

Right of Labor to Organize Championed By J. E. Ferguson

The right of labor to organize to obtain a fair wage and to meet the oppressive conditions which automatic employers would impose was strongly defended and justified by Gov. James E. Ferguson, when he addressed the Texas State Federation of Labor at its annual convention in San Antonio, March 18 this year, and the full text of his speech on that occasion, as contained in the printed proceedings of the federation, copy of which has been received by the Forum, makes interesting reading.

Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the Federation of Labor of Texas: Let me say this morning that it was one of the happiest thoughts and a wise provision that you are permitted and invited to gather in the shadow of the immortal Alamo. Let us for a moment recur to the history of that great and eventful place and if possible learn the lessons that might apply to the Federation of Labor as it meets today. I need not tell you that the men who died just across the street from where we meet today, were a band of brothers who were willing to die and sacrifice their lives on that funeral pyre in order that you and I who live again in succeeding generations might enjoy the blessings of liberty and prosperity. And so you, today meeting again under the shadow, under the sanctuary of that great place, ought to be willing when another great crisis presents itself to your land and country—you ought to be inspired, and I am sure you are—you ought to be encouraged—and I am sure you are—to make another sacrifice for your country, in order that those who live after you shall enjoy the same blessings of liberty and prosperity and happiness that have been handed down to you.

My friends, the Federation of Labor today meets under the most solemn, under the most grave, under the most important surroundings that it has ever met. You may never meet again under surroundings like this under which you meet today. Labor must perform a great sacrifice in this world conflict. Labor is charged not only with saving itself, but is called upon to save the country. Labor is called upon today to not only manufacture munitions and armaments of war, but it is called to go upon the field of battle and use these munitions and these armaments of war. It must not only sweat in the shops, but it must bleed in the ranks. Let it be said once and for all that this great conflict—this great world-wide war—is going to be won by labor—and that labor is going to be organized labor. (Applause) The dollars of the rich, the ambitions of aristocracy will be but feeble influences indeed if labor shall not be permitted to lead the way.

War Shows Value of Organization.
My friends, we are learning practical lessons which perhaps you never thought and I never thought that we would learn again. This war has exemplified the principles and the virtues of the organization of men. How long, my friends, would it have taken the United States government to have settled the transportation troubles if it had to deal with individual men? How long would it have taken the United States government to settle the ship building troubles if it had to deal with every carpenter? How long would it have been, and how powerless would every individual workman have been, if he had to deal individually with the profiteer under government contract? So I say again, as I have often said—let me appeal to every man if he is without the ranks of labor, to join some union. If you have more sense than the other man, then come and give your fellowworkman the benefit of your advice and knowledge and help take care of them. If you have not as much sense as the other fellow, come in and the union will take care of you. (Applause.)

The ranks of labor as such are going to win the war. President Gompers, leading the ranks of labor, is just like a great general in this world conflict as General Pershing leading the ranks of soldiers. (Applause.) President Wilson commands the greatest organization that was ever created because it is composed not only like the armies of the past with the organization of an army but with the ranks of organized labor, and the two hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder and shield to shield, will march up the field of battle in foreign lands and charge the cannon's mouth in order that this country may be made safe for democracy. (Applause.)

And so, my friends, let me appeal to the working men of this country to recognize your obligation not only to protect your country in time of trouble but as has been said, to protect your rights in order that when the war is over that no precedent has been set which might work a hardship to your organization and which might work unjustly against the principles of labor. And so, it is up to organized labor to perform the great service—and that it will perform that service, I don't doubt nor do you doubt.

Organized Labor the Biggest Cog.
Organized labor is the biggest cog wheel in the organization of the national army, and if somebody starts to disregard it in its collective capacity somebody is going to slip a cog. Organized labor is going into this war as an organized body and they are going to come out of it as an organized body. (Applause) Because, in

JOHN R. MOORE IS CANDIDATE FOR LIEUT-GOVERNOR

To the Democrats of the State of Texas:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of lieutenant governor of Texas. I am 41 years old and have lived in Anderson county for thirty-seven years. I was twice elected district clerk of Anderson county and did not run for a third term, and have served my county as county judge, by appointment, to fill an unexpired term.

Two years ago I was elected, over strong opposition, to the legislature from my county. My record in the legislature is an open book, and I invite careful investigation of my public record as well as my private life as a citizen.

