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Republican Committee Endorses Coulombe

Report Gov. Winant Requested That Streeter Withdraw

We understand and it is current rumor that Governor John G. Winant "requested" that Albion C. Streeter resign the Republican Nomination for Mayor at the coming city election. The reasons given were that since Mr. Streeter is working under the State fiscal agent and that since the City is receiving State aid it would be "incompatible" for him to be on the "giving" and on the "receiving" end of the funds handled. Another alleged reason is that Berlin is also receiving in addition to State aid some Federal aid and that there should be no "politics" in the handling of such funds.

Mr. Streeter having a family and other responsibilities with his job at stake had to comply with the

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Sear and Legassie Address Workers Club Meeting

The Club took up last night the routine matters such as approval of bills and committee reports. Most of the meeting was taken up by an address by Mr. John Sear of the State Re-employment Office. Mr. Sear is Mrs. Wilder's assistant and is the same gentleman that appeared at the Club with Mrs. Wilder.

Mr. Sear stated in effect that he was an employee of the U. S. Department of Labor. He endeavored to make it clear that if local things had developed that were not fair and just that the Department was not to blame. He believes that the Labor Department has the interest of every workingman at heart. He further stated that Mrs. Wilder had a true understanding of Labor and that she was "with" the Club. However, she could not effect any changes on the C. W. A. projects

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Power Granted Mayor to Negotiate with Burtman-Rondeau Shoe Co.

At the regular meeting of the City Council, Tuesday night, Mayor O. J. Coulombe was granted authority to investigate, and negotiate with the Burtman-Rondeau Shoe Wholesaling concern, to endeavor to bring this concern to establish a subsidiary in Berlin. The Burtman-Rondeau concern is engaged only in the wholesale manufacturing of shoes and use a large quantity of Brown Company Onco products.

The mayor told of his negotiations with the concern, which negotiations started in November, 1932, and assured the City Council that he would gladly do all in his power to further the project, and that he would cooperate to a full extent with a new City Government if such came to pass. The reason that the matter had not been taken up in the Council before lies in the fact that the previous offers of the Burtman-Rondeau Co. were not, in his estimation, to the advantage of the City of Berlin. Under the terms of the resolution he was given the right to draft a tentative contract to be submitted to the City Council at a later date.

The tentative agreement with the shoe concern requires an outlay of some \$30,000 by the City, the securing of a loan from the City National Bank of \$20,000 to cover the cost of buying the Lemieux-Olivier factory, Jericho Road, said loan to be paid over a period of ten years,

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VOTE THE STRAIGHT LABOR TICKET.

Labor Voters!

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Done by Hand-Picked Committee Who Were Not Representative

The Republican City Committee following up Streeter's resignation as candidate for mayor voted to endorse Coulombe. The committee that met Monday night to consider the political situation resulting from the loss of their candidate for mayor was made up of the following people: Mr. Oscar Dupont, Mrs. Mark Twitchell, Mrs. A. R. Chapman, Mrs. Zelma Brown, Mr. Elmer Whitcomb, Mr. Paul Burbank, Mr. Maurice LaForce, Mr. Arthur Dupont, Mr. Robert Rich, Mr. Emile Bouchard and possibly others. Only members of the executive committee could vote, so we do not feel that their action is representative of the rank and file of the Republican Party of this city. Moreover the vote was not unanimous. We understand that one or two did not vote and that Robert Rich and Emile Bouchard voted against the proposition.

At any rate the pre-primary deal of "putting" the Republican Party "out of the running" is now fully accomplished. The Republican Committee has "turned around" and endorsed Mayor Coulombe for re-election. The purpose of the whole is to help Mayor Coulombe. The talk now is that in a two-party campaign Coulombe is as "good as elected" while in a three-cornered fight the odds were in favor of the Labor Party.

We cannot believe that the members of the Republican Party will endorse this maneuver of their committee with their votes at the polls. On the contrary we believe that by so doing they have "made votes" for the Labor ticket and that also a lot of Republicans will abstain from voting.

