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FEDERATION OF LABOR MEETING

Delegates at Fredericton Urge Free School Books, Assistant for Factory Inspector and Mothers' Pension Act.

Fredericton, May 14—The New Brunswick Federation of Labor this afternoon appointed a committee to wait upon the legislative committee of the house of assembly and interview it in regard to legislation of interest to the federation. The committee is composed of the following: President J. L. Sugrue, chairman; delegates, Tighe, McKinnon, Bruce, Ryan, Steeves, Harrison and Crawford. This committee will interview the legislative committee at 11 o'clock tomorrow.

This afternoon the convention formally opened. In the absence of Mayor Mitchell, who is in Edmundston, Ald. Joseph Walker welcomed the delegates.

Rev. W. D. Wilson, chief inspector under the prohiibtory act, also delivered an address. Mr. Wilson was formerly interested in labor movements in Scotland and spoke upon labor subjects. He concluded his remarks by asking the federation to support in every way the enforcement of the prohibitory act.

To these addresses President Sugrue replied.

Consideration of resolutions presented to the federation occupied the attention of the convention at the afternoon session. They were passed, as follows:

1. Opposing as class legislation the legislation promoted by the city of Moncton for the imposition of a tax of one per cent per head upon the persons attending picture shows and other places of amusement.

2. Favoring the system of proportional representation on the ground of the recognition of the right of a minority to be represented in legislative bodies and petitioning the provincial government to put such a system into effect.

3. Demanding that motormen and street railway conductors be given instruction by competent persons for a period not less than fourteen days before being placed at work.

4. Asking for amendment of the existing factory act or a new act on the ground that the existing act is ineffective and totally inadequate in the matter of the employment of women and children, the imposition of penalties and other matters.

5. Asking that additional provincial officials, one of whom shall be a woman, be appointed to lighten the duties of the present factory inspector who is required to attend to too many duties, viz: Inspection of factories, theatres, hotels, fire escapes, etc., examination of engineers, etc., enforcement of the factory act.

6. Free school books up to grade 8.

That the law relative to the securing of wages from employers of labor by the process of law when it becomes necessary to obtain alien be amended so as to eliminate expense and guarantee payment without recourse to law.

8. That the provincial government be memorialized to provide that the union label be used on all government printing as a guarantee of fair working conditions.

9. That all delegates demand union labels on the goods they purchase and urge their memberships to do the same.

10. That the provincial government work out the detail and place on the statute book as soon as possible a mothers' pension act which will provide pensions for mothers in families in which the bread winner has died. A fund being set aside for the purpose of providing for pensions adequate for the maintainance of such widows and their children without the children being placed in an institution.

Tonight the visiting delegates are being entertained by the labor organizations of Fredericton. As the annual sessions are held in Fredericton, the capital of the province, the charter of the federation has been ordered framed and placed upon the walls of the local labor hall.

BOYS FOR WORK ON THE FARMS

Two Hundred from City Offer to Give Services—Address by Dr. Carter.

Pupils of the High school and of Grade VIII. from several schools, yesterday, assembled in the hall of the High school building to listen to an explanation of the Greater Production campaign, and the share which they might take in the movement. After a banjo solo by R. D. Massey of Grade X., W. J. S. Myles introduced the principal speaker, Dr. W. S. Carter, superintendent of education for New Brunswick. Dr. Carter expressed his pleasure at the size of the assembly and stated the purpose of the meeting, which was to explain the attitude of the board of education towards boys and girls who wish to help their country in this great crisis. It had been estimated that if transportation were delayed for ninety days, the armies on the French front would starve. The boys may help to avert such a catastrophe, by assisting in ensuring a sufficient crop this year. But this will mean self-sacrifice and unselfishness and probably will interfere with plans for vacation. The boys are asked to bear their share and to stick to their jobs as long as possible. He warned them not to expect too much remuneration for their services. The work is not done for money, but that by their labors, the crops might be made more plentiful and the privations less.

