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A total of 26,438 Canadian trade unionists, besides 692 reservists who had rejoined their regiments on the outbreak of the war, enlisted for military service, as stated in the eighth annual report of Labor Organization in Canada, issued by the Department of Labor, which says:

"The efforts of the Canadian and United States governments in raising money for the furthering of their war activities have also been supported by the labor organizations operating on the North American continent. From returns received in the department it is learned that the international bodies subscribed \$753,600 to Canadian war loans and \$37,496,388 to United States bonds, a total of \$38,249,988. Two of the purely Canadian labor bodies subscribed for a total of \$14,700 of the Dominion issues.

BRITISH FIRM
LAYS OUT ESTATE
FOR WORKPEOPLE

Before Houses Were Provided
Labor Turnover was 400 Per
Cent. Now it is Nil.

The contention that it is the "duty" of large employers of labor to provide decent housing for their workers has been freely combated. Another argument is coming to the fore, that is likely to be more convincing because it is based on practical considerations, namely, that it is greatly to their advantage. One manufacturer who has adopted this method of "prosperity sharing" has confessed that, whereas before housing accommodation was provided, the labor turnover was 400 per cent., at present it is practically nil and labor unrest is a thing of the past.

It is being proved also that the new method of housing workers is susceptible of important economies and the creation of amenities and conveniences for home life such as have been hitherto the privilege of the rich.

The engineering firm of Ruston and Hornsby, Lincoln, Eng., have acquired an estate of 370 acres, near Lincoln, in the vicinity of a lake, known as the swanpool, and are there building an industrial garden suburb with provision for 3,000 houses. The estate is being laid out on "garden city" lines, with ample provision for shops, schools, institutes, recreation grounds, allotment gardens and other amenities. The housing will be managed on co-partnership principles and will not be confined to the employees of the firm.

One feature has special interest. It is proposed to carry out from a central station a communal supply of electricity and hot water for domestic purposes. It is claimed by the engineers that great economy may be secured by combining the production of electricity with the utilization of waste heat from the generating plant for the supply of hot water, which will be circulated among all the houses throughout the area. The development has already begun and some of the houses are ready for occupation.

"LABOR OMNIA
VINCIT" IS MOTTO
FOR ALL WORKERS

Labor Has Met Every Onslaught
Against It With Calm and
Dignified Resistance.

It must be apparent ere this to those who have engineered attack after attack against organized Labor that their endeavors to cause the workers of the country to become panic stricken and abandon their efforts to improve their conditions have failed miserably. Labor, placed on the defensive, has met every onslaught hurled against it with calm, dignified but firm resistance that its opponents are floundering about, scarcely knowing where next to attack.

Not only has labor successfully resisted all attempts to break its forces, but it ranks have been so augmented that it is ready to take the offensive in waging warfare in the interests of justice and freedom for the great mass of those who toil.

Never in its history has the American Labor movement been so bitterly assailed than since the signing of the armistice. The courts, legislatures, both State and National, executives and subsidized press have all had their fling at us. The military, including the State "Cossacks," have been brought into action to put down legitimate attempts of workers to compel their employers to treat fairly with them, but to no avail.

Labor has returned to the fray stronger than ever, and with renewed vigor met and defeated those who in their frenzy have apparently lost all sense of reason in dealing with the problems now confronting us as a people.

As has been repeatedly pointed out, the responsibility for the greater part of the industrial unrest in the country is due to the failure of the Government to adopt some program to meet the critical situation which all knew was bound to arise during the period of readjustment after the close of hostilities.

The eleventh hour attempt of the President's first Industrial Conference failed, because Labor declined to surrender those things that are fundamental to its very existence, and which the employers' delegates to the Conference refused to recognize.

Whether the present Industrial Conference will be more successful remains to be seen. A careful reading of its preliminary statement fails to disclose that the Conference has endorsed the right of collective bargaining, as outlined by Samuel Gompers at the first conference, and unless this is done, any program finally adopted will not meet with the approval of organized Labor.

Just now the Senate and House conferees on the Cummins Bill and Esch Bill are deadlocked, and it is safe to say that all attempts to pass a railroad bill containing anti-strike legislation will fail.

