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**Shipbuilding in the United Kingdom Paralyzed**

London, April 25.—At a meeting held in Carlisle the shipbuilding employers decided to order a lock-out in every shipbuilding yard in the United Kingdom. This action is in accordance with the announcement made by the Federation on April 15, when they said unless the ship workmen on the north-east coast who went on strike the middle of January, resumed work by April 25, all the shipbuilding yards in the country would be closed down. This decision was reached after a five hours' conference at which representatives of the unions urged that the strike in the north-east coast be submitted to arbitration. The employers declined to discuss this proposal, insisting the north-east strikers return to work at reduced wages.

**SOCIALISM**

This Column is assigned to the use of Socialists, and the Editor will be pleased to publish articles on Socialism at any time. All correspondence under this head should be addressed to Bert Letters, Box 4, City.

**FOREWORD**

As this is a union paper I presume that I have union men for readers, and as a union man myself I plead for a hearing. You have heard of Socialism; and for some reason or other you do not like it. You have been told that it stands for Anarchism, confiscation, free love and a thousand other things, in fact anything, but what it really does stand for, viz.: The Brotherhood of Man. You have been told that it is revolutionary. But have not got your information from a good source. Has it been given to you by a Socialist? If you wanted to obtain a knowledge of unionism, would you go to the proprietor of an open shop? You would not, you would go to a Union man. Then why not do the same when you investigate Socialism. Do not take a version from party persons and paid politicians. Take it from a Socialist.

You are a union man, and the very fact of you being one shows that you have part of that ideal to which Socialists are striving. Nay, more, you are a Socialist whether you know it or not, whether you own it or not, whether you like it or not. If you are not a Socialist, you are an individualist, and as you cannot be an individualist and a trade unionist, you must of necessity be a Socialist.

Let me explain. I am a carpenter getting 50 cents an hour, and that is the cheapest rate at which I can sell my labor. A movement is started to raise the scale to 55 cents an hour. Individually I am satisfied with 50 cents per hour, but as the majority of my fellow workers want 55 cents, I join in the demand. The employers will not grant the advance and a meeting is called to discuss the propriety of a strike to enforce a demand, with which as an individual I do not agree. I am contented with the old scale, or at least am unwilling to strike for more. I express this view at the meeting and vote against a strike. The majority, however, decide to strike. Now what is my position? If I conform to the will of the majority where is my individual right to do as I like with my own labor. If, on the other hand, I exercise my individual right and sell my labor at the old price, and with which I am satisfied, what happens? I am stigmatised as a "rat" and a "scab," shunned by my former associates and expelled from the union. What for, for being an individualist, and for simply doing as I wish with my own labor.

No individualist can be a trade unionist. Nor may I sell my labor to whom I like, I cannot work in an open shop.

Nor may I sell as much of my labor as I like, as there are restrictions upon overtime, and I must conform to them.

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I do not suggest that unionism is pure and undiluted Socialism. No it is not good enough. What I claim is that the same spirit animates the two. Both are anti-individualistic, and it is so far from Socialism that no earnest trade Unionist can be anti-Socialistic. If you will be but con-

principles to all the concerns of life, you will find that you will call the Socialist, brother.

That is my proposition, that there is practically no difference between a union man and a Socialist. Socialism is an extension of the principles of Unionism.—B. L.

**Another Legal Decision**

Recently labor unions have had injunction after injunction piled upon them, but it rested with the Massachusetts' chief legal luminary to out-taft Taft in a decision handed down early in this month at Boston. Read his rulings:

"That the labor unions have no right to decide an individual grievance between employer and employee.

"No right to strike against an open shop or go on sympathetic strike.

"No right to force an employer to submit to a delegate body of employees in dispute.

"That the present rules of labor unions governing their investigation into strikes are illegal."

Upon only one point does Justice Knowlton agree with the majority in the opinion; that is:

"That a strike to compel a closed shop, instituted to accomplish merely that one purpose, would not be justifiable."