The remaining speakers of the occasion carried out the thoughts of the first address and were well received by the scholars. Among those who spoke were E. A. Schofield, Rev. Mr. McKeigan, Mayor Hayes, Inspector McLean, R. E. Armstrong, Dr. H. S. Bridges, Dr. Bridges mentioned that so far the call had received a satisfactory answer. Seventy had put in their names from the High school ,thirty-five from Winter street, and from fifteen to twenty from each of the following: Dufferin, Alexander, King Edward, Victoria and Albert, making a total of about 200. During the afternoon a pleasing quartette was rendered by four of the High school pupils, led by Miss Greta Trentowsky. They were Miss Greta Trentowsky, Miss Evelyn Currie, Ira Pidgeon and Joseph Moore. The meeting closed with the national anthem.

The effort to enlist city men to aid the farmers in the production of larger crops is taking definite form. The board of trade, which is taking the lead in the matter, is sending out circulars to the larger employers of labor in the city asking their co-operation in securing men for this work.

BURNS HIMSELF TO DEATH.

Fredericton, N. B., May 14—Marvin Thomas, a resident of Fredericton Junction, aged about sixty years, was burned to death at that place Saturday night. It is believed that he set fire to the house himself while insane as he had been showing signs of mental derangement for some time. When his body was discovered in the cellar it was burned beyond recognition. Coroner George A. Perley went to the scene of the tragedy but decided that an inquest was not necessary. Mrs. Thomas and her three sons were not at home when the tragedy occurred, the boys having been driven out of the house by their father, and his wife having left to secure help from the authorities.

Another Invasion Plot

Detroit, May 14—Fritz Neef, general manager of a local electrical concern, was arrested today charged with having conspired to plan a military expedition against Canada. It is understood that an indictment against Neef was returned by the federal grand jury last Thursday, and it is believed that the grand jury took action after listening to testimony regarding Albert Kaltschmidt of Detroit, who is being held to answer a similar charge.

Kaltschmidt, a prominent business man, is alleged to have plotted to destroy the Windsor, Ontario, armory and other buildings. Neef is a relative of Kaltschmidt.

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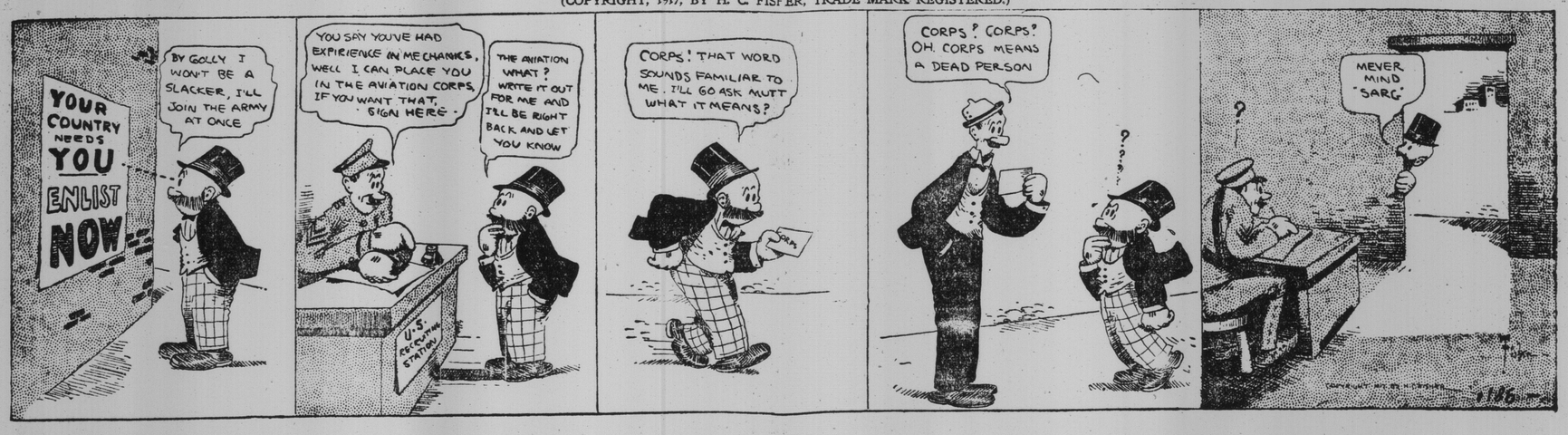
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