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THE STRIKE SETTLED

Citizens of Edmonton generally, and especially trade unionists, will be glad to know that the Separate School teachers are back in their classrooms. That the teachers were justified in their refusal to work at a rate that was lower than that paid last term, will be admitted by all who have been following up the dispute.

The strike of teachers was the first that has been attempted by any branch of the Alberta Alliance. It was conducted in a manner creditable to the profession and every credit should be given to the teachers' local alliance as well as to the officials of the Provincial body, who were untiring in their efforts to bring about a settlement of the dispute.

THE GREATEST SPLIT.

From the viewpoint of Organized Labor, every point or feature of the relationship between Capital and Labor is subordinate to the right of employees to organize, the recognition of Labor Unions and the right to collective bargaining.

On page 11, section 59, the report of the commission to inquire into Industrial Relations in Canada, states:

"Not only should employees be accorded the right of organizing, but the prudent employer will recognize such organization, and will deal with the duly accredited representatives thereof in all matters relating to the interests of the employees, when it is sufficiently established to be fairly representative of them all."

That, and nothing less than that, is what Organized Labor demands and will have. Why should the employer show such a paternal interest in the unorganized worker? Because the unorganized worker is less difficult to exploit. The time worn cry of "freedom for the individual" comes with bad grace from big business in these days of trusts and combines.

Again we quote, without comment of ours, from the report of the Royal Commission on Industrial Relations, in condemnation of the Canadian employers' stand on the question of collective bargaining. Part of section 63 reads:

"Many Trade Unions keep in their employment trained men for the purpose of negotiating their different schedules. The employer has the right to select any representative or bring in any assistance that he may desire in carrying on the negotiations, and there is no logical reason why the employees should be denied a like right."

PERSONAL LIBERTY.

"Personal freedom" is the oft repeated and time-worn cry of opponents of reform of all kinds. It is no less the argument used against collective bargaining and particularly the closed shop.

The same rule of democracy which has in connection with other phases of life, successfully overthrown the misleading "personal liberty" cry, can be adopted in the majority of cases to the argument for the closed shop. Namely, "the greatest good for the greatest number."

"Individual freedom" is after all an abstruse phrase, not by any means easy of comprehension or definition. The right of any individual to unhampered license is largely determined, and necessarily so, by his relationship to the rest of humanity.

The above citation of examples of the seeming curtailment of personal liberty, might be multiplied many times. They are in essence instances of the reasoning of Organized Labor with regard to the closed shop. Organization of workers in every case precedes any demand for the closed shop. It is, as a matter of fact, only when a trade union is sufficiently established to be fairly representative of all workers in a given craft or industry, as the case may be, that the closed shop is claimed.

FOREIGNERS.

Heads of the Steel Trust as of every other large industry where the workers are forced to strike to bring about better working conditions, have alleged that the strike in the industry is largely the work of foreigners. It was the employers of Labor in the great corporations of America who encouraged the importation of foreign laborers, while American Organized Labor strenuously opposed it.

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not alone cheap labor from the immigrants but from native Americans and Canadians also. In less busy times labor was more plentiful and natives had to accept the same pay as the cheaper-living foreigners or go without employment. Consequently the logical move to prevent exploitation of all laborers was for American workers to endeavor to educate their foreign fellow-toller to a higher standard of life, and to point out to him the manner in which he was being used to keep the workers at the mercy of the capitalist machine.

Right in this province, not more than six or seven years ago, the writer saw Britishers and Canadians, forced out of employment or compelled to work for the most miserable pittance, because foreigners could be obtained in large numbers at wages that were disgracefully low. At that time the foreigner was welcomed as a desirable citizen by the men who are now, in Alberta and elsewhere, loud in proclaiming the menace of the alien. Why? Simply because they are not now willing to be exploited to the detriment of all the workers as in days now passed. Labor opposed the importation of foreign labor but the workers who are here, whether alien or native, have one common interest, which is the maintenance of a living wage and proper working conditions.

EDITOR'S NOTES.

We are told that there was a shortage of turkeys for Thanksgiving. Personally we didn't notice it.

A representative of a jobbing firm in the east, in pleading to the Board of Commerce for secrecy, said: "If our profits were to be given out they would be in the headlines in the newspapers." Verily "men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil."

The Nation (New York) in its issue of October 4th, publishes in full the report of Wm. C. Bullitt which was made public in Mr. Bullitt's statement before the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, on September 12th, 1919. Our readers who have had any doubt as to the policy of intervention in Russia, should not fail to read the Bullitt report on conditions in that country.

"There has been some concern expressed here as to what the ultimate of labor organizations really is. If you will pardon me for just one moment, I will tell you the secret, Sir. I am going to spill the beans; I am going to tell you what our ultimate is, so that you may know. That is laying the cards down on the table face upward, frankly, without any reserve at all. Our ideal is that involuntary poverty, with all its concomitant diseases, shall cease. That is all. Going along with that is this—that in the construction of our common life we shall recognize the principle that all have a right to free access to everything that goes to make a full-orbed existence, that gives joy and a sense of freedom and happiness to life, and that whatever is opposed to this great fundamental principle of human existence is alien to the innate spirit of our trades union organizations, and is thereby our enemy, whatever it may be. We are not fighting men; we are fighting a system that depresses and degrades and destroys; and we are seeking to put in its place a system which builds up and glorifies and ennobles human life."—R. A. Rigg at the Ottawa conference on industrial relations. Be careful, Dick! Old constituted authority will get you if you don't watch out.