The decision is the result of a suit brought by the members of nine contracting and building firms doing business in Lynn against the Building Trades Council of that city and several local unions, the carpenters, plumbers, sheet metal workers, painters, decorators and paper hangers, and the steam fitters and helpers.

"A strike resulted from the posting of an open shop rule, May 1, '06."

**Local and General**

The builders of Halifax have refused to grant the demand of the Bricklayers for an eight hour day. About twenty-five men who have recently been employed went on strike.

The Hon. Thomas Price, Labor Prime Minister of Australia, and a stonemason by trade, recently paid a visit to London, Eng., and received a hearty welcome from the working men of the old country.

As the result of an intimation to reduce wages ten per cent. in all the cotton mills in the province of Quebec, the Textile Workers' Union has called out all the mule spinners of the province. This will practically tie up all the mills of the province.

The Dominion Executive of the Trades Congress of Canada has been notified that the position of vice president of the Alberta executive has been declared vacant owing to the holder of that position, John F. Leheny, having gone over to the anarchists.

Unless a radical reform is made, the experimental convict camp at the Meskill rock quarry, state of Washington, will be abandoned. It is estimated that convict labor costs \$2.62 a day. Laborers can be hired for less money, and three hired laborers will do more work than five convicts.

The work in the building trades in Winnipeg is very quiet. The old schedule is still in force as the unions have members at work. There are more men and less work than ever before at this time of the year, but the position is not very acute as the mechanic immigration this year is infinitely less than in former years.

The Farmers' Progressive League, an association of producers in the Senoma valley, California, and north of there, has endorsed the proposition advanced some time since that farmers, laboring men and general wage earners combine with a view to securing legislation not only beneficial to the three classes named, but

Keir Hardie's return to his labors in the British House of Commons was not allowed to pass unnoticed. As he was taking his seat the labor men and the Irishmen broke into a loud and hearty cheer, evidently much to the surprise of the government bench and other parties in the house.

Quebec, May 2.—Following the postponing of the notice of the proposed ten per cent. decrease in wages in the cotton mills at Montmorency, a mass meeting of the operatives has been held, after an interview with the manager, Mr. Daniels, who declared that he was not responsible for the change, which was ordered from Montreal, owing to the losses caused by the lower prices of British make goods and the disastrous competition resulting therefrom. The men were at first determined to leave work, declaring that they had only worked for about four days per week during the winter, and that there was nothing to be gained by working six days for four days pay. Finally it was resolved, however, to await the course of events for the present, and resolutions were adopted strongly urging the executive of the Federation of Textile Workers of Canada to do everything to persuade the manufacturers not to put the reduced scale of wages into operation at present, and also to ask the execu-

tive to urge as strongly as it can upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier the necessity of more effectually protecting the Canadian produced cottons from the ruinous effects of foreign competition.



ANY even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, excepting 8 and 26, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

Application for entry must be made in person by the applicant at a Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-agency for the district in which the land is situated. Entry by proxy may, however, be made at an Agency on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of an intending homesteader.

The homesteader is required to perform the homestead duties under one of the following plans:

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year for three years.

(2) A homesteader may, if he so desires, perform the required residence duties by living on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eighty (80) acres in extent, in the vicinity, such homesteader may perform his own residence duties by living with the father (or mother).

(3) The term "vicinity" in the two preceding paragraphs is defined as meaning not more than nine miles in a direct line, exclusive of the width of road allowances crossed in the measurement.

(4) A homesteader intending to perform his residence duties in accordance with the above while living with parents or on farming land owned by himself must notify the Agent for the district of such intention.

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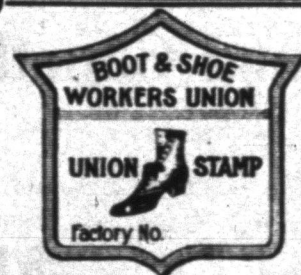
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