The members of the Workers' Club should see in that combination a united attempt to end the Club's activities and the Club itself if possible. You have a combination of the politicians, the State and City governments aimed at the Workers' Club in an effort to "stop" the Club. This calls for no less than a revolt at the polls to vote down such opposition. It is an outrage from the labor standpoint to see them combine in this way to "choke" your ticket. The uprising of Labor should now be that much more complete. Think of the danger to the workingmen of this town. Governor Winant and Mayor Coulombe in such a combination will have a lot to do with dispensing relief and establishing wages on several projects. They are combining for a purpose and that purpose cannot be friendly to Labor. If Gov-

ernor Winant had meant to help the Labor Ticket he would have left Streeter "in there" or come out openly in your favor. On the contrary you have the rare example of a State Governor "influencing" a local election directly by having a candidate withdraw. This withdrawal can only be of assistance to one "outfit." The other politicians completed the "scheme" by placing Mr. Coulombe's name on the Republican ticket. Just imagine it, Mr. Ovide J. Coulombe "running" on the Republican Ticket, placed there by people who have opposed him all his life. The lineup does not look natural and it is not. It is a unified and concerted plan to defeat the Labor Ticket that appeared too promising for them.

Now that Labor has driven them all into one camp so to speak; it must now besiege that camp and overthrow it. As we said before the laboring people of this city have the votes and control this election. Will you vote to put in power the very "clique" that is lining up to destroy your organization? You have so far given them the healthiest opposition that they have ever had. Can they by joining forces split up the workingmen of this city and defeat them. They are confident that they are going to do it. They feel that the working class cannot be depended on and that our candidates will not be supported. They rely on the fact that the labor class is famous for "cutting its own throat." As we have constantly maintained Labor has the votes and can upset all such plans and elect its own slate without any trouble at all. That they fear this is indicated by their combining.

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NOTICE

Labor Rallies and Mass Meetings

The Berlin Labor Party will hold open public meetings at the following places on the following dates.

Thursday, 8:00 p. m., March 8
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Saturday, 8:00 p. m., March 10
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Sunday, 8:00 p. m., March 11
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PANIC AND CREDIT

That the administration in power now will put up a campaign we have no doubt. It seems that they are simply timing it and biding their time. The Labor Party must not rest on presumption. It is our job to anticipate.

We expect to have a pretty rosy picture presented us of the administration such as appeared in the Berlin Reporter last week. The art of bookkeeping is not unknown to the present City Hall incumbents. That the City of Berlin is not in the best shape in the world financially speaking everyone knows. Most reports of that sort are so complicated that it takes a Philadelphia lawyer to understand just what they mean and just what they prove. We also expect the administration to claim credit for the loans secured by the City, for the C. W. A. projects, and the like. Other cities have fared as well and even better than Berlin, so it must be that God is watching over other cities and not only over Berlin. That such a claim is unfounded needs no proof. Berlin would not have starved any more than it did under a different administration these last two years. And we believe that goes for the future.

We also expect glittering promises in tax reduction and wage increases. We can remember also the one promise that all were to be given jobs at one time by the present administration. The promise omitted to say what pay would go with the job; but the men in the city wood yard soon found out when put to work for a grocery slip. They had to take it or leave it.

The local administration will also probably attempt to hitch its wagon to the Roosevelt star. In one town the local politicians used the statement that Roosevelt wanted them re-elected. We wonder if he wants the local officials re-elected after the job they did on the C. W. A.

Their trump card we expect will be an attempt to panic the town with a "red" scare. They will most likely endeavor to stampede the voters of this city to their ticket. They will be on the job to "warn" the public that some "radicals" are trying to get control of the City Hall. They probably will prophecy that if such a group came to power in this City they would "ruin" the Brown Company and "wreck" the City, though they have done a pretty good job on the City themselves. They will most likely add the religious issue to the venom. The combined "scare" of "radicalism" and "irreligion" will undoubtedly be "played up."

As to that we would have them tell us what they mean by "radicals" and the like. If they mean that the Labor Party is striving to protect the working man from pay cuts below the cost of living, to give the City an economical administration, to abolish favoritism, etc., then the Labor Party is "radical." The Labor Party is not out to "ruin" the Brown Company or "wreck" the City. In Bridgeport, Conn., where the third party carried the election this "scare" was attempted and as a political advertisement the picture of an empty, dilapidated factory was published in the papers as an example of what would result if the third party won. Citizens of Bridgeport had seen so many of those factories under the regime of the other two parties that that emblem helped the third party win the election. At any rate they cannot tell us in Berlin that the International Paper Company will close up if we win.

