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Brown Company Disregards Employees' Notice

The Brown Company disregarded the notice served by its employees that unless the matter of a wage increase and seniority rights were taken before the State Board of Arbitration, more drastic action would be taken by the workers.

The men's demand came as a result of a mass meeting held in Y.M.C.A. Park a few weeks ago where it was decided to poll the men on the question. A few days later the employees of the Brown Company voted 504 to 89, in the Stahl-Clarke building, ordering the officials of the Coos County Workers Club to serve the said notice to the Brown Company. The notice was entirely disregarded.

The workers' demands for a wage increase consisted of a scale of wages equalling that of 1929 and the adoption by the Brown Company of the demand of seniority rights. It should only be fair and just that an employee of a corporation, or for that matter an employee in any trade, should feel secure of holding his job when he gets to the age of 45 or 50.

It is evident that too many men have been laid off never to be taken back again when they reached the above-mentioned age. The only possible justifiable method of laying off men when they get a little past the middle age, is by recompensating them with a pension, as is done in some European countries.

RE-EMPLOYMENT ITEMS

Mr. Robert Sharples, head of the local re-employment office, announced Wednesday afternoon that approximately thirty more men have been put to work on the Pleasant Street project.

Some men have been put to work on the state highway project at Littleton. There is still a demand for lumbermen, according to latest information.

Workers Club Gave a Successful Dance

Tuesday night was social night at the meeting of the Coos County Workers Club, and an unusually large crowd was present at the weekly meeting which took place at 7 o'clock and was followed by a dance.

Charlie Enman's four-piece orchestra furnished the music which was very well liked by the dancers and non-dancers alike. It is quite evident that these socials which the Workers Club is staging every two weeks are becoming very popular as evinced by the large crowds which attend them.

Tuesday night's social got under way a little late due to the important discussions which took place at the meeting. The club after lengthy discussion voted to hold up action on the Brown Company's refusal to arbitrate. No action will be taken until President Legassie and Attorney Bergeron return from the Pulp and Paper Code hearing which is to take place in Washington, D. C., Friday morning.

FEAST OF ST. JEAN BAPTISTE CELEBRATED BY FRANCO-AMERICANS

Public Celebration of Patron Saint Held Sunday

For the first time in many years the Franco-Americans of Berlin publically celebrated the Feast of their patron saint, St. Jean Baptiste. (Continued on Page 4)

Legassie-Bergeron Delegated to Represent Workers

Will Attend N. R. A. Code Hearing in Washington, Friday

Club Joliette Hall, June 26—The Coos County Workers Club voted tonight to delay action in regard to the Brown Company's refusal to arbitrate on an increase in wages and seniority rights. The organization further voted to send two delegates to the NRA hearing on the new proposed Pulp and Paper Code, which is to take place in Washington, Friday morning.

W. W. Pickard, Deputy Administrator, Room 209, National Savings and Trust Building, Washington, D. C.

The Coos County Workers Club of Berlin, New Hampshire, requests an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing on the proposed modification of approved code No. 120, Registry Number 405-1-04, through the persons of Edward J. Legassie and Arthur J. Bergeron as its representatives in the intent of proposing modifications in the following sections of the proposed revision:

Article IV—Hours of Labor. Section 1, subsections a, b, c. Article V—Wages. Section 1, subsections a, b, c. Section 2. Article VI—General Labor Provisions.

Section 2. Said hearing scheduled to be held beginning at 10.00 A. M. Friday, June 29, 1934, in the Hall of Nations, Washington Hotel, Washington, D. C., or whatever other place it may be transferred or adjourned to, brief to be filed subsequently by the said requesting party.

Coos County Workers Club, Edward J. Legassie, Pres.

The organization delegated President Edward Legassie and Arthur J. Bergeron, its legal adviser, as its representatives at the hearing. The local delegation intends to put up a strong fight to secure a sixty-cent per hour minimum wage and also time and one-half for overtime.

