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LOCAL PRINTING PRESSMEN SHOW APPRECIATION OF UNION'S HELP

Donate Whole of First Week's Increase Under New Scale to Union; Range Is \$6 to \$8.50

The members of Edmonton Local of the Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union have taken a very practical means of showing that they appreciate what their organization has accomplished for them. At the meeting of the union on Friday last, the members, by unanimous vote, decided to donate to the union the whole of their first week's increase under the new scale, which was ratified on Friday. The increase will range from \$6 to \$8.50 per week and the union treasury will be augmented by those amounts from each member receiving the benefit of the new scale.

To the job pressmen whose agreement has just been concluded, it will simply be a matter of waiting one week longer before the increase is noticeable to their own pockets. But the joke is on the newspaper men whose contract was signed in May and who may have to sell an automobile, or something, to pay the union its due. However, they all voted in favor and smiled while they were doing it.

The good feeling that existed throughout the negotiations between

the pressmen and employers was a feature of the conference. The value to the industry of having satisfactory relations existing between employers and employed can not be estimated in terms of dollars and cents, say both employers and union officials.

PRES. M'CREATH ATTENDS MEETING OF BAKERS' UNION

Special Meeting Saturday For Purpose of Installation of Officers

President McCreath of the Trades' Council attended a large and enthusiastic meeting of the Bakers' Union on Saturday evening last in the Labor Hall.

This local union was organized some time ago by A. Farnilo, Secretary of the Trades and Labor Council. Since that time they have carried on the work of the organization with every success and the local is a strong acquisition to the labor ranks.

Bro. McCreath in an interesting and much appreciated talk, outlined to those present the aims and objects of the organized labor movement, impressing upon the membership the necessity of each and all actively displaying every loyalty to the officers of their union and doing all in their power as individuals to strengthen and build up the membership and increasing the achievements within the sphere of the local and the general labor movement.

It is planned to have the organization committee of the Trades' Council assist the local in every way, and a special meeting is being held on Saturday for the purpose of installing the elected officers of the organization.

After answering numerous questions a hearty vote of thanks was extended to the speaker and a request made that he attend the installation ceremony.

LOCAL CARPENTERS' UNION No. 1325 IS NOW RE-ORGANIZED

Local Union No. 1325, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, have now re-organized with the following officers in charge: President, W. B. Gilchrist; Secretary-Treasurer, Thos. Gordon, 9645 103rd avenue. The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 19. A full attendance is requested.

HOUSE PASSES LEVER FOOD CONTROL ACT

Without amendment and with almost no opposition the House of Representatives at Washington amended the Lever Food Control Act by including clothing, containers of food, feed and fertilizers, fuel oil and implements used in the production of necessities and to penalize profiteering by a \$5,000 fine or two years' imprisonment. An attempt to include rent profiteering was defeated.

The Lever Act was passed as a war measure, and while it prohibits profiteering, it provided no penalty.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF CANADA'S LABOR ORGANIZATIONS END OF 1918

The eighth annual report of Labor Organization in Canada for the calendar year 1918 has been issued by the Department of Labor. The report shows that trade union membership reached the highest point yet recorded, the total membership reported for all classes of labor organizations in Canada being 248,887 at the close of 1918. The totals for 1917 and 1916 were 204,630 and 160,407 respectively. Of the 2,274 local trades union branches in Canada, 1,323 were located in 31 cities, and 961 reported a membership of 142,022, representing about 57 per cent of the entire trade union membership. In Montreal, the city with the largest membership, there were 149 local branches, 106 of which reported 32,422 members. In Toronto there were 128 branches, of which 82 reported 18,834 members. In Vancouver, there were 87 branches, 65 of which reported 15,459 members. In Winnipeg, the fourth city in point of membership, there were 91 branches, of which 56 reported 12,050 members. Of the 2,274 local unions above mentioned, 1,897, comprising 201,432 members, were affiliated with international organizations; 332 with 37,928 members were connected with non-international bodies; and 45 having 9,527 members were independent units.

STATE SENATOR BUCHANAN WOULD OUTLAW STRIKERS

State Senator Buchanan has resurrected the aged scheme to make it a crime for workers to strike. The lawmaker would establish that principle by making it a crime for Virginia workers to engage in a sympathetic strike.

The senator would not yet take away the right of an individual worker to quit his employment.

CIVIC SERVICE UNION POSTPONES REGULAR MEETING

Civic Service Union No. 52 has postponed their regular meeting to Friday, September 19, on account of September 12 being a Civic Holiday in honor of the Prince of Wales.