I am a personal and a political friend of Governor Ferguson and I voted against each and every one of the twenty-one charges which were filed against him by the house of representatives, and in my opinion his attempted impeachment was the most infamous outrage that was ever perpetrated on the people who elected him, and I approve the platform lately announced by Governor Ferguson and the main object of my candidacy is to prevent, in the future, the disavowal of his record by the legislature or to the governor of Texas. We ought not to have any misfit or happen so governors who are not in sympathy with the policies of the governor who has been elected by the people. Governor Ferguson has assured me that I will have his earnest support in my coming campaign and I shall to the best of my ability, support him and his policies in this campaign.

The people should elect a legislature this year that will carry out their will and have sense enough to pass fewer and better laws.

I am in favor of a great university and higher education, but I do not endorse the indefensible extravagance of the University of Texas nor its autocratic management.

I shall make an active campaign and at different times and places discuss the issues involved in this campaign in order that I may call all those facts that will be of interest to the people.

JNO. R. MOORE.
Palestine, Texas, April 16, 1918.

400,000 CLUB FOR FERGUSON IS PROPOSED

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the \$75 per student spent by the University and the pittance given to the pupil in the country school. His story about the University and what goes on out there found a responsive sentiment of approval with his hearers and he was applauded vigorously as he went into the details of his controversy with the institution and his finding that they were carrying "dead men" on the payrolls and spending the money for other and unauthorized purposes.

Then he told how he wanted his followers to get together into that great "Four Hundred Thousand Ferguson Club" which would mean that he will receive that number of votes in the primaries to be held in Texas July 27. He contrasted this club with the little "Four Hundred Club" which is supporting Hobby and clamoring that the University shall rule the state and not the state rule the University.

The visit of Governor Ferguson to Fort Worth marks a new epoch in political interest and enthusiasm. He was greeted with such a popular demonstration as never yet has been accorded a state political candidate and throngs pressed about him at all times to assume him of their loyalty and activity in his cause. He was given assurance that he will carry Tarrant county by a tremendous majority over Hobby.

Forced by illness to cancel his appearance at Weatherford Monday afternoon, Governor Ferguson rested in Fort Worth while John Moore went to Weatherford where he addressed a large audience of more than 2000 persons. Mr. Moore spoke for the triumph of democracy over the hosts of autocracy and University domination of state affairs. He told the history of the plot for the impeachment of Ferguson as he knew it from his connection as a member of the house of representatives and he asserted that there need be no fear of Ferguson being seated when he receives the great majority of democratic votes he is going to get in the July primaries, because the members of the house would be in a hurry to climb into the bandwagon and go along with the man whom the people elect to run their affairs as governor.

Judge W. W. Nelms, of Dallas, one of the most brilliant and distinguished speakers in Texas, and a leading member of the legal profession in Dallas, spoke in place of Governor Ferguson at McKinney, where the governor was scheduled to speak Tuesday afternoon, and also at Corsicana, where Governor Ferguson was scheduled to speak Wednesday afternoon. Governor Ferguson is recovering from the illness which has laid him up several days and expects to fill his appointment for a speech at Wills Point, Thursday afternoon and to keep his other appointments which are for Friday, Saturday afternoon, June 7 and Paris, Saturday afternoon, June 8.

His travels during the last week give strong evidence of the increasing favorable sentiment in his behalf and his friends assure him he is not over-drawing the possibilities in every branch of the railroad business, I feel that during my two years in office I have been of value to the commission. I have been a close student of railroad transportation and operation, having started as a brakeman in 1888, working in the following departments of the Texas & Pacific railway: Transportation, motive power and telegraph service of that road. I entered the service of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway at Pampa, Texas in 1891, and was promoted to conductor in 1894 and in the succeeding twenty-two years worked in every department of transportation; freight conductor, passenger conductor, yard master, construction work, bridge building, train master and division superintendent.

I was injured in an accident in February, 1912, and suffered the loss of my right limb. This forced me out of railroad work, due to the fact that I was unable to make satisfactory settlement with the company and was forced into court to recover damages for injuries sustained.