Whether they are able to do this is all very doubtful as the industry (Continued on Page 3)

Barbers to Hold Meeting Thursday

Will Thrash Out Price Cutting and Evasion of NRA Code

The local barbers will hold a meeting Thursday night (June 28) in Brady and Lapointe's barber shop on Main Street. It is expected that General Gideon Croteau of the NRA, Vice-President Moreau and Ira Cole will be present at the meeting.

The barbers are intent to put an end to the price-cutting activities of some members of the tonorial trade. They will also attempt to do something about those who keep their shops open long after the code hours.

All barbers in the city are requested to be present at the meeting.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Thomas F. Keating property, on Hillside Avenue, will be sold, on the premises, at public auction to the highest bidder on Saturday, June 30th, at one p. m. This sale is for the purpose of settling the estate.

This property is now rented to two tenants—upstairs rent, five rooms and bath; downstairs rent, four rooms and bath; two-car garage, one stall now rented; property in good repair; hot water heat; large cellar; two attic rooms suitable for light housekeeping; one of the most desirable locations in the city.

Also, a few personal property articles: furniture, tools, an electric stove, etc.

Terms: Cash. The right to reject any and all bids reserved.

O. J. COULOMBE, Administrator of the Thomas F. Keating Estate.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Henry Delorge property, on West Milan Road, will be sold, on the premises, at public auction to the highest bidder on Saturday, June 30th, at four p. m., for the purpose of settling the estate.

This property consists of about sixty (60) acres of land; a new six-room house suitable for store and filling station; two large cabins, one rented the year round; a wonderful place for overnight cabins; large tract of this land cultivated for garden purposes; four miles from Berlin City Hall.

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PATRONIZE STATE INDUSTRIES

While in Concord the other day the writer had occasion to visit the State Hospital. Entering the lavatory to wash our hands we were surprised that the paper towels in use were from Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Now why state institutions should go out of state to purchase towels when they are manufactured in this state, is beyond our comprehension. Maybe the purchasing agents for state institutions are unaware that there are paper mills in New Hampshire where such towels are manufactured.

If such is the case they should be better informed. It is also possible that they may be bought cheaper out west, but that is beyond the point. It seems to us that public buildings of this state should be furnished with Granite State products.

The paper mills of Berlin and other cities and towns in this state are capable of furnishing paper towels to public institutions, possibly at a little higher cost. After all, what benefits local industries is bound to reduce local unemployment to a certain extent. The state government should patronize local industries as much as possible. We hope that this oversight will be remedied for the benefit of New Hampshire industry and labor.

FIVE MONTHS OF STRIKES IN NEW ENGLAND

98 strikes, involving close to 59,000 workers have taken place in New England since Jan. 1st., according to the New England Labor Research Association's log of strikes. Of this number, 67 were in Massachusetts, involving 37,575 workers; 37 in Connecticut, involving 20,750; 5 in New Hampshire, involving 11,050; 8 in Maine, involving 8,000; and 2 in Rhode Island, involving 300.

The 2 main industries affected were shoe and leather and textile with 24,980 workers striking in the former and 21,310 in the latter. In those two industries also occurred the largest single strikes: the militant 5-week strike of 7,500 Haverhill shoe workers led by the United Shoe and Leather Workers' Union for higher wages and better conditions (for details, see April Bulletin); the strike of 10,000 leather workers in Lynn, Salem, Peabody, Woburn and Danvers, led by the National Leather Workers' Union, for wage increases (in most of the factories, due to the compromising union leadership, only the recognition of the "closed shop" was won; the demand for wage increases was withdrawn and it was agreed to submit future disputes to the State Board of Arbitration); and the strike of 10,000 cotton textile workers of the Amoskeag Mills in Manchester, N. H., against the wage decisions made by the Cotton Textile Board and demanding wage increases and direct dealings between the workers' representatives and the company (in spite of the fact that this strike was "out-lawed" by the U. T. W. officials, the workers remained out for several days and were induced to go back only by the Union leaders' promises to lead a strike at a later date if their demands were not granted).

