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## SYMPATHETIC STRIKE LOSING POPULARITY

THAT the sympathetic strike with its massed action has lost most of its popularity is now being clearly evidenced. The cure-all as advertised by the adventurers has been given a set-back from which there is no means of recovery, and what elixir they may now be manufacturing will not be taken without the proverbial grain of salt. Vancouver was generally considered congenial soil where the general strike was fashionable and which could be brought into play at the wish and whim of the soap box artist carrying a membership card in an international union. An analysis of the returns from the various unions of Vancouver on the last general strike vote amply shows that the game is dead and possibility for a revival is remote. It will be recalled that the leaders suppressed for some time the actual returns, but eventually it was acknowledged that twenty unions had favored the general strike with fifteen against. Only 5,804 votes were recorded with a majority in favor of 806. This was the unanimous call! An official in giving this statement publicly stated "that the reason the vote had not been given out before was so that the weak spots would not be exposed for the other side to act upon."

## WAGES DEPEND ON H.C.L.

WAGES of workers depend on the high cost of living. There are a few people who look upon life through golden goggles, and imagine that it is treason, less majesty and a few other things we can't pronounce, for workmen to strike for more pay. The thing that inspires a strike is not insubordination or a desire to kick over the traces of Society—but merely an attempt to keep up with the fast-moving, high-climbing grocery and butcher bills. From Government reports we learn that living expenses have gone up about one hundred and two per cent. since the outbreak of war—with a little acceleration since the signing of the Armistice.

## DISCARD DISCORD.

HAVE a look at the men who are responsible for most of Labor's discord. Are they the real workers? Are they the real labor men? In most cases you will find that they are aliens who cannot feel at home unless something is blowing up or somebody going down. Sowers of discord are specialists in thrusting mistrust and prejudice between workers and employers. Discord specialists unfortunately have chosen a moment when the realization of most of Labor's ambitions are at hand—and will be achieved through good feeling and co-operation. Secure a great victory for Labor by discarding discord. It does not belong to this era.

## BINNEY IS RIGHT.

HAROLD J. BINNEY, the producer of Canadian Moving Pictures, says: "If, by means of moving pictures, I could show every citizen of Canada how wage slaves work in all parts of the world, under inhuman, unsanitary conditions, I feel sure that no one would buy cheap labor products. "If, on the other hand, I could show the pictures of our virile manhood and womanhood, working for decent wages under better conditions, I think that I could get the wage slaves to take a leaf out of the Trades Union book and better themselves."

## WE'RE FOR LIBERTY.

HERE'S success to the Liberty League! We cannot see eye to eye with narrow visaged reformers who would legislate away the few pleasures and privileges of the working class. Moral reformers who would go so far as to take away the very cream of the people's hot Sundays wouldn't stop at anything. Give us broad-minded men like Colonel Machin, who is one of the leaders of the Liberty League movement, to make men better and happier by self-reliance and self-control rather than by Puritan laws and threats.

## THE CRIME-A.

THE Bolsheviks have been walloped out of the Crimea, says a Press Despatch; or, in the words of Honest John, the Crime has been taken out of the Crimea.

## ONE BIG FAILURE.

C. W. HUSTIN, an official of the United Mine Workers of America, is another wise man among the multitude proclaiming that the One Big Union is One Big Failure.



ALMOST THERE.

## PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION.

One of the keen minds constantly employed to advance Labor is that of A. E. Smythe, editor of the Toronto World. Mr. Smythe's pen and platform utterances have been most valuable educational contributions to Labor's cause. The one big idea upon which Mr. Smythe has spent much energy is proportional representation. One of the chief features of Parliamentary representation is the almost total lack of mechanics and laborers. The main body of Parliamentary representation is almost wholly made up of business and professional men—mainly lawyers. It is estimated that business and professional men are less than 17 per cent. of the population, but have more than 81 per cent. of the representation. The mechanics and laborers have nearly 87 per cent. of the population, but only half of one per cent. of the representation. Farmers have 46 1-2 per cent. of the population and a little over 18 per cent. of the representation. Proportional representation would have the effect of increasing the representation of farmers and urban hand-workers by means of their own kind, and it would be beneficial. It is not necessary that there should be occupational representation in the strict arithmetical sense. But it is in the interests of the country that all kinds of opinion and sentiment should be voiced, and occupation is probably a more potent cause of variety of opinion than geography.

## HALIFAX HAS PLENTY OF CONSTRUCTION.

The Board of Public Utilities at Halifax has made an order authorizing the issue by the Nova Scotia Tramways Company of \$1,000,000 seven per cent. three-year gold notes. The funds are to be used for track renewals, additional cars and equipment for power stations and extensions to the lines. Work has been in progress since the summer, and the renewal of the track from the foot of Spring Garden road to Tompkins street is to be actively pushed, and it is expected that in the undertaking for the tramway, the city itself will be engaged in street widening, and the cost of the work will be approximately \$500,000. The investigation shows that approximately 20 per cent. of the total income is all that the "average family" has left after making necessary expenditures for food, clothing, rent, light, heat and furniture. Out of this 20 per cent. surplus must come all costs of medicinal attendance, amusements, entertainments, donations to churches, education and miscellaneous expenses.

## COST OF LIVING FOR "AVERAGE" FAMILY.

A year's study by the United States Department of Labor of living conditions in that country shows that salaried family men of the \$2,500 class or less find saving the most difficult. According to the tabulations many families can show a surplus of only \$50 at the end of the year and that most show a deficit. Meanwhile the cost of living continues to soar. The investigation shows that approximately 20 per cent. of the total income is all that the "average family" has left after making necessary expenditures for food, clothing, rent, light, heat and furniture. Out of this 20 per cent. surplus must come all costs of medicinal attendance, amusements, entertainments, donations to churches, education and miscellaneous expenses.

## HERE'S TO WOMAN.

Once Our Superior Now Our Equal.

WHERE WOMEN VOTE. Women in France are petitioning for suffrage on the ground that the women vote in Great Britain, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Germany, Austria, Poland, Bohemia, United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. GIRLS WANT UNIONISM. At Meridian telephone girls have organized a 100 per cent. trade union. In Laurel, Miss., the telephone girls are also organized and the company offered them a series of social benefits if they would surrender their union cards. But the girls concluded to "run their own business."

## ONLY WOMAN MEMBER OF MACHINISTS.

As the only full-blooded woman member of the International Association of Machinists, Miss Hannah Black, of Glasgow, Scotland, attended the seventh annual biennial convention of the National Women's Trade Union League held recently in Philadelphia.

## PRIMARY CONSIDERATION.

Women should receive primary consideration at the hands of employers, declares Everett William Lord, dean of the College of Business Administration at the Boston University, and director of the United States Government Bureau of Employment. A mistaken "charitable impulse" on the part of men employers has been mainly responsible for woman's industrial disadvantage. They do not hold the women on an equal personal footing. But with the equalization of men and women politically, complete emancipation of women in the industrial field will follow as a natural sequence.

## SOLDIERS REPLACE WOMEN.

Steady reduction in the number of women employed in the industrial field is being reported in several countries. This is due to the fact that the government is calling up women to replace men who have been drafted into the army.

## INDEPENDENT LABOR PARTY TO LAUNCH FORWARD MOVEMENT.

Provincial Secretary Joseph T. Marks of the Independent Labor Party has issued the following circular: "Preparation is going on to lay systematic plans for the big forward movement to be launched by the Independent Labor Party to organize in every locality of the province where they do not at present exist, and in order to ensure the success of this new forward movement, it is absolutely necessary to secure the loyal co-operation of the many splendid branch associations that have done so much to make the I. L. P. the most aggressive working-class political movement that has ever existed in Ontario. "During the past two years the organization has earned its new recognized title of The Fighting Labor Party, and the result of its aggressive policy with volunteer workers and without a single salaried officer, lecturer or organizer in the field, has set a record which has not been equaled by any other political organization, past or present, in Canada. "With scores of branches stretching right across the province, the party is now in position to put up a campaign of education and organization such as up to this time would have been clearly impossible, and it is for this reason that the secretaries of the various local branches are urged to get in immediate touch with the provincial secretary, Joseph T. Marks, at Temple, 167 Church Street, Toronto, Ont. It is necessary that the local branch associations, one and all, vote heartily and aggressively with the provincial secretary and executive in order to ensure that the campaign shall be launched immediately all over the province. The plans being mapped out aim to have public mass meetings held not only in unorganized districts, but wherever a branch association of party members exists. "Large quantities of supplies and literature are also being provided. Workers and speakers are asked to volunteer their services to the branch secretaries, who will be expected to keep in constant touch with the provincial executive. This forward movement will not only give the party a new lease of life, but will practically be the launching of the party's election campaign. Steps are already being taken by the various branches to nominate their candidates for the coming provincial election, which may be brought on at the time of the taking of the referendum vote on prohibition. "There is no time to lose, and it is for that reason that the secretaries of the branch associations are requested, and urged, to get in touch with the provincial secretary as soon as possible. Remember, we desire without delay the names of workers and speakers who will volunteer to assist in pushing on the campaign, and the heartiest co-operation on the part of all the local branch associations and the entire membership to make this forward movement campaign an unqualified success."

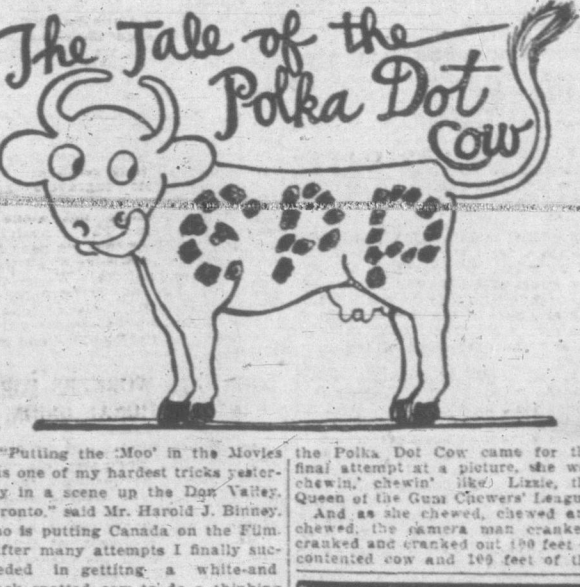
## FARMERS READY TO CO-OPERATE WITH LABOR.

