

# Labor News From Coast to Coast

## NO BETTER SHOES ANYWHERE THAN ARE MADE IN CANADA

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all the requirements of the home market but a large surplus as well. Exchange conditions and high tariffs imposed by other countries and the tremendous quantity output in the United States practically exclude Canadian-made shoes from export markets. Consequently, the Canadian manufacturers must depend almost entirely upon the home trade. If that trade be supplied to any important extent by imported footwear, it must mean less business available to the Canadian plants, a higher cost of production per pair, and increased prices to the Canadian people. In the case of an industry so highly competitive as shoe manufacturing in Canada, there is absolutely no conflict of interests in regard to tariff protection. The interests of all demand adequate tariff duties as a protection to the Canadian industry and as a protection to the Canadian public.

## PRUSSIANISM and PROHIBITION

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the limits of human life as it is, and of the possibilities open to rulers and lawgivers, we dare not contemplate the opening of the dykes which hold in the dark waters of popular will and passion. The true objects of government and social organization are to be sought in another sphere. We do not aim at training the natural man to be free. We aim at training him for the use of an authority higher and wiser than himself. We aim at creating material and spiritual conditions which shall turn his ignorance into knowledge, his weakness into sociable strength, and his want of discipline into firm and confident obedience. We aim at making out of lonely and capricious units, each with its own private fancies and inclinations, with its infinitely various dispositions and capacities, of which in its own narrow field it is powerless to make good use, an army, steady, self-controlled, homogeneous, invincible, a fit instrument to achieve the highest purposes of the Creator. Thus we give to each man, not what the West calls freedom—for such freedom, as all history proves, only breeds weakness and anarchy—but something which we think worthier of that great word, the freedom that the angels know, the freedom which consists, not in individual initiative or decision or assent, not in the achievement of self-chosen purposes, but in the perfect service of a righteous and revered authority.

## Warns Against Outlaw Strikes

Inefficient Walkouts Step Towards Crashing Wage Scales and Lowered Standards of Living

Unofficial or outlaw strikes are the first steps towards industrial chaos, crashing wage scales and lowered standards of living, is the emphatic warning against outlaw strikes given by the British General Federation of Trade Unions, in its twenty-fifth annual report, issued in behalf of the Management Committee by W. A. Apleton, secretary.

"It is impossible to conclude the report without some reference to unofficial strikes. Not all the fault lies with the men," reads the report, which in part follows:

"Irritating and dilatory tactics on the part of some employers accentuate antagonisms that undoubtedly exist. A little more expedition, a little more frankness on the part of those who control and direct industry, would make the task of the official who is really a trade unionist, much lighter than it is to-day.

### Must Keep Agreements

"The founders of trade unions always looked upon the strike as the last weapon; the modern protagonist acts as if it were the first. Possibly some of those who promote the unofficial or the so-called lightning strike are actuated by the best motives, or they may be craftsmen suffering under obvious grievances, but, generally speaking, wherever a motive is discernible it is a personal or at least a non-trade union motive.

### Common Arrangement

"Trade unionism cannot exist apart from trading and collective bargaining. The originating and dominant principle of trade unionism is common arrangement in respect of wages, hours and conditions, and this is impossible apart from the existence of collective authority. The unofficial strike is, therefore, the first stepping stone towards industrial chaos, towards crashing wage rates and lowered standards of living.

"Some of the recent unofficial strikes of this character have been examples of folly and selfishness rather than of solidarity and sympathy. It may have been the intention of those who engineered sympathetic strikes to give assistance to other sections of workers, but if their actions hurt ten times as many workers as it benefits, it savors very much of the practice of cutting off one's nose to spite one's face.

### Is Anti-Social

"Another tragedy of the unofficial strike as recently practiced is the misery which it sympathetically inflicts upon other trade unionists. Some leaders of these strikes have spoken contemptuously of the general public. Well, ninety per cent. of the general public are workers, and to the extent that they are inconvenienced and prejudiced the unofficial strike is anti-social."

## Theatre Workers Fight for Increase

Saskatoon, Sask.—The Empire Theatre of this city is fighting with the stage hands on the question of wages. Local stage hands demand an increase of wages and certain alterations in working conditions. The

## Many Men Unemployed in Poland

Warsaw, Poland.—Unemployment is stalking through Poland since the attempted stabilization of the currency. Just as in Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and other countries, the minute stabilization takes place, many businesses that kidded themselves they were making money when they took in worthless paper are going bankrupt.

The industries of Poland are working only part time. If at all. Of 200,000 workers in industry, 22 per cent. are working 6 days a week, 22 per cent. 5 days, 27 per cent. 4 days, the rest only 3 days and less.

## Nickle Demands Trial by Jury

Not Judge Alone in Home Bank Case

Toronto.—Attorney-General Nickle said recently that he would insist on the conspiracy charges against the Home Bank directors and officials, which come under the criminal code, being tried before a jury. The disposed of the question of the right of the accused to be tried by a judge in respect of the Bank act charges, by the decision of the judicial committee of the privy council, leaves the way open to the crown to proceed with the conspiracy indictments as soon as arrangements can be made. Except for unseem developments, the conspiracy charge will come up for trial in its regular order at the fall assizes.

## C.L.P. Honors Aid. Lawrence

Communists' Secretary Heads Party

London, Ont.—John A. MacDonald, of Toronto, vice-president of the Ontario section of the Canadian Labor Party and secretary of the Communist Party of Canada, was elected president of the Canadian Labor Party by acclamation at the annual meeting held here recently. Alderman Samuel Lawrence, of Hamilton, was elected vice-president, and James Simpson, Toronto, was reappointed secretary-treasurer, also by acclamation. Delegate Kavanagh, of Vancouver, refused to consider the nomination for the vice-presidency. "I would be chairman of the soviets, but not of this party," Delegate Kavanagh declared in declining the nomination.

The conference as a whole was enlivened by several skirmishes between what is called in the Trades and Labor Congress, the right and left wings being represented mainly by Secretary Simpson, and Delegate MacDonald, respectively. The latter was one of those who urged the calling of a regular convention of the Canadian Labor Party, as it was felt that taking a few hours off from the Dominion Trades Congress deliberations, as has been done for the last three years, did not give the Canadian Labor Party delegates time to get through much business.

"We might hold such a convention and have a fair attendance if our delegates were contented to travel via the side-door Pullmans, as our Communist friends are," Secretary Simpson suggested. "But you must remember that we are facing the same difficulty every other young organization faces."



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