EIGHT WINNIPEG STRIKE LEADERS ARE OUT ON BAIL

After Twenty-six Days Court Has Decided Public Safety Will Not Be Endangered

The eight Winnipeg strike leaders were granted bail on Wednesday, by Chief Justice Mathers, who, together with Mr. Justice MacDonald and Mr. Justice Metcalfe heard the arguments of counsel, and read the decision of the court. The amount of bail was fixed at \$4,000 each and two sureties of \$2,000 each.

The court found that it had not been proven that the accused would not appear to stand their trial and the decision went on to state: "The court will not be justified in refusing bail on the sole ground that public safety might be endangered by permitting the accused to be at large."

The decision as read by Chief Justice Mathers continued: "Because of the great public interest involved in this prosecution and because bail has once been refused by a brother judge, I asked my brothers MacDonald and Metcalfe, to sit with me while hearing this application and both concurred with me in the views here expressed. I therefore order that the accused be admitted to bail in the sum of \$4,000 each and two sureties of \$2,000 each."

Immediately the court had adjourned, E. J. McMurray, together with the bondsmen, left for the provincial jail, where the formal proceedings preceding the release of the accused were completed.

William Ivens was the first of the eight leaders to be released. His appearance in the doorway of the jail was the signal for cheers from the crowd of over 1,500 workers, who had gathered to greet their leaders. Ivens was chaired and carried around the square. Alderman John Queen was the next to appear. He, too, received the same greeting from the crowd. The remainder of the men came out together. They were immediately seized by their friends and "chaired."

The eight men have been in jail for twenty-six days awaiting release on bail.

BELGIAN MINERS DEMAND STATE OWNED MINES

The Belgian government is discussing the prohibition of exporting coal as a means for lowering the price. Operators say they will close their mines if this is done, and now the miners counter with the declaration that the operators have no right to close the mines and demand nationalization.

CRANE COMPANY ADOPTS A NEW BLACKLIST SCHEME

The Crane Company at Chicago, has adopted a new scheme to check up on undesirable. It forwarded ballots with self-addressed envelopes to its 7,000 striking employees, with a request that they vote on the question whether the "works should again be reopened."

The company can now check up the names it forwarded ballots to with the returned ballots.

TRIPLE ALLIANCE OF TRANSPORT WORKERS, RAILWAYMEN AND MINERS

The following Labor Day message was cabled to The Truth of Duluth, Minnesota:

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TRADES' COUNCIL WILL MEET ON MONDAY NIGHT

The Trades and Labor Council will hold its regular meeting in Labor Hall, Monday night, September 15th. A full attendance is requested.

DISRUPTION AND FAILURE SEQUEL TO EMOTION

Secretary Farnilo Tells of Doings of One Big Union Throughout Western Canada

(By A. Farnilo)

The Labor Movement on the American continent is in the position today to judge clearly and without bias the results of the activities of those who arrived at their conclusions, through processes of emotion. We are also able to recognize that those who formulate policies to fit conclusions so reached, find themselves in disagreement very quickly. It is therefore for us to remember that emotion is not stable. Passing breezes blow it hither and beyond, and render it most unstable of all things. We find however, the International Trade Union movement fundamentals unremoved and unchanged, and withstanding the cold blooded attacks and methods that have been used against these workers' institutions by the advocates of the O.B.U.

It is now general knowledge in the Trades' Union Movement of Western Canada, that the first thing that had to be done was to settle the Local Treasurers of the International Unions, and so we find the minutes of some local unions reading as follows: \$500.00 donated to this person, \$500 to another trusted member of the local; and still another \$500 to another trusted member of the same local Union. The excuse generally given for the division of the funds was for services rendered. This was no doubt thought was the most successful way of getting rid of International rule. In fact the O.B.U. members of one local Union became so generous that they donated \$2,000 to their President and when the members of this local Union had recovered from their emotional spell, and wanted their money back they found that he had taken a trip to other climes. Of course this president told the members in the local that he could be trusted. I shall not comment further on this, suffice it to say that there were members of one local union in Edmonton who were prepared to donate or transfer certain sums to trusted advocates. However those who were responsible for the safe keeping of the money of their fellow members, immediately safeguarded both the funds and the property.

The members of the International Trades' Union movement who reach conclusions and formulate policies through the processes of reason, are asserting themselves, with the result that the labor movement of Western Canada is quickly righting itself. With more than 9,000 members withdrawn from the O.B.U. Central Council of Vancouver, and a reorganized International Trades Council with an affiliated membership of 5,000 members, acting under the old charters granted by the American Federation of Labor and the Dominion Trades Congress of Canada.

The position of the O.B.U. council of Vancouver, has a membership of less than 3,000, one thousand of whom are loggers, who are located in different parts of British Columbia. We find Winnipeg with 9,000 International Trades' Unionists affiliated with the council, chartered by the American Federation of Labor, and the Dominion Trades Congress. The membership of the Trades Council of the City of Winnipeg, prior to the emotional outburst, was in round figures, 14,000.