Another type of a "scare" that is apt to be attempted as an appeal to the Democrats in the Club is that this campaign is simply a device to "smash" the Democratic Party in Berlin. The Club is not concerned with either of the major political parties. It runs a third ticket of its own for the very purpose of avoiding any alliance with either old party. In this way both Democrats and Republicans can vote a ticket without having the Club support either one or the other of the old parties.

Our contention is that the Labor Party is not out to "ruin" or "wreck" anything or anybody. The depression has proven conclusively that the laboring man cannot trust either one of the other two parties. Every time a new law, new tax, new measure, new anything is necessary, the load is passed on to the workingman to shoulder. Why? Because he is not even represented as an organized group, let alone not being in control. The one way to stop that is by Labor asserting itself at the polls. You must begin doing it some time; why not make March 13th another "Labor" day? Let no one be "scared." Vote for change.
VOTE THE LABOR TICKET.

WOMEN OF BERLIN

We have no doubt that the depression has caused more genuine distress among the women and children than among the men. The housewife is the one ordinarily that plans to make "both ends meet" on what pay the husband brings in. In keeping house she decides how much is going to be spent to buy shoes, groceries, or how much is to be spent paying on the furniture or the radio. She has to watch everything and accumulate the dollars necessary to pay the rent, the interest on the mortgage, or the family insurance. These days she has very little money to do with. With prices rising she has to sacrifice some where along the line. She does not buy this because it costs too much and she can afford to buy that only once in a while. She makes this thing go a little longer and she patches some things that she should throw away, because the pay check is small. She puts off buying the dress she would like because the family needed an extra load of wood this month. Maybe a child was sick and there's the doctor bill to meet so the shoes she has will have to do for a while longer, or maybe she will have them tapped instead of buying a new pair. She probably would enjoy a moving picture but she cannot go very often because there are so many things the house needs. She would like to have the kitchen painted this spring but the coal bill was so high this winter that she will not even be able to get that new linoleum she wanted.

The children have to economize on the milk because the family cannot afford to buy another quart. The boy's sweater will have to be mended to finish the winter for it is impossible to buy another one now. The children must also make their rubbers finish the season because they will need spring shoes soon. Then it may be that some will wear rubbers clear into the summer. The bill collector is told that he cannot be paid anything this week because the second boy had to have a tooth out. And of course if the husband is working some it is difficult to get relief. You have got to get trusted and the merchants cannot afford to trust these days because times are so hard.

And so it goes on and on. For three years now you have been putting up with it while noble experiments are being tried in Washington. There is yet no relief in sight. Father was cut down to \$9.60 on the C. W. A. If he is working at the mill he faces the loss of another day's pay a week when the 32-hour week goes into effect.

And of course you know they are making so little in the woods that nothing can be paid on the back bills.

That may be bad now, but think of another winter like this and maybe several more. How long will it be possible to live on hope and promises? What else have the laboring people been given since this depression settled down on us? And again you women who suffer the most with your children what did you have to do with the causing of this depression? Yet you are undergoing more than your share of the suffering.

A real change will have to be made. Patch-up-measures, made-work relief, and the like will not cure this depression. It must be clear by now after nearly five years of it. It will be necessary for the laboring people to seek their own remedies and salvation. Can this be accomplished by trusting others to do it for you? It seems not.

Help bring about a change by helping to establish a PARTY OF THE WORKING PEOPLE FOR THE WORKING PEOPLE. It cannot be done in a minute but you have a chance to start this Spring by supporting the founding of a party that has your interest as a base.

You owe it to yourselves and your children. It is your business, if you will only think ahead to next winter, to stand by your husbands in supporting the Labor ticket this spring. We count on the women voters as much as we do on the men.

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**REPORT GOV. WINANT
REQUESTED THAT
STREETER WITHDRAW**
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Governor's wishes and consequently did resign.