Due to the strenuous opposition of organized Labor the Sterling-Graham Anti-Reduction Bill will, undoubtedly, fail to pass the House, at least in its present form.

These are just a few examples of how effectively organized Labor has defended itself against attacks from without. In the meantime the American Labor movement has been equally successful in combatting the attempts of its enemies, through paid hirelings, to bore from within; and the charges that organized Labor has passed to the control of an irresponsible element—commonly referred to as "Reds"—have fallen so flat that this line of attack has apparently been abandoned entirely.

The outlook for the future is not in the least discouraging. Our cause is just and cannot fail. Over 4,000,000 members are enrolled under the banner of the American Federation of Labor. The railroad brotherhoods have a membership of fully 500,000. The membership of the farmers' organizations is numbered in the hundreds of thousands. Closer relationship is being established among these great bodies of citizens, and in the face of such an alliance the enemies of Labor may well tremble.

The Machinists Association, one of the largest organizations affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, has been in the midst of the fight waged in behalf of the workers, and is proud of its record in this respect. That organization is nearing the 400,000 mark and an effort is being made to bring within their fold every man and woman eligible to membership. Faith in the association and being true to all obligations, and "Labor Omnia Vincit" for a motto in the great humanitarian forward movement, will put to rout those whose chief aim in the past has been the exploitation of the workers for private gain.—Machinists' Journal.

GENEVA CONGRESS
OF INTERNATIONAL
ADJOURNED TO JULY 31

The Acting Committee of the International met in London on Saturday December 20, and decided to adjourn to July 31 the Geneva International Congress that was to have met in February. It further summarized its policy in five demands for (1) The early ratification of the Peace Treaties; (2) An early meeting of the League of Nations in order to paralyze secret diplomacy; (3) The conclusion of peace between Russia and the rest of Europe, with the abolition of all blockades; (4) The creation of an International Economic Council, with Labor representation; (5) An International loan, in order to meet immediate necessities in food and raw materials.

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Editor Free Press:

I notice an article published in the Searchlight, Calgary, written by a certain individual well known to us all, and who has been a member of our International Union. He has for months done all that he could to break up our union and put forth every effort to establish what is called the One Big Union.

To start off in his write up he slanders a certain newspaper of this city as wanting to make profit out of anything and everything, even to a shoe lace.

I will mention briefly a few things he dared to say. "That some brothers of our union have to go about the repair tracks and tell dirty lies in order to keep our membership together." I confute this statement as being false, for there is not a brother in our union who would lower himself to do such a thing.

He says it is a waste of money paying into an organization out-of-date and not capable of coping with present conditions. We know perfectly well conditions are not what they ought to be, but we fail to see where the O.B.U. will better conditions. To us the institution is as the fleeting cloud which appears to disappear.

Their methods are not agreed with by right thinking men. They are ignored by every railway company of the Dominion. Remember this, it was not through the O.B.U. we got our raise of pay, but they rather stood off and threw mud, while we, the United Brotherhood, stood at our posts, and our representatives at Ottawa stayed with the situation until it was accomplished. Now they enjoy their raise of pay for which we labored and think they are entitled to it.

I can truthfully say our local union is in splendid condition, twelve new members having signed up at our last meeting, and quite a number of the O.B.U. members coming back to us again. We welcome those who acknowledge their mistake.

A Brother of B. R. C. of A.
Local 398

CO-OPERATIVE BAKERY
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The Co-operative Consumers' Bakery of Los Angeles now bakes as high as 2200 loaves of bread daily. According to the Los Angeles Record, through this bakery 30,000 Jews have been freed from the profiteering of the private bakers.

This bakery was organized in January, 1919, with 500 share-holders. It began by selling 500 loaves per day. It retails its output at 12c a loaf at the bakery, also through 30 groceries throughout the city, to whom it sells at 10½c per loaf.

No dividends have been paid since the organization started. All profits have been kept in the business. And the manager, Mr. Partner, says that so devoted are the share-holders to the principle involved that they would willingly stand heavy assessments to continue its work.

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