hour week in industries dealing in interstate commerce, with exceptions where necessary.

Clean Break Expected

The probable clean break within the Federation over the industrial versus craft union system may result, labor experts said, in even a stronger drive for short work week legislation. It was pointed out that the competitive efforts along "band wagon" lines of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion resulted in a militant fight for the soldiers bonus.

Chairman William P. Connery, of the House labor committee, has predicted that the short-work week bill, if enacted, would put 6,000,000 more men to work. The 30-hour week principle was approved by the Senate four years ago. It was shelved from House consideration by the NRA substitute. The new bill has been favorably reported twice by a House committee.

As explained by leaders of the Lewis A. F. of L. faction aligned behind the independent industrial unionization drive, a "militant" organized labor movement is the primary objective of the insurgents. "But first we need numbers," this leader said.

"The fight for strength was going on today primarily in the steel industry. It was shaping up in one way as a drive against time-gaining recruits before the Federation convention in November in an effort to stem efforts to expel the 12 recalcitrant unions in the Lewis movement."

Suspension Predicted

Meanwhile, there were indications from Federation officials backing President William Green that the executive council, due to meet Aug. 3, would be forced to suspend the Lewis groups. The insurgents already have served notice they will not appear for trial before the council on "insurance" charges.

Industries employing more than 3,000,000 workers, and for the most part unorganized, constitute the recruiting field for the Lewis "rebels." The Lewis faction now claims 1,250,000 workers of the Federation out of 3,500,000 are backing it.

Steel and Steel Fabricating Plants

—the major potential field for organization—now employ more than 900,000 workers. The automobile industry employs 400,000, rubber 150,000, textiles 1,000,000.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS OPENED BY LIONS

60-Day Campaign Is Directed by
Lewis G. Ferguson.

Indianapolis Lions Club members today opened a 60-day membership campaign, Lewis G. Ferguson, campaign chairman, announced.

Rules of the campaign provide that each member must wear a black tie to the weekly luncheons until he has enlisted a new member.

Kiwians Hosts to Clubs

Times Special

NOBLESVILLE, Ind., July 24.—Service clubs of Hamilton County were guests of the Noblesville Kiwanis Club at a supper last night in Forest Park. Carl Endicott, Huntington, international Kiwanis president, spoke.

So Much for Love

By HARD JONES

BEGIN HERE TODAY
Helena Derris, youthful head of the nation's largest department store, Helens, stepped to the platform at Crest Mountain Lodge. There she meets handsome Peter Henderson. It is a case of love at first sight between them. Peter asks Helena to marry him and the ceremony takes place.

Later the crowd goes swimming. Peter makes a reckless dive and is seriously injured. Lamenting between life and death, Peter asks Helena to summon his lawyer, John Lassiter, Courtney arrives and a short time later Peter dies.

Helena is informed she is sole heir to a large fortune, including the Henderson department store. She meets beautiful Leah Frazier, who had expected to marry Peter, and realizes Leah is an enemy.

Peter's uncle, Roger Barnes, is also hostile. Helena had planned to give up all claim to Peter's fortune, but this hostility makes her decide to take over management of the store.

John Lassiter, lawyer, and Courtney are her allies. Leah Frazier tells Helena that unless she leaves town Leah and her friends will boycott the store.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

CHAPTER EIGHT

ROGER BARNES stood up, banging his first on the desk. "I won't be cross-questioned or doubted by this," John Lassiter said. "It's natural that Mrs. Henderson should want to know the facts."

Helena smiled sweetly. "Yes, Mr. Barnes. Of course, there's no reason why you should stand my cross-questioning unless you care to. I'll be pleased to have you continue as manager of the store. But if you feel that you wouldn't be happy working under the new ownership, I'll be glad to let you go."

"She shrugged slightly, letting her voice trail into silence."

Barnes spluttered. Finally the sounds merged into some semblance of coherence. "I'll be glad to be of what service I can."

Mrs. Henderson. "But I do want to remind you that I have been in charge of the store for—for a considerable period. Peter—that is, your husband—was not often here to decide upon matters of policy."

"I'm sure Mrs. Henderson understands that," Lassiter put in.

"Of course," agreed Helena. She looked at her wrist. "It's almost 3:30. I believe that's the time. Would you mind calling the employees together? I'd like to talk with them, if you don't mind."

Barnes' jaw dropped. "Why... why, yes. I'll get them together in the auditorium, if you like. But, really, Mrs. Henderson, they know of the—change. There's no reason to put yourself out."