It is not generally known, nevertheless it is a fact, that Calgary voted two to one against the O.B.U. In fact the whole province of Alberta, so far as the general trades were concerned, voted against the O.B.U.

The work now being done by the International representatives of the United Mine Workers in District 18 warrants favorable comment. There are many splendid men among the miners of District 18, and they, like the rest of their fellow trade unionists, cannot be successfully misled for a long time. We now find the miners putting their dreamers back into the pit.

In stating the aforementioned facts, we tried to do so without wishing to vent any spleen upon those of our opponents whose chief argument has been vituperation and calumny. We give these facts to show that the International Trades Union movement is soundly constructed. The membership of these bodies are not easily captured by a formula or slogan, however, there are some who are easily enamoured of a short cut to salvation. Such a delusion has been the "One Big Union"—a few swift strokes—emancipation and a firm

intervention in Russia, and military intervention in trade union disputes.

"We see in the fight against the workers of Russia an attempt to safeguard the interests of English bondholders, and we realize, perhaps more by instinct than by reason, that the fight of the Russian and Hungarian proletariat is in fact our own fight. We know, moreover, through experience, that conscription means the possibility of breaking strikes by means of the intervention of armed soldiers and sailors."

"Therefore we are taking the only means at our disposal to compel the government to abandon conscription and get out of Russia."

"We earnestly hope that America will not be the stronghold of capitalism during this world-proletarian crisis which is at hand. America with its international origin should be in the van of the world movement for working class liberty. May we therefore urge upon American trade unionists the duty of assisting struggling Europe in what is not a make-believe but a real fight for freedom!"

(Sgd.) ROBERT WILLIAMS, General Secretary of the National Transport Workers' Federation of Britain.

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U.M.W.A. ORGANIZER BLAMES OPERATORS AT CARDIFF MINES

Says If International Recognizes Officers of Union Operators Should

Mr. David Rees, international representative of the United Mine Workers of America, was in the city the first part of the week, endeavoring to bring about a settlement between the mine operators and miners in the Edmonton district. For some time past Mr. Rees has been in the southern part of the province on the same mission. Re-organization and re-adjustment of conditions of the miners in the southern part of the province have proceeded very successfully with the result that nearly all the miners are now back at work in that district. Mr. Rees left Tuesday morning for Brule, where he will take up a re-adjustment of conditions there, and will return to Edmonton shortly.

Mr. Rees' statement as regards the Cardiff situation is as follows: "So far as the situation at the Cardiff mines is concerned, I confess I have not yet met with the success I had hoped for. I feel that the mine operators there have not manifested the spirit which is in keeping with the times, namely, that spirit which seeks to bring capital and labor together in agreements that will tend to their mutual advantage."

"The men at the Cardiff mines are all prepared to return to work on the basis of settlement arranged by the International Union and the Directors of Coal operations. That there should be no mistake about this on the part of the mine operators whom I interviewed I gave them definite and positive assurance of it. Notwithstanding this assurance from me, however, the mine operators seemingly have an intention of accepting the International Union and its terms. They vow an intention to have no dealings with O.B.U. men. But the men whom I am endeavoring to have taken on have been all accepted by the International and recognized as belonging to that organization. It was on this basis that reorganization in the south became effective, and which brought the men back to the mines."

"The attitude of the mine operators of the Cardiff collieries will have a tendency to injure the arrangements whereby capital and labor may be brought closer together. Furthermore, if this attitude is continued it will most assuredly be detrimental to the coal situation generally. I am afraid that their chief purpose is to ignore union conditions and run their mines on low scales of wages."

MINERS' STRIKE AT COBALT, ONT. IS CALLED OFF

The miners' strike at Cobalt, Ont., which has been in operation for six weeks, is over. The Miners' Union held a mass meeting Sunday afternoon and decided to call off the strike and to accept the terms offered by the mine managers.

The men returned to work on Monday morning. The meeting was a very spirited one. The executive of the union recommended that the strike be called off, but in this they were opposed by the radical element, who put up a desperate fight for the continuance of the strike. They were, however, outvoted on the issue. The strike involved 22,000 mine hands and caused a loss of about \$2,250,000 in production.

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CANADIAN BOARD OF COMMERCE WILL FIX LIMIT TO PROFITS

Will Make Series of Inquiries and Afterwards Fix Scale of Profits; Heavy Penalty for Offense

The Canadian Board of Commerce will make a series of inquiries and afterwards fix a scale of profits, to exceed which will be an offence with a heavy penalty, according to an announcement made by that Board last week.

W. F. O'Connor, vice-chairman of the board of commerce, when asked as to

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT TYPOS' MEETING SATURDAY NIGHT

Most Progressive Session Was Held and Large Agenda of Business Disposed Of

Edmonton Typographical Union No. 604 held its regular meeting on Saturday in the Labor Hall, President McCreath presiding over an attendance of about 60 members.