We feel that our Governor holds nothing against Mr. Streeter. We presume that "pressure" was brought to bear from "up north" and that the Governor was "contacted" to effect this result. The "incompatibility" argument we cannot entertain very seriously. On the contrary the arrangement would most likely result in greater efficiency in the handling of the money. That there should be no politics in handling this money we fully agree. What we cannot understand is that the Governor did not ask Mayor Coulombe to resign the Democratic nomination after the C. W. A episode if there is to be no "politics" in the matter and if that is a ground for resignations.

The whole situation appears to us to be simply this. Mr. Coulombe has the "earmarks" of being the desired man from the standpoint of the Brown Company. Though our local industry has nothing to fear from a Labor success, there is yet the element of uncertainty as against certainty. Whether there is a "hook up" to "smoke out" Streeter we can only infer, but that is the way it looks to us. We have always maintained that there is no difference between the Republicans and the Democrats in their opposition to organized labor in any field and that they are quite capable of joining forces to defeat the Labor Ticket. With three tickets in the field Mr. Coulombe's re-election was well nigh impossible. By removing the Republican ticket he stands a better "show" though Labor by "sticking together" can defeat him 2 to 1 at least.

That they are all out to "break" the Workers' Club if they can, we know. An attempt to stop the Club was made when the Company called for a show of solidarity among the men by calling for the poll of its men last fall. Organized labor was never "relished" in this country. That this is a combination is more than likely, we believe. At any rate the workingmen voters of Berlin should take no chances and should vote their own ticket. It is coming to that, so why wait for more wrinkles in their "bellies."

The fact remains that pressure was brought to bear on Mr. Streeter which resulted in his resignation. His "dropping" out of the "race" can only benefit Mr. Coulombe and his ticket. It could not have been intended for any other purpose. Who stands ready to help Mr. Coulombe and why, we can only infer. The aim can only be at the Labor Ticket. Will the workingmen of Berlin in the face of this campaign vote down their own ticket? Will they remember that every workingman's vote cast for Mr. Coulombe is a vote against the Workers whose party would otherwise have the vote. Vote in this election as you voted in the Brown Company poll and have nothing to fear.

We expect that the result of Mr. Streeter's forced resignation will result in sympathy for the Labor Ticket and in the abstention from voting of many regular Republicans.

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City Raises Wages

That the City wages were raised for political effect at this time will be denied by the administration. Nevertheless circumstances indicate that it was a stroke of political maneuvering. Discontent is present among the City employees as it is elsewhere. One whole department is seeking a new system. The little raise is supposed to be a little balm to heal over the deep cuts. The reaction to this we also understand is not according to Hoyle. One employee on reading the account of the raise in the Berlin Reporter that whereas the emergency was over, etc., and the City could raise the wages, made the remark that if that is an indication that the depression is over it can be only half over for the raise does not offset the cuts. We cannot understand any voter parting with his vote because of such tactics.

In addition we understand that the Public Works Department is to operate under the "stagger" system. Raises and fundamental shifts at the eleventh hour seem to indicate a stricken conscience. We suppose the administration also hopes for a snow storm the day before election that votes may be secured by a proper distribution of shovels.

LEGAL NOTICES

ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

The subscriber has been duly appointed by the Judge of Probate for the County of Coos, administratrix, with will annexed, of the estate of Eugene Fournier, late of Berlin, in said County, deceased, testate. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to exhibit them for adjustment, and all indebted to make payment.

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Close-ups of
The News
 By BIJOIE

"FARCE AND DIATRIBE"

Mrs. Pinchot called the labor provisions of the N. R. A. a "farce" and General Johnson came back and called her accusation a "diatribe."

We have heard quite a good deal about the ridiculousness of a 38 cents an hour minimum wage as a would-be progressive measure, but to call it a "diatribic farce" is new to us. Well everything is supposed to be new with the N. R. A.

"BORAH ON WAR"

Senator Borah denounced the huge naval bill and blamed the munitions manufacturers for all wars. He made the additional statement that if war broke out with Japan, American soldiers would be torn limb from limb by munitions made by their fellowcountrymen.

The fact is that they have been in all wars down even to Mexican skirmishes. However, Mr. Borah will now have difficulty in getting Mellon to finance his campaign.

"TRANSACTIONS"

We have at last a transaction that local credit bureaus will make a report of for their files. The Republican Committee transferred their interest in the Party to Mayor Coulombe.

