

AMER. FEDERATION OF LABOR NOT AT GREENWICH TIME.

When the American Labor delegates attended the conference of the British Trade Union Congress last year, the usual procedure of presenting them with a gold watch took place. Mr. Arthur Henderson, in making the presentation, drew the attention of the delegates to the fact that the watches that he was about to present to them was at Greenwich time, and asked that when they returned to America that the Labor movement would be kept at Greenwich time. The message of greeting to W. A. Appleton, Secretary of the British Federation of Trade Unions, Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, showed that he was not prepared to keep the American movement at Greenwich time when he declared:

Avoid All Conferences.

"If any call should be issued for an international conference of workers of all countries of the world the American Federation of Labor will not participate. The people of Germany must establish democracy within their own domain and make opportunity for international relations that life shall be secure and that the people of all countries may live their own lives and work out their own salvation, and unless this has been accomplished by the German people themselves the Allied democracies in this struggle must crush militarism and autocracy and bring a new freedom to the whole world, the people of Germany included. Unless these essentials are accomplished, an international Labor conference with the representatives of the workers of all countries, Germany included, is prejudicial to a desirable and lasting peace."

U. S. and Britain Agreed.

The message stated:

"Am gratified that you and a number of other representative British Labor men are coming to the United States. You and they will find hearty greeting and co-operation."

"The declaration of the December British Labor conferences at Bristol is in essence the principles of the Americans in November of the American Federation of Labor in Buffalo. The Lloyd George declarations last week to the man-power conference and those of President Wilson to the American Congress are in accord on the question of the vital issues and aims in this war. Thus the official representatives of our Governments and the Labor movements of our respective countries have expressed the will and purpose of the people, the Governments and the workers of Great Britain and America."

LIVE PIGEON SHOOT AVERTED.

The city council of St. Thomas, Ontario, is to be commended for its action in barring a live pigeon shooting meet within the corporate limits

of that city. This is one of the blood sports that nearly every State in the United States prohibits by law. The result of such legislation has been to compel devotees of the cruel practice, mostly American gunmen, to go outside the country to shoot live birds from the trap. St. Thomas has been the resort of these trap shooters, and the International Gun Club for several years has furnished thousands of birds as the targets for sportsmen of the most degraded type. The Elgin Human Society protested against the meet this year; went before the Council with strong arguments, and succeeded in getting the live bird events prohibited.

The Canadian province will ere long put an end to live bird trap-shooting. The practice is unsportsmanlike, cruel, wanton butchery, and every man who is base enough to seek enjoyment in killing, maiming, and causing to suffer birds that are as gentle, harmless and beautiful as pigeons deserves no other name than that of coward.

THE GERMS OF ITS OWN DESTRUCTION.

"Capitalism has no use for a stupid crowd, because of the economic functions performed by the masses, especially by the proletariat. In order to be able to exploit, to make the biggest possible profits (this is its inevitable life task) capitalism is forced by a tragic fate to produce systematically on a vast scale amongst its slaves that very intelligence which, as capitalism knows full well, must be the cause of its own death and destruction. All attempts at skilful manoeuvring and at cunning co-operation with the Church and with the school to steer the ship of capitalism between the Scylla of an intelligence so low that it renders exploitation altogether too difficult and turns the proletarian himself into an unsuitable beast of burden, and the Charybdis of an education—necessarily destructive of capitalism—which increases class-consciousness on all sides and revolutionizes the exploited—all such attempts are bound to fail."—Karl Liebknecht.

NINE-HOUR DAY WON.

Also Recognition of Grievance Committee in G. T. R. Conciliations.

Stratford, Feb. 8.—A general spirit of hopefulness in the difference between the G. T. R. and the Federated Trades was held by representatives of both at the Board of Conciliation today. Discussion of clauses in the schedules presented by the men will last till Monday.

The men have been granted a nine-hour day and recognition of the Grievance Committee, and a compromise has been made regarding overtime wages.

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Things are looking O. K. in Russia, and Germany (might we not say?) has symptoms of Democracy, if only now the soldier proletariat have enlightenment enough to seize their opportunity. Already Hindenburg shows signs of that madness which precedes destruction. Henderson is making them sit up and take notice in the "tight" little island across seas. Perhaps that "tight" reference has a meaning all its own, for are we Canadians not saving and conserving to send the grain with which they will make beer? My only son, one of my sons-in-law and a nephew are fighting in France and Flanders, where they are safer than in London, for the shells and shrapnel may destroy them physically only, whilst while they are in England the unlimited booze and its concomitant evils may destroy them physically, morally and spiritually. It is time the other allies put the pincers on the English bloated brewers and distillers, if the English Government is afraid to.—Aunt Mabel.



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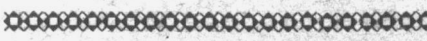
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