A most progressive session was held and a large agenda of business disposed of, including the ratification of proposed uniform agreement for printers in the cities of Alberta. In this connection Bros. Knott and Kerr were delegated to attend with representatives from the other cities, a joint conference to be held in Calgary during this month.

A resume of the business transacted at Trades' Council during the month of August was presented to the meeting.

A delegation attended the meeting in the interests of the Co-operative Society movement, and Bro. Powers of the Railway Running trades presented in brief the purposes and progress of the movement up to the present time which was in every detail encouraging.

A full account of the doings during the recent visit of International officers 1st Vice-President Barrett and Secretary Treasurer Hays was given to the meeting by Recording Secretary Healey of the local union. This report set forth the pleasure it afforded the visiting delegates the trip through Western Canada, and also the beneficial influence and results that will be the outcome of personal contact between international officers and the local unions within their jurisdiction and the employees in the printing industry and the industry itself.

COMMITTEE WILL ASCERTAIN WHY PAPER IS SO HIGH

The U. S. Senate has ordered a committee to ascertain why manufacturers of news print paper are demanding present high prices for their product.

BELGIUM MAY HAVE GOVERNMENT OWNED RAILROADS

The Belgian parliament is considering a bill to transfer the railways to an operating corporation in which the government will own all the stock. Parliament desires to be freed from the responsibility of considering as legislative matters the details of operating the government-owned railroads. They are now managed by the minister of railways. Under the proposed law, they will be operated by a director general, with complete liberty of organization for the employees.

CARDIFF MINE OPERATORS DO NOT RECOGNIZE UNION

Cardiff mine operators have refused to recognize the union of the United Mine Workers of America, and as a result the miners have refused to go to work, it is reported. Organizer Rees has been on the ground attempting to reorganize the miners into a union of the U.M.W.A., but the operators claim the officers of the new U.M.W.A. local are the same men who were officers of the recent O.B.U. organization, and the position of the operators is that they can neither recognize them nor work with them.

The operators say there will have to be a complete change of heart among the men before they will recognize the union, and as long as the O.B.U. sympathizers are still at their head they cannot deal with them.

The result of this is that the Cardiff mines will operate on the open-shop principle. Both Cardiff and Edmonton mines are now anti-union, for the reason, it is stated, that there is lack of confidence on the part of the operators in the leadership of the local unions. They purpose to deal with each mine separately.

the exact portent of the announcement, said: "The fixing of profits involves the fixing of the price, but makes allowance for varying conditions in varying zones. After making inquiries, upon which we are now starting, and establishing machinery to continue them, we will be able to learn what is the actual cost and then determine what is a fair profit thereon. The next step will be to set a date at which the price will be effective. These prices will be lower than what now prevail. Meanwhile, commerce will have to beat down to the level decided upon. We will then issue an order restraining all persons in a particular line and zone from selling at a price yielding a profit greater than what is determined."

"All who disobey the order are liable to a fine of \$1,000 a day or to imprisonment. The co-operation of the provincial attorney-general will be needed in connection with the indictments, and we anticipate no difficulty on that score but if the attorney-general will sign the indictment, will be prepared to go into court and prosecute in person."

It is understood that the commodities primarily to be gone into with the objects mentioned in view are all kinds of food stuffs and clothing, boots and shoes. A big factor in the organization is co-operation with the United States. There are certain international combines which regulate prices in their lines and which can be got at only by joint co-operative action. The board of fee is now established.

CHANGES MADE IN CONSTITUTION OF LABOR PARTY

Executive To Be Composed of Eleven Members; Eight Vice-Presidents

Changes in the constitution and the report of delegates to the Calgary convention were among the most important items of business transacted at a well attended meeting of the Labor Party on Tuesday evening.

The change in constitution provides for the election of eleven members to the executive which will in future be composed of President, Secretary and Treasurer with eight Vice-Presidents. Two of the latter will be elected by referendum from each federal constituency in the city, and the other two Vice-Presidents will with the President, Secretary and Treasurer, be chosen by the annual meeting. The reason given for the choosing of two Vice-Presidents after the other six have been elected to represent constituencies, is to ensure representation from groups like the returned soldiers, ladies or large industries. Another change in the constitution provided that members voting for election of officers must have been members of the party previous to November 15. Nominations for office in the party will take place in December and elections in January.

Rev. F. E. Mercer read a report of the Calgary convention, which was practically as published in the Edmonton Free Press last week. The report was adopted.

H. Hawkins was elected as the Edmonton representative on the provincial executive to take the place of R. Mitchell who was elected as Vice-President of the provincial branch at the Calgary convention.