"Oh, I don't mind at all," Helena told him, gathering up her gloves and bag. She turned to Lassiter.

While Mr. Barnes is notifying the employees, perhaps you can show me where the auditorium is?"

The banker's son left his chair. "Indeed, I can," he extended his arm and Helena took it, conscious of Roger Barnes' malicious glare.

In the hallway Lassiter told her in a low voice, "I'm mighty glad you shot it into Barnes about the credit list he's been carrying. I've argued with him for months. To my mind, he's courting disaster for the Henderson Department Store by allowing these big, long-time accounts. There's a limit to how far an establishment can go to keep good will."

"I'm awfully pleased to know you agree with me," Helena said. "I'm going to need your help, Mr. Lassiter."

HE did not answer directly, but the slightest pressure on Helena's arm was all the reassurance that she needed. She would have been less than a woman had she failed to realize that John Lassiter was attracted to her, and that he respected her judgment as well as her charm.

Gently he guided her to the floor above the mezzanine, to the small auditorium which was sometimes rented out to clubs, or used for demonstrations, or less often, for a meeting of employees. Trying to hide her nervousness, Helena took a chair on the platform beside John Lassiter. In a moment they were joined by Courtney. Plainly then words, his smile told Helena that she was doing very well indeed with John Lassiter.

"Barnes is sending word through the store that the new owner would like to have the employees convene up here," he told Helena and Lassiter.

Soon they began to drift in. Helena could sense their unmistakable feelings. The younger women crowded for a place near the platform, anxious for a glimpse of the girl who had married Peter Henderson and who, through a freak of fate, was now their employer.

The older women lingered toward the back of the little hall, frankly resentful. "They've been here for years," Helena thought, "and now they're wondering what I'm going to do with them." They lined themselves along the back wall, not taking seats, as if they wanted to be

ready to leave at the slightest provocation.

BARNES stepped to the platform.

"Employees of the Henderson Department store," he began in stilted fashion, "we have with us here the new owner of this organization for which we have all worked and planned together."

He turned to Helena with an artificial smile. "Mrs. Henderson..."

Helena rose. There was a faint wave of applause. "I've got to win them," Helena thought. "If I don't do it now, I'm lost."

Unsteadily she moved to the edge of the platform. She had heard that the knees of frightened speakers knocked together. Now she knew that this was actually true. She was grateful for skirts in that awful moment.

"I've never made a speech in my life," she began. Then panic struck into her heart—and was quickly dispelled at the wave of sympathetic laughter which greeted this confession. Regaining her composure, she answered the laughter with a smile. "But I've stood on my feet behind counters a good many hours, so I don't see why we can't understand one another."

"ONE thing I want to assure you—there won't be any sudden changes in the personnel. I hope there won't have to be any at all, sudden or otherwise. I haven't any definite ideas about the store."

She smiled again. "You see, I haven't been here long enough. If any of you, at any time, have anything you want to talk over with me, I hope you will. Because that's the only way I'll be able to learn."

She stopped a moment, looking over the little audience. "I think that's all I wanted to say—except that I hope I'll have your help."

As Helena turned to Lassiter and Barnes and the attorney she could feel the heavy silence down there in the auditorium. "I've missed it," she thought. "They don't trust me. They..."

Then suddenly it came, a wave of spontaneous and prolonged applause. John Lassiter leaped from his chair and clasped Helena's hand. "You were marvelous!" he exclaimed. "Listen to that approving buzz down there."

Barnes was not enthusiastic, however. "I thought," he said, clearing his throat, "that you intended to outline some policy to them."

"I'm afraid it isn't a good idea to keep them after closing time just for a general handshake, Mrs. Henderson."

"I DON'T agree with you," Helena told him, holding her temper with an effort. "I happen to know that there's no thing like a loyal employee appreciates—and that's an occasional word from the owner of the firm."

Courtney nodded. "I don't know whether your psychology was calculated or not," he said, "but it was perfect. I feared you might try to impress them."

Then she laughed. "With what?"

As she and Lassiter walked ahead he said quietly, in answer to her question, "With your charm, of course." Then he reddened. "Forgive me. I—I shouldn't have said that. It was stupid of me. But then, I'm a stupid person."

"I refuse to believe that," Helena told him lightly. "And I don't take such things seriously anyhow."

Then she thought, oddly, "I do, though. I believed them from Peter, and that's why I'm here."

In the elevator she turned to Barnes. "Could I see a list of the customers whose accounts have been running 90 days or more?"

