

# Stage, Music & Cinema



**ALF. FARMILLO**

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workers, brought about permanent headquarters.

On May 5, 1917, President Findlay and Secretary Farmillo, issued a call to the Labor men of the city of Edmonton, to assemble and hold a conference with the end in view of forming the Labor Representation League, which has since changed its name to the Edmonton Branch of the Dominion Labor Party. He still has further to his credit of being the first chairman of the Convention that brought into being the Provincial Branch of the Dominion Labor Party, which is now a flourishing labor organization. It is needless to point out, that he has organized many of the largest and some of the most active local unions in the city of Edmonton.

General Organizer Farmillo was also the secretary of the Alberta Federation of Labor, during which time much unemployed relief was obtained to assist indigent members, also, factory legislation, and the groundwork prepared, for the present workmen's compensating act.

At the early part of the year 1919, Secretary Morrison on behalf of the Executive Committee of the American Federation of Labor, requested him to consider the appointment to a position of Western Organizer for the Dominion of Canada, knowing the responsibility, and the honor of duty that such an appointment would entail, he, after due consultation with a number of his colleagues with whom he had been working and co-operating for a number of years, decided to accept the appointment, at the same time giving the assurance to the Executive Committee, and then to the general meeting of the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council that he would continue in office until the end of the year, and that his services would be available for the Edmonton Labor movement on call. General Organizer Farmillo hopes to be able to give assistance in a larger field, in the labor movement, during the coming year.

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**LABOR CONDITIONS ARE SATISFACTORY IN GREAT BRITAIN**

Sir Robert Horne, British Minister of Labor, has written to the master of Portsmouth dockyards to the effect that the trade and industry of the country are satisfactory. He says that when allowances are made for unemployment caused by trade disputes, the number of persons unable to obtain work does not give occasion for great anxiety.

**ORGANIZED LABOR'S ANNUAL INTERVIEW WITH GOVERNMENT**

**Legislation For Reduction of Hours of Labor Will Be One of the Chief Requests Made.**

The Dominion executive of the Trades and Labor Congress, now has in hand the proposals which Organized Labor will lay before the government at their annual interview, which will be on January 8th.

Legislation for the reduction of the hours of labor will be one of the chief requests made. Organized Labor holds that by the treaty of Versailles, Canada has already recognized the principle of the eight-hour day or the forty-eight hour week, and that Canadian government delegates at the international labor conference at Washington, voted for an eight-hour day for industrial workers.

The Dominion government and Organized Labor will both shortly choose delegates to attend the meeting in Paris on January 29th of the governing body of the international labor office. P. M. Draper is the accredited delegate of Canadian Labor, but it is stated that it is doubtful if Mr. Draper will be able to go and it is expected that Pres. Tom Moore will take his place. Senator Robertson is suggested as a probable government delegate. