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U.M.W.A. AND FOUR BROTHERHOODS ARE PLANNING TO UNITE

Alliance of the forces of the United Mine Workers of America and the four brotherhoods of the railroad workers will be perfected at the international convention of the miners in Columbus, O., next month.

This fact has been revealed by Thomas Kennedy, of Philadelphia, district president of District No. 7, United Mine Workers of America. The preliminary steps for the uniting of these two forces of labor have been completed in recent conferences between the leaders, and the steps will be reported on at the coming convention.

"BOILER PLATE" PROPAGANDA IS BAD FOR LABOR

New Slant on High Cost of Living and High Wages is Very Deceiving.

In an attempt to pave the way for a reduction of wages, an insidious campaign has been begun. It is gently feeling its way through the rural press and at times creeping into labor papers through "boiler plate" processes. This little soft-spoken propaganda is dangerous.

"Prompt reductions" are to be made in the prices of basic commodities and the cost of living "followed by a moderation of the wages of labor." This at the outset seems a concession. Hereafter the demand has been for a reduction of wages, first and a promise of a reduction in prices. This latest seems a new slant. It is notable, however, in this proposal that steel and building material are the first things mentioned as slated for reductions. Nothing about foods or rents.

Labor may well be on guard. The relative wage is the workers' safeguard. Lowering of prices of the necessities of life is desirable, but labor must see to it that the old order is reversed.

A relative wage must be preserved and extended. Conditions must be better, not worse. There must be no lowering of the standards of life of the workers.

NEW SOUTH WALES GOVT. TAKES OVER CONTROL OF COAL

Offense To Sell Coal At Higher Price Than That Set By Government.

In Melbourne, acting under regulations authorizing the prime minister to acquire and dispose of all coal mined in Australia, the commonwealth government has virtually taken control of the coal industry in New South Wales. Strikes have been averted and the wages of the coal miners increased by the action of the government.

The coal regulations were passed by the federal council, under the war precautions act and empower the government to control the sale and distribution of coal and to fix rates of wages to be paid the miners.

The government is authorized to acquire all the coal mined in New South Wales and to set the price at which coal purchased from stocks belonging to the commonwealth may be sold. It is made an offense to sell coal at any higher price than that fixed by the government.

The object of the coal regulations was to insure the continuous operation of the coal mines and avert a disastrous strike. The agreement under which the miners get higher wages was approved by the great majority of the workers.

BATTLE CREEK OWN-YOUR-OWN-HOME CAMPAIGN STARTS

One of the cities that is now working enthusiastically in support of the "Own your own home" movement started by the United States Department of Labor, is Battle Creek, Mich.

The chamber of commerce of that city supplies plans for builders and is now finding that five-room bungalows with a great deal of closet room find favor with most women. One of these plans, which provides for quantity construction, contains not only all modern conveniences, but includes many artistic ideas. It has a living room 12 by 16 feet with hardwood floor and large double windows. Special attention has been given to lighting and emphasis is placed on good material and substantial construction.

The fact that architects and contractors are now recognizing the importance of closets and other conveniences that appeal to women, whose workshop is the home is pointed out as one of the evidences of progress toward a time when men and women will co-operate more fully in all that pertains to domestic comfort and domestic economy.

NIGHT WORK IN BAKERIES OPPOSED

A committee appointed by the minister of labor at London, Eng., has reported in favor of prohibiting bakery work between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. Exceptions are made in the case of dough mixers, oven foremen and where men are employed to meet the requirements of the week-end trade.

OFFICIAL ORGAN U.M.W.A. AGAINST ONE BIG UNION

Frantic Efforts Being Made By O.B.U. to "Pass the Buck" to U.M.W.A.

The August 15th issue of the United Mine Workers' Journal comes out strong and denounces the action of the O.B.U. in misrepresenting the U.M.W.A. The following is what the official organ of the U.M.W.A. has to say in regard to the activities of the O.B.U. in District 18:

"Judging from reports that reach the International headquarters, frantic efforts are being made by members of the 'One Big Union' to pass the buck" to the United Mine Workers for the miserable failure that the outlaw organization made of its attempt to fasten itself upon the working people of Canada. When it was learned that district officials of District 18, United Mine Workers, had joined the "One Big Union" and that that organization was seeking to undermine and disrupt the United Mine Workers in Alberta, John L. Lewis, acting International president, promptly revoked the charter of the district, and the district ceased to exist as a unit of the International union.

Since the failure of the general strike which "One Big Union" pulled off in Alberta, the miners who were involved asked the Canadian government to permit them to return to work under their old agreement, but the government refused to agree to this unless the International union of the United Mine Workers would undertake to guarantee that the agreement would be carried out.

The International union declined to guarantee anything in regard to the conduct of members of a dual organization.

The following telegram from J. B. McLachlan, secretary of District 26, Nova Scotia, was received at the International headquarters on August 7: Glace Bay, N.S., August 7, 1919. John L. Lewis, President, United Mine Workers of America, Indianapolis, Indiana.

E. Browne complains bitterly to us that International union has six men in District 18 preventing settlement of strike in order to eliminate adherents of One Big Union. Asking Nova Scotia miners to take action.

J. B. McLACHLAN, Secretary District 26. Acting President Lewis sent the following telegram to Secretary McLachlan in reply:

Indianapolis, Ind., August 8, 1919. J. B. McLachlan, Care United Mine Workers, Glace Bay, Nova Scotia.

Received message relative statements E. Browne. International union has commissioned three members International Board in full charge affairs District 18. District charter has been revoked by International organization because of action of district officers in supporting and accepting membership in One Big Union. Furthermore, district officers permitted referendum vote of membership be taken on question of affiliation with this dual organization which seeks to supplant and destroy United Mine Workers of America. Section 2, Article XIV, International constitution, is plain and definite relating to dual organizations and spirit and letter of law will be strictly enforced by International union. Statement International representatives are preventing settlement of strike is erroneous. Dominion government notified International union request had been made by men in District 18 to return to work under old agreement. Before granting such arrangement, government asked International union to guarantee enforcement of contract provisions by district officers. This we are unable to do for men who hold allegiance to another union and in consequence thereof charter was revoked. Our representatives are now making every effort to stabilize situation with view of restoring operations and protecting interests of loyal members of our organization. I trust officers and members of District 26 will not give aid or comfort to any representatives of this so-called One Big Union which has brought confusion to our organization in Northwest and woe and misery to its membership.

JOHN L. LEWIS. It might be well right here to reproduce Section 2 of Article XIV of the International constitution, which was referred to by Acting President Lewis in his telegram, because it is clear in covering this case and should be read by every member. It is as follows: "Any member accepting membership in the Industrial Workers of the World, the Working Class Union or any other dual labor organization not affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, shall be expelled from membership in the United Mine Workers of America and no members of any such organization shall be permitted to have membership in our union unless they forfeit their membership in the dual organization immediately upon securing membership in the United Mine Workers of America."

The action taken by the International union in revoking the charter of District 18 was directly in accord with the above provision of the International constitution. The International union does propose, however, to protect the interests of those miners who are loyal members of the United Mine Workers.—United Mine Workers Journal.

BOSTON POLICE ORGANIZE UNION; RECEIVE CHARTER

Ninety per cent of the patrolmen connected with the police department of Boston have formed a union and others are expected to be enrolled soon. The new organization has received its charter from the American Federation of Labor according to a statement by the union organizer. This statement was in reply to an order of Police Commissioner Curtis forbidding members of the police department to affiliate with outside organizations except those composed of war veterans.

PROFITS MUST BE LIMITED, SAYS A BRISBANE JUDGE

No Regulation Over Manufacturers and Retailers and This is the Leak.

Wages can not be stabilized until profits are limited, is the view of Justice McCawley, president of the industrial arbitration court, at Brisbane, Australia, in his sugar industry award.

The government sets the prices which sugar cane producers may sell their products. This is based on the cost of production, the government fixing the price for which the workers shall sell their labor power.

There is no regulation over manufacturers and retailers and this is the leak, according to Justice McCawley, who says:

"Unless the efforts of the industrial courts to give fair wages are supplemented by some system which will enable the employe to be supplied with food and clothing at what it costs to produce and distribute them efficiently, the discontent of the employe must grow. The sweater may have gone, but the profiteer is still with us."

EDMONTON WILL HAVE CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE SOON

Some Speakers of World-wide Reputation To Be Here Then.

Edmonton is to be favored with a series of meetings covering five days, from the 11th to the 15th of September. The nature of the meetings will be a Conference on the Scripture Truths which compose the body of teaching belonging to the evangelical faith. Some of the speakers are of world wide reputation, such as Rev. A. C. Dixon, D.D., of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, England. Dr. Dixon is known as one of the World's famed ministers, and is held in high esteem on both sides of the sea; and Rev. W. B. Riley, D.D., who is superintendent of the Northwestern Bible Training School, Minneapolis, and who is also president of the World Conference on Christian Fundamentals, which met the last week of May, 1919, in Philadelphia. Prominent men that are great outstanding preachers of the American continent are identified with the movement, such as Rev. W. H. Griffith Thomas, D.D., Rev. C. I. Scofield, D.D., Rev. I. W. Munhall, D.D., Rev. Robert Spear, D.D., etc.

Immediately after the first conference was held, calls came in from seventy different cities in the States and Canada for similar conferences, and delegations of some of their strongest and ablest preachers were arranged to visit in groups the different centres, and Edmonton being in line with the North West itinerary is now promised the services of the following distinguished men: Rev. W. B. Riley, D.D., Rev. A. C. Dixon, D.D., Rev. J. C. Masee, D.D., Rev. Harris Gregg, D.D., Rev. C. A. Blanchard, D.D., Rev. Henry Ostrom, D. D. Mr. Arthur W. McKee will have charge of the song services.

The necessary arrangements for the forth-coming conference are being enthusiastically entered into by a large and growing number of interested and sympathetic citizens, and the plans outlined are being energetically pushed forward. At the last business meeting which was held in the First Baptist church, it was observed that the gathering was representative of the church life of the city about seventy-five being present. The gathering was characterized by much earnestness, and an evident spirit of harmony prevailed, which the officers think augurs well for the future success of the conference. The following officers and committees were appointed: Chairman, W. T. Ash; Vice Chairman, Rev. A. W. Coone, Rev. E. McDonagan, W. J. Magrath, J. M. Armstrong, G. F. McNally, W. E. Nobles, A. Whitlaw, A. J. Davidson, W. J. Scott, Rev. G. A. Clarke, Mrs. Clyde MacDonald, G. E. Hayward; Secretary, C. G. Sheldon, 201 McLeod Bldg. Phone 2258; Treasurer, J. M. Armstrong; Finance Committee, R. L. Greene, chairman; T. M. Turnbull, W. J. Magrath, W. E. Nobles, A. J. Davidson, J. M. Armstrong, J. H. MacDonald; Publicity Committee, Rev. J. A. James, chairman; H. H. Hull, Rev. C. H. McClellan, Rev. W. H. Pike, Geo. Cooper, E. W. Moorhouse, T. R. Turnbull, C. T. M. Safford, A. W. Coone; Business Committee, Officers and Chairman of other committees.

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