In a recent letter to the secretary-treasurer of a Saskatchewan local of Grain Growers in reply to a request as to what procedure should be taken in respect to an invitation to join the O.B.U. Mr. Munnell's letter is as follows: "I have before me yours of the 26th instant, asking for my views on the One Big Union question, and stating that you as a local, have been asked to join the same. "In response I have to state that there must be a misunderstanding with regard to your request to join the One Big Union. This would not be possible since your association is not a labor union, and consequently could not join with labor unions; that is, you could not secure recognition if you sought for it. It would be as reasonable to speak of joining your local association to join the Methodist Church as a body as to speak of joining the One Big Union. "So far as my views of the One Big Union question are concerned, I am obliged to confess that they are not very clearly defined. So many conflicting opinions are expressed by those who are in close touch with the movement known by this name that it becomes exceedingly difficult to form a definite opinion on the actual facts. One or two highly important matters, however, are outstandingly clear. Quite a number of the most prominent leaders in this One Big Union movement have been themselves out and out for the overthrow of existing institutions and the establishment of the Soviet form of government. The leaders propose the confiscation of all private property, including farming land, and the establishment of a communist social order, and they openly advocate resorting to violence in order to impose their theories upon society. So far as these views are concerned, I am sure that they will receive no support from western grain growers. "Since the other day, there is much to be said in favor of the best elements in labor unionism for the establishment of a social order which will for ever prevent the exploitation of the many by the few, and in so far as the greater equalization of wealth and the establishment of equality of opportunity for the most prominent leaders in this movement, the grain growers of Canada will go the whole way with their brother working men in the cities so long as they resort only to the peaceful democratic method of persuading the majority to their way of thinking."—Edmonton Free Press.

## THE NEW SKIRT.

The latest skirt that Moll or Gert has bought is brought in. Has not much shape. We can't escape. That plain thought. It's simple cut is classic, but it outlives age. It seems a little sister to a coffee bus.

## BINNEY PUTS THE "MOO" IN THE MOVIES.



Putting the "Moo" in the Movies was one of my hardest tricks yesterday in a scene up the Dog Valley, Toronto, said Mr. Harold J. Binney, who is putting Canada on the Film. "After many attempts I finally succeeded in getting a white and black spotted cow to do a thinking part in the picture comedy entitled, 'Love and Ladies.' In a pastoral scene the scenario called for a gentle and refined cow to be operated by a milkmaid. Getting that cow to remain in the picture was as hard as keeping the hired girl home when the band strikes up a jazz tune. "Valley Of The Don. "It was a perfect day in the Valley of the Don. Little white cowboys cloude floated in the sky—and over yonder in the fields the men were laying hay. It was a wonderful calling of the movie picture industry for the young men and women who had come out from the stuffy offices in the city, to take a try at the movies. These applicants for positions in a real moving picture company came from every line of labor—clerks, mechanics, stenographers, designers of garments, bookkeepers, teachers, salesmen—all eager to enter into the more romantic life of the movie picture world. They were filled with the glamor of acting in a Canadian company, which is to be headed by some famous stars soon to come here from California. "The surroundings formed a marvellous 'back drop' for the picture. It might be noted on the map as a suburb of Paradise. The lady from Ireland, who is a clever designer with one of the big stores, said that it put her in mind of dear old Dublin. This is a picture then that ought to please Dan McCann and Pat Green. The doctor's wife from Ottawa thought that it was almost like over 'ome." And while the lady from Virginia, a school teacher, declared that it reminded her of one wonderful day on Mobile Bay—while the lady from England, a volunteer to assist in pushing on the campaign, and the heartiest co-operation on the part of all the local branch associations and the entire membership to make this forward movement campaign an unqualified success."

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most delightful love scene that Antie in the fifth row has ever seen. "Only shared Mr. Binney. "Good stuff! that just shows how difficult it is to get a scene that only takes a few minutes to run off on the screen. Now we're through for today. Pack up, jump into the cars and we'll be off 'er home. "As the motor cars pulled along the beautiful valley of the Don laughter floated up from boys paddling in the 'ole swimmin' hole." A little bird flew over the car of the leading 'dip' whistling, "Pretty-Pretty-Glee-ee!" "The picture was shown a splendid success. The audience was so large that cows were seen reclining in nature's rest room under a big tree. "Dye hear that?" says Jimmie. "There's a glad farewell from the Polka Dot Cow. Hear it! "MOO-MOO-VE-ON!" "And keep on MOO-MOO-ve-ee!"

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