Someone suggested that the Committee hang the following sign on its door, "Second-hand political parties bought, sold and exchanged."

"SHOE FACTORY"

H. Omer Rondeau of Boston has for quite some time been "dickering" for a location for a shoe factory. That is a known fact. No one in Berlin would object to the establishment of a new bona fide industry in Berlin.

What we do wonder, however, is this. How is it that all new industries come to town only on election week. Moreover we suggest that the factory might use Billie B. Van soap and Butane gas so as to help other local industries.

"DUBIOUS INDUSTRIALISTS"

Roosevelt has come out with a statement that hours must be shortened and wages increased and the papers report that the industrialists are dubious.

So are we about the increase in pay. The hours have been shortened but the "increase" to date has not been satisfactory.

SEAR AND LEGASSIE
ADDRESS WORKERS' CLUB
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at this time because control has been taken out of the hands of the Re-employment people for the time being. He stated that funds got low and that a reduction to \$9.60 a week had to be made. Also that the Relief Administration is to select all cases for re-hiring, etc. That means that Miss Symonds is the one to do that in Berlin. He said that could not be helped locally because it is an order from Washington and that such rulings must of course prevail. Nevertheless he reserved for the men the right to protest and demand fair play at any time and that they would always have his cooperation and that of Mrs. Wilder.

President Legassie addressed the meeting after Mr. Scar's departure on the political situation. He elaborated on the significance of the Republican Committee endorsing Coulombe for Mayor of this City for another term. He pointed out how there was a combination to put an end to the Workers' Club in that the leaders of both parties had joined forces after the Republican nominee had been ousted. He demonstrated to the meeting that the Club was the only thing between their present wage and the minimum wage in the Paper Code, that the Club got them extra time for Sunday work not provided for in the Code, that City pay cuts have their effect on the mill wages, and that Labor must unite at all cost and seek representation wherever representation can be had and wherever the interests of Labor are passed on.

He also stated that Mayor Coulombe had invited him and Attorney Bergeron to the Democratic rally Thursday night. He accepted on condition that the Labor men be allowed to speak from the platform to refute Mr. Coulombe, but the Mayor would not agree to this.

Political Notice

All members of the Workers' Club who have automobiles now registered, or that will be registered on March 13, 1934, are requested to communicate with the Club's Political Committee by phoning 577, or calling in person at the Guarantee Trust Building.

It is the Club's purpose to secure the use of as many automobiles as possible for Election Day to transport women and other voters who cannot attend to their duty of voting unless transported. We trust everyone will do what they possibly can to assure the victory of the Labor Ticket.

POWER GRANTED TO
MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE
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and the possible advancement of an extra \$25,000 after the first year to get added floor space. This would mean a sum of \$75,000 to be put up by the City. The Burtman-Rondeau Co. in turn, would agree to employ 500 hands in their factory, form a subsidiary corporation with a capital of \$25,000 to \$100,000 but would not be bound by any contract to remain in Berlin any given length of time whatsoever.

That everyone in Berlin favors the coming of new bona fide industries to town need not be commented upon, but such projects want to be kept non-political and not thrown on the political merry-go-round.

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The Veteran

Mr. A. E. Martel, Post Commander, White Mountain Post 2520 V. F. W., and Mr. Harold Sullivan attended the Veterans of Foreign Wars Executive Committee meeting, held at Manchester, Sunday, March 4th.

The local Post Commander wishes to announce that on the occasion of this meeting the visit of James Van Zandt, National Commander of the V. F. W. slated for Berlin in April was confirmed.

Nomination Papers
Filed For The
Labor Party

The nominations for the Labor Party have been filed and everything is in order for the polls to open Tuesday morning, March 13, 1934.

The Labor Party wishes to thank the City Clerk for his courtesy and also the supervisors of the various check lists in the different wards. They all willingly and gracefully checked over the signatures on the nomination petitions, for which the Party offers its thanks through the Guardian. The only one to get "honorable mention" is Mr. Robert Pingree who acted over-officious. He desired to delay the process and put up a holler about "getting paid." All served gratuitously, but Mr. Pingree wondered "who was going to pay" him for checking. Although we find no statutory provisions for "paying," the Party paid him \$3.00.

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