Smaller strikes involving from 7 to 2,300 workers took place in practically every other industry and many have resulted in complete or partial victory for the workers. Industries or categories of workers affected were: metal, fishing, needle trades, furniture, butchers, marino, building trades, waitresses, retail clerks, caddies, truck drivers, plate glass workers, consumers (bread strike), type-

writer makers, printing, agricultural, electrical, aviation, rubber, paper making and students.

Demands centered mainly on wage increases (in Connecticut they were mostly for restoration of 1929 wage rates), union recognition, and against code violations and use of injunctions.

THE PROPOSED PULP AND PAPER CODE

Friday morning the NRA hearing on the new proposed Pulp and Paper code will be held in Washington. Reading the proposed code we find many things which are objectionable to labor, although it calls for a higher minimum than the present one. The present code calls for a minimum of thirty-eight cents per hour, while the proposed code calls for forty-two cents.

These low minimums are no doubt due to lack of labor representations and in many instances, indifference. When the present code was passed, industry was by a large degree better represented than labor. According to reliable sources, there was but one labor delegate to fifty for industry, when the hearing took place last September.

It may be possible that labor will be strongly represented at Friday's hearing in Washington. At any rate Berlin will have two men who will do their best to get better results. Whether these two men will accomplish much will be known in a few days. They will find that there will be many obstacles and much opposition to their demands for a decent minimum rate of pay.

Whatever the results may be, the workers of Berlin anxiously await news of the fight which their delegates plan to put up, as they have voted to postpone taking action on their employers' refusal to arbitrate the questions of a wage increase and seniority rights, pending the outcome of the new code.—R. L.

Miss Cote Returns to Her Home

Lew Cody Estate
Estimated at \$100,000

Miss Cecile Cote, 15-year-old half-sister of the late film star, Lew Cody, returned to this city yesterday accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Lena Toussaint Cote, and her attorney, Arthur Dupont.

While in Los Angeles they appeared before Superior Judge Chas. S. Crail who granted special letters of administration to Ben H. Brown, county public administrator. The dead actor's property in Los Angeles will be in Brown's charge.

The deceased actor's estate is estimated at approximately \$100,000 of which about \$60,000 is in real estate in this estate. The remainder is made up of \$1,329.21 in cash, \$4,550 in jewelry and \$42,150 in real estate in Los Angeles.

The Olympic Games sports program in Berlin will start Saturday, August 1, 1936, and conclude Sunday, August 16, according to a tentative program. All competitions will take place in or around the Berlin Olympic Stadium except rowing which will be held on the river Spree at Gruenau, and yachting on the Mueggelsee on the Baltic Sea at Kiel.

All's Quiet On Council Front

Council meeting next Monday. The next council meeting will take place Monday instead of Tuesday in order that the city fathers may deliberate any question or bill without being obstructed by firecrackers, July 4th being so near. There was no meeting last week as the councillors voted a little while ago to have their meetings only once every two weeks during the hot summer months.

Nothing has been heard lately of the shoe shop proposition, which will be in the hands of the legislature when they convene next January, since the Supreme Court refused to make a decision, awaiting the reconvening of the House and Senate.

NEXT CLUB SOCIAL TO BE CARD PARTY

The next social to be held under the auspices of the Coos County Workers Club will take place Tuesday, July 10, at the Club Joliette hall.

There will be bridge and whist games with the Workers' Club donating prizes to the lucky winners.

All members of the Club as well as their wives, or sweethearts, are cordially invited to the social where they will enjoy a pleasant evening.

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Berlin Edges Colored Giants In Ninth 4-3

Martin Fans 7, Allows But 6 Hits, For Fifth Straight Win

Giants' Pitcher Smashes First Homer in Local Park

Y.M.C.A. Park, June 27—"Itchy" Martin continued his remarkable hurling tonight to annex his fifth straight win of the season. Martin kept blazing the way in hitting, getting three hard-hit singles in four trips to the plate, driving in two runs.

Campbell Hits Homer

Campbell, pitching for the Giants, placed his team in an early lead in the third inning when he slugged one of Martin's offerings over the left field fence, for the first home run in the local park this year. The ball travelled a distance of approximately 350 feet.