"Why, yes... of course."

IN his office he instructed his secretary to bring the list to Helena. Swiftly she surveyed it, saw the name of Leah Frazier, and of Mrs. Frank J. Frazier. Their accounts showed no amount paid for more than 10 months, and Leah's alone was over the thousand mark. Helena turned to Lassiter, handing him the list. "These names mean nothing to me. What would you say about them?"

Lassiter studied the list. "Well," he said slowly, "it's difficult to generalize. Some of these are farmers with assets, and they'll pay when crops are harvested. Some of the others have had profitable investments in the past, but..."

He glanced at Barnes. "I should say that they are taking advantage of

INVENTIONS LAG BEHIND UPTURN, LAWYER FINDS

Hood Says Applications for
Patents Don't Keep Pace
With Recovery.

According to statistics compiled and charted by Harold B. Hood, local patent attorney, the volume of patent applications filed in the United States follows post-depression recovery by nearly two years. Mr. Hood said his graph demonstrated the theory which patent officials always have held that a drop in the number of patents applied for and issued, is not noticeable until two years after a depression has been felt.

There were approximately 95,000 patent applications received in the United States in 1929, with a decrease of less than 1000 in 1930, he said.

Applications Fall

A drop of 10,000 was experienced in 1931. From that time the volume of applications fell steadily until 1933, when, records show, little more than 60,000 were filed with the patent office.

Mr. Hood said there has been only a slight increase since that time. "When a depression arrives," Mr. Hood explained, "industry and business finish what they have started in the inventing field, and the inventing business, as it were, feels no slump until much later."

"When industry starts to get back on its feet again it is busy to think about new processes, machines and the like."

Mr. Hood is a member of the firm of Hood and Hahn, patent attorneys, with offices in the Hume-Mansur Building.

GET \$30 AT PHARMACY

Two Men Scoop Cash from Drawer and Make Escape.

Two men, described by police as "teamwork bandits," took \$30 from the cash drawer of the R. A. Ford Pharmacy, 1627 E. Morris-st., last night.

One man followed the store clerk, Albert Albright, 27, of 1309 W. Market-st., into the rear of the store and forced him to lie on the floor. A second man entered, scooped up the money, and they escaped through the front door.

their reputations as first families in the town."

"I see," said Helena slowly. Then: "Mr. Barnes, I wish you'd have letters sent to all these people, advising them that unless some arrangement is made with the credit department we'll be forced to suspend their credit."

"You aren't do that!" exploded Barnes. "Why... why, some of these people..."

"We'll have to do it, I'm afraid," she told him.

BUT downstairs Helena felt her stomach churning. Between Lassiter and Courtney, in the latter's coupe, she suddenly burst into tears. "I—I'm as limp as a rag," she confessed. "I was blushing, and I just got out of there in time."

Lassiter patted her wrist. "There, there. You did a damned good job of it, and it was a sensible bluff. As a matter of fact, it was something that the bank would have had to take up with Barnes—and mighty soon." He looked across at Courtney. "I think we've got a mighty fine president for Henderson's, and a mighty fine citizen for the town, don't you?"

"No question about it!" Courtney boomed.

"But I'll tell you a secret," Helena managed slowly. "When I've shown them, I'm going to turn the whole thing back. I don't want something that doesn't really belong to me!"

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HE'S MIGHTY PROUD



Will Rogers (above), 7-year-old Princeton (Ind.) boy, is mighty proud of his name. But he's most proud of the fact that his birthday falls on Nov. 4, the same as that of the late comedian whose name he carries.

Young Will never misses a picture in which the beloved cowboy-humorist appears.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rogers, 315 N. Gibson-st., Princeton. Young Will, who is in the third grade at school, has been visiting with his mother at the home of an aunt, Mrs. Faye Bryant, in University Heights.

Townsend Rally Arranged

Times Special

VALPARAISO, Ind., July 24.—Porter County Democrats are to honor Lieut. Gov. M. Clifford Townsend, Democratic gubernatorial candidate, in an all-county picnic Sunday, Aug. 8.

PROF. VAN HECKE ADDED TO FACULTY

North Carolina Man Teaches at Indiana University.

Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., July 24.—Indiana University officials an-

nounced today that Prof. Maurice Taylor Van Hecke, University of North Carolina Law School dean, has been appointed to the university law school faculty for the second half of the summer session. He is to teach equity classes for Prof. M. J. Bowman, who is to spend the remainder of the summer writing a book.

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