In 1894 I was associated with the Hon. James E. Ferguson in the work of constructing bridges on the extension of the M. K. & T. into Houston, and when elected governor he, appreciating the value of practical experience, appointed me manager of the Texas State railroad, in which position I remained until the death of the Hon. William D. Williams, railroad commissioner, when I was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The quota is based on estimates of the space available for the men in camps and cantonments. If the rate of shipment of troops across again is raised, still more men may be called. In any event the probabilities are that enough men will be called for special service to round the number out to 300,000.

Charles W. Fairbanks Dies at Indianapolis
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Sally Jane Spottswoc Gives Talk About Dogs

This is not about the human kind, but the other kind. The real kind, faithful, true, never-deserting, never-forgetting. Always there when needed, never too far away to come when the call of distress reaches him. The kind that always remembers.

There are, of course, dogs and dogs. A common cur is a dog, just as a Newfoundland, a greyhound, a St. Bernard, a bull dog, a collie, and the large terrier family are all dogs. But even a common cur is not so very common and cur-like as some dogs who are not real dogs, who are not quadrupeds, but bipeds.

Some near-wag says: "The more I see of men the better I like dogs." Some dogs are manly in honesty, purity of purpose, faithfulness, and gratitude. Some men are dogs, dishonest, without purity of purpose, without faithfulness or gratitude. They are also barking, whining, snapping, snarling, hydrophobic. Nature got herself mixed up in the generic life of these two, for their traits are strangely mixed. Sometimes in favor of the one, sometimes the other.

Dog days do not come only in human August when any dog is apt to go mad. Dog days can come any time. The more dog there is in the man, the more subject he is to the madness in its various forms. The more man there is in the dog, the less apt he is to go mad and the more nearly he recovers when he does go mad.

The more dog there is in the man, the more snarling, snapping, whining, barking, likely to madness is he. The more man there is in the man, the freer he is from the snarl and snap, white and bark, and he is far removed from any quality hydrophobic. A real man retains and maintains a certain equilibrium, calm and poise, which remove him from the realm of the dog. A real man is firm and secure in the image of his Maker.

But, speaking seriously—and dogs are nothing if they are not serious. Though we are very fond of the foolish expression "enough to make a dog laugh," dogs rarely laugh. Mother Goose makes "the little dog laugh when the dish ran away with the spoon," but Mother Goose enjoyed poetic license and, maybe, dog license as well. No, dogs do not often laugh. Men scorn and hate, frivol and waste time, but not dogs. Dog having put dogs here for a purpose, which they well know and understand, they do not forget.

Were you ever absolutely alone with your dog? Without access to any form of society or human companionship? Was your heart ever high enough to study that dog's conversation? And his means of communication with you? He can converse as directly as you can, with his fine true eyes, his tail, his ears, and his voice too, for that matter. Try it, sometimes, and receive a message from his big, loving heart.

You may trust your dog with your happiness or any other valuable possession. Though your son or your daughter, your wife or your husband, any or all of your friends may fail you, your dog never will. Men become

Two Treatments For Killing Chicken Lice

The Kansas City Weekly Star in answer to a correspondent gives the following statements for chicken lice:

According to Professor Kempster, Missouri Experiment station, a good cheap and effective louse powder is made by adding a mixture of one part of crude carbolic acid and three parts of gasoline to plaster of paris, all of the powder will not blow up. When the plaster is dry pulverize it and store it in tight cans. This should be well dusted into the feathers. A second application ten days after the first will catch the second brood of lice and make a thorough job of it. Otherwise if these live the first application is of very little value. Another effective remedy is to rub a piece of blue ointment the size of a pea, well into the skin just beneath the vent.

Let Hobby Backers Answer This Query

Texas is having another of her old-fashioned knock-down-and-drag-out political fights. Former Governor Ferguson who was impeached, is seeking "vindication" by asking for the Governorship, Governor Hobby is apparently confident that the people are not in a "vindicating" mood. By the way, what has become of Former Governor Oscar B. Colquitt, who a few months ago was camping on the Wilson trail and assuming the leadership of Texas' pro-German colonies?—Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser.

Three San Antonians Aspire to Congress

A. P. Barrett, San Antonio, former state senator from Fannin county, has announced his candidacy for Congress, subject to the action of the Democratic voters of the Fourteenth Congressional District, at the July primary. The other candidates now in the race for this office are the present Congressman, James L. Slayden, and State Senator Carlos Bee, all three being residents of San Antonio.