Locals Take Lead

Staging a heavy batting assault in the sixth, Berlin tied the count two-all as a result of 4 singles and a pass. Only heads up baseball by the colored boys ended further scoring. Going in the eighth Berlin took the lead when Martin singled to score Dancoes.

Giants' Rally Ties Score

The Giants tied the game in the ninth when Tucker scored on Roach's long fly to left field. Barbin opened the local half of the ninth with a triple to right field, his first hit in many moons. Jackman, wonder pitcher of the Giants, was then rushed to the mound, relieving Campbell. He struck out Jacques, but his underhand delivery was un-

steady and on the next batter he threw one wild and Barbin ran in to score the winning run. A crowd of 1,100 saw the game, with about 750 paying. The children were admitted free.

The summary:

	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Berlin	5	0	1	3	0	0
Agrodnia, lf	5	1	1	4	0	0
Barbin, cf	5	0	0	2	1	0
Jacques, 3b	4	0	1	2	0	0
Findsen, rf	4	1	1	1	2	0
Richards, 2b	3	2	2	8	1	0
Dancoes, c	3	0	2	2	1	0
Sullivan, ss	4	0	2	5	0	1
Delorge, lb	4	0	3	0	1	0
Martin, p	4	0	3	0	1	0
Totals	37	4	13	27	6	1
Philadelphia	ab	r	bh	po	a	e
Johnson, lf	4	1	0	0	0	0
Ricks, lb	4	0	0	11	0	0
Tucker, 2b	4	1	2	2	3	0
Gadsden, ss	4	0	2	0	3	1
Roach, cf	4	0	1	4	1	0
Gomes, rf	4	0	0	0	0	1
Reddeck, c	3	0	0	7	1	0
Joseph, 3b	3	0	0	1	0	0
Campbell, p	3	1	1	0	3	0
Jackman, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	3	6	25	11	2

a-one out when winning run scored.

Score by innings. 0 0 1 0 0 10 0 1-3
 Berlin 0 0 0 0 2 0 1 1-4
 Runs batted in—Campbell, Sullivan, Martin 2, Tucker, Roach. Two base hits—Agrodnia, Tucker. Three base hit—Barbin. Home run—Campbell. Sacrifice hit—Sullivan. Left on bases—Berlin 10, Philadelphia 3. Double play—Dancoes to Delorge. Struck out—by Martin 7, by Campbell 5, by Jackman 1. Hits—off Campbell 13 in eight innings, (none out in ninth). Base on balls—off Campbell 1. Wild pitch—Jackman. Umpires—Reid and Lafayette. Time 1:55.

LEGASSIE-BERGERON TO REPRESENT WORKERS (Continued from Page 1)

trialists will be better organized and prepared than their employees and will no doubt refuse to revert to the 1929 wage standard. The present code calls for a minimum wage of 38 cents per hour and local observers opine that it will probably be raised to 42 or 43 cents per hour. This will not cause any appreciable increase locally as the men here are getting 41 cents which is far below the 1929 level.

A minimum of sixty cents would bring Berlin back somewhat near to its prosperous days of 1929, even though the buying power of the dollar has been reduced, due to its depreciation when this country went off the gold standard.

BERLIN CLASHES WITH FRANKLIN FRIDAY

The local nine will renew baseball warfare Friday night when they meet a reputedly strong Franklin club. The visitors have a strong "rep" in the southern part of the state where they have been cleaning up all sorts of opposition. They are made up mostly of college and high school players and should furnish Jack Haney's nine with plenty of competition. The game is scheduled to start at 5 P. M., Standard.

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SPORTS GLEANINGS

Agrodnia, Jacques and Richards are getting in their stride and have been smacking the ball all over the lot lately. Now it is up to their team-mates to fall in line and do the same.

Barbin is still in his slump but manages to connect now and then. As soon as Lonnie starts hitting them, the local nine will be a strong team offensively.

