

WHAT WE ASKED; WHAT WAS PASSED BY GOVERNMENT

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and the employer fails, neglects, or refuses to install and adopt such safety devices or appliances in any employment or place of employment in accordance with the terms of the regulations and to the satisfaction of the board, or, where under the circumstances, the board is of the opinion that conditions of immediate danger exist in any employment or place of employment in accordance with the terms of the regulations and to the satisfaction of the board, or, where under the circumstances, the board is of the opinion that conditions of immediate danger exist in any employment or place of employment which would be likely to result in injury to any person, the board may in its discretion, order the employer to forthwith close down the whole or any part of such employment or place of employment and the industry carried on therein, and the board shall notify the employer of such order:

"Provided always that nothing herein contained shall take away or abridge any of the powers and duties of the Provincial Board of Health or local boards of health, as constituted under The Public Health Act:

"Provided further that the Workmen's Compensation Board, or any member of it, or any officer appointed by it, may forthwith report to the Provincial Board of Health any breach of The Public Health Act or regulation of the Provincial Board of Health passed thereunder."

7. Subsection 2 of section 33: By repealing the same, and substituting the following in lieu thereof:

"(2) Where in the opinion of the board sufficient precautions are not taken for the prevention of accidents to workmen in the employment of any employer, or where the sanitary and health conditions are not proper, the board may add to the amount of any contribution to the accident fund, for such employer is liable, such a percentage thereof as the board may deem just and may assess and levy same upon such employer."

Section 69. Amend by repealing the following: "This Act shall not apply to persons engaged as travelling salesmen or in clerical work and not exposed to the hazards incident to the nature of the work carried on in the industry."

Amend by adding the following: "This Act shall not apply to persons engaged in the industries of farming and ranching."

While the amendment providing for widening the scope of the Act is not all that is desired still there are possibilities of great benefit from this, it behooves the workers who are not protected by this measure to give consideration to it and if they desire the protection to immediately acquaint the Board of such. While this section was being discussed in the house several of the farmer members objected to it being so broad, they did not believe it advisable to leave it to the option of employers and employees in the farming and ranching industries as to whether they should be included, there was a possibility pressure being brought to bear on the farmer to make him agree was said, the paid agitator, who was kept by the workers to create trouble, would meet men who were being engaged through labor bureaus for farm work, and tell them before you go out you must make this man insure you under the Compensation Act and as the workman did not have to pay at all this action would be taken by them with the consequence the farmer if he was in need of help would be forced to make application to the Board was also stated, where the workers would obtain the funds to pay these agitators and why it was necessary for them to wait around bureaus, instead of doing business in the meetings was not considered, however as a result of these wild and rash statements, we had the Government agreeing to add bringing down the amendment to Section 69 which excludes these industries.

Why these industries should not be within the scope of the Act no one has attempted to explain, which is something I venture the opinion that would be found very difficult, especially when we consider that machinery is used extensively today in these operations which makes the possibilities of accidents as great as they are in most other industries however, despite the fact that this was demonstrated as also was it shown that quite a number of large farmers desired the opportunity of affording protection for their workers under this measure it was found the Government was only too ready to accept the objections of the few and to use this excuse for the exclusion.

Paragraph 4 of Section 16 should prove of great benefit to the workers in the building industry as now whether they are employed by a contractor, farmer, baker, miller, merchant, etc. and are only casual to the industry of their employer they will receive protection.

Section 29 gives the board power to make regulations in line with our requests and workers in a number of industries should derive benefit therefrom. Other sections will be considered next week.

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ampton Margaret Bondfield—a member of the Party executive and one of the finest speakers and best workers in the movement—is up against Mr. McCurdy, the new food controller. Other elections are in Stockport, Lancashire, where a Labor and a co-operative candidate are fighting in alliance for the two seats; in Dartford a London suburb, where Labor's chances are very bright; and in two of the Edinburgh constituencies;

Chicago.—In an address in this city, Frank A. Vanderlip, New York banker, said the inflation of currency and bank credit is mainly responsible "for the 250 per cent rise in the last six years."

LLOYD GEORGE'S SCHEME FOR NEW PARTY IS FAILURE

His Tirades Against Labor Is Being Received With Marked Coldness

By Evelyn Sharp
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London.—Mr. Lloyd George's scheme for the formation of a new party is not going very happily. His plan is that the members of his coalition who call themselves "Liberals" shall break entirely with the "Independent Liberals" who follow Mr. Asquith and shall merge completely with the "Unionists" of the Coalition, under some new title—probably that of "National Democratic."

But the "Liberals" still cling lovingly to their old label, and are still a little shy of capitulating entirely to the Toryism they used to denounce. Mr. Lloyd George's wild—and characteristically ill-formed—tirades against Labor and Socialism have been received with marked coldness by all the Press with the exception of his own organ and of the ultra-Tory "Morning Post" and it looks as though the "fusion"—which of course is sure to come sooner or later—may have to wait a little while.

Labor's own view is that it doesn't much matter. Mr. Asquith since he came back to Parliament, has made it quite clear that his war with the coalition is only a sham affair, and that on every vital issue he will stand solidly with the coalition. And, with the exception of a tiny handful of Radicals who work habitually with the Labor party, the "Independent Liberals" are as staunch supporters of all reaction as the once Radical Prime Minister himself.

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SEATTLE DEPORTERS ANXIOUS TO GO BACK TO RUSSIA

SEATTLE.—Several thousand petitions are being distributed throughout the city calling on the department of labor to liberate the Russians held for investigation or deportation in the immigration station here. The petition is headed by a statement from the Russians themselves in which they declare that "We are anxious to return to Soviet Russia at our own expense and believe that the Russian Socialist Federated Soviet Republic will furnish us ships in which to return home if the American government will permit such ships to come and get us."

The imprisoned Russians express the belief that justice, mercy or the preservation of the United States government is not being served by continued imprisonment when all the confined men ask is release in order that they can support themselves and families.

The petitioners declare that as American citizens "We believe this government is serving no good purpose by depriving these human beings of their liberties and the right to maintain themselves and families."

CLOTHING WORKERS IN CHICAGO WILL BUILD CO-OP DEPT. HOUSE

CHICAGO.—Because of high rentals here, 16 workers for Hart Schaffner & Marx, clothing, shortly will build a co-operative department house is planned to be a city in its own.

The house will contain a co-operative grocery, drug store, and other like establishments, besides a playground for the children and a reading room.

MISS MARY McNAB FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE ONTARIO LABOR PARTY

Miss Mary McNab was elected first vice-president of the Ontario Labor Party at the recent London convention. In the absence of the President-elect Buckley, Toronto, Miss McNab will act in his stead. Miss McNab is a member of the Hamilton Women's Labor Party. She was elected to the Ontario Labor Party executive committee at the first annual convention, held in Hamilton on July 1, three years ago.

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