The jinx is still trailing Rooney. Ever since winning that opening game against Lewiston, Gus has had no luck at all and has been dropping some tough verdicts, due mainly to poor support and his team-mates' inability to hit in the pinches.

The local club will tackle a strong aggregation when they clash with the Philadelphia Colored Giants, who are advertised as being the colored champions of the world.

Evidently Berlin has lost the inferiority complex which bothered it whenever encountering Leavitt's Gorham henchmen. To start with Berlin came from behind in the late innings of the first meeting between the two teams and grabbed a 6 to 4 verdict.

Going to Gorham, our prides took the second game of the season by an 8 to 5 decision. Mortenson pitched a fine game for Berlin with Stubby Jacques doing some great relief work.

Although Berlin has managed to shake off the Gorham jinx, Groveton is still in the way. Losing a twelve inning battle two weeks ago, the local boys went to Groveton with revenge in their hearts but returned unavenged at the short end of a 3 to 1 game.

Worker, renew your Guardian subscription. Prices are low. \$1.50 per year. 75c for six months. 50c for three months and 30c for a period of ten weeks. Applications for subscriptions may be made at the Guardian office, 49 main Street, room 1. Telephone 749-W, or at the weekly meetings of the Coos County Workers Club, held every Tuesday night in Club Joliette Hall.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

The subscriber has been duly appointed by the Judge of Probate for the County of Coos, administrator of the estate of Katherine St. Clair, late of Gorham, in said County, deceased, intestate.

All persons having claims against said estate are requested to exhibit them for adjustment, and all indebted to make payment.

June 13th, A. D. 1934.
LAWRENCE ST. CLAIR, Administrator.
By FRANK P. BLAIS, Atty.

BERLIN WINS THRILLING

PITCHERS' BATTLE IN 11TH

Y.M.C.A. Park, June 22—The local team annexed a thrilling eleven-inning battle from the combined Lancaster-Gilman outfit 5 to 4 today.

Rooney started on the mound for the locals but was later relieved by Stubby Jacques who gets credit for the win.

Score by innings:
 Berlin 0 0 0 3 0 0 1 0 0 1—5
 Lancaster-Gilman 0 0 0 0 1 2 0 1 0 0—4
 Batteries: Berlin, Rooney, Jacques and Dancoes; Lancaster-Gilman, Morrisette, Stickney, and Conley.

BERLIN WHITEWASHES PLYMOUTH TEAM, 7-0

Mortenson Hangs Up Third Victory of the Season

Sullivan Hits Three-bagger
 Y.M.C.A. Park, June 24—Pitching fine ball all the way through, Mortenson hung up his first shut-out victory of the season and incidentally his third win. Berlin took a run lead in the first inning, increased it two more in the fourth and in the seventh staged a rally of four runs to end the scoring. Savchick, Agrodnia and Jacques continued their good work with the willow, each obtaining two hits.

The summary:
Nice Work, Smokey

Berlin	ab	r	bh	po	a	c
Agrodnia, lf	4	2	2	1	0	0
Barhin, cf	5	1	0	2	0	0
Savchick, rf	4	1	2	0	0	1
Jacques, 3b	4	1	2	0	2	0
Richards, 2b	4	0	1	4	6	0
Couture, c	3	1	1	5	0	0
Sullivan, ss	4	1	1	2	2	0
Blouin, lb	4	0	0	13	1	1
Mortenson, p	3	0	0	0	6	0
Totals	35	9	9	27	17	2

Plymouth	ab	r	bh	po	a	c
Martin, lf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Tangin, lb	4	0	0	12	0	0
McDonald, 2b	3	0	1	1	2	1
Margati, c	4	0	2	6	1	0
Woods, rf	4	0	2	0	0	1
Ramsey, ss	4	0	0	1	2	1
Boyle, cf	3	0	1	1	0	0
Sears, 3b	3	0	0	0	2	0
Salbia, p	3	0	0	2	0	0
Totals	31	0	6	24	7	3

Runs by innings: 1 0 0 2 0 0 4 0 x—7
 Berlin Two base hits, Savchick. Three base hits, Sullivan. Stolen bases, Agrodnia. Sacrifices, Barhin, Tangin. Double plays, Mortenson to Blouin to Richards; Richards to Blouin; Richards to Sullivan to Blouin. Base on balls—off Mortenson 4, Salbia 3. Struck out by Mortenson 5, Salbia 5. Wild pitches, Salbia. Umpires, Reid and Lafayette. Time of game 1:49.

MARTIN HAS BEST PITCHING RECORD

"Itchy" Martin still leads the staff of local hurlers in the matter of games won. He has four wins chalked up to his credit with no losses to date. Mortenson and Jacques each won a game the past week while Rooney continued to have poor luck losing a tough 3 to 1 verdict to a strong Groveton aggregation.

Includes Sunday's Game

	won	lost	pct.
Martin	4	0	1.000
Jacques	1	0	1.000
Mortenson	3	1	.750
Rooney	1	4	.200
Anderson	0	1	.000

STANDING OF THE LOCAL NINE

- Berlin 6, Lewiston 5.
- Berlin 2, Rumford 12.
- Berlin 4, Lincoln 1.
- Berlin 8, Brunswick 2.
- Berlin 9, Brunswick 10.
- Berlin 8, Littleton 1.
- Berlin 6, Gorham 4.

- Berlin 1, Manchester 4.
- Berlin 1, Groveton 2.
- Berlin 5, Rumford 6.
- Berlin 8, Gorham 5.
- Berlin 10, Livermore Falls 1.
- Berlin 5, Lancaster-Gilman 4.
- Berlin 1, Groveton 3.
- Berlin 7, Plymouth 0.
- Won 9, Lost 6.

N. H. RESTAURANT MEN ORGANIZE

Protective League Formed to Work for Interests of Business

The Protective League of New Hampshire Restaurants came into existence today with the filing of incorporation papers at the office of the city clerk in Manchester and at the secretary of state's office in Concord.

While the sponsors of the move to organize restaurant owners of the state are mostly Manchester men, it is understood there is a state-wide interest in the formation of a league to protect their interests.

Objects of League

The objects of the league are given in the following four paragraphs of the incorporation papers: "To support and standardize the business or restaurants so that it shall merit and retain the confidence and respect of the public.

"To support right principles and oppose bad practices in the restaurant business and to furnish a comprehensive knowledge of the restaurant business to the public.

"To maintain the dignity and responsibility of its members in their service to the public and to elevate the standard of integrity, honor and courtesy of its members.

"To advocate and support legislation calculated to improve the conduct of the restaurant business."

To Protect Beer Business

One of the spokesmen of the organization said today that an additional purpose was to protect restaurant owners against those who seek to monopolize the beer business of the state.

He stated that the elimination of beer sales on Sunday will result in a loss of business of from three quarters to a million dollars annually, to restaurant owners, based on figures obtained before the new regulation became effective.

"We feel that we will be able to show that the banning of the sale of beer on Sundays will result in the use of 'hard liquor' by people who, up to now, have been satisfied with beer," he added.

"When the public is acquainted with the number of persons employed in our business and our annual payroll throughout the state, it will realize that we rank collectively as one of the largest businesses in New Hampshire.

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"The organized move, that we are satisfied is in existence, to make beer scarce for the ordinary workingman will bring about the regular use of 'hard liquor' and we will again be faced with pre-prohibition problems."

The group also contends that elimination of Sunday sales will bring about a large number of Sunday bootlegging "speakeasies."—The Manchester Leader.

FEAST OF ST. JEAN BAPTISTE CELEBRATED BY FRANCO-AMERICANS
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The program began with an immense parade which got under way near the soldiers' monument at the Grand Trunk depot. The paraders, which included various French-American organizations, such as La St. Jean Baptiste, Les Canados, L'Assomption, Les Foristiers Catholiques, Club Joliette and the school children from St. Regis Academy and Angel Guardian school marched up Main Street and disbanded at the Angel Guardian Church where a High Mass was celebrated at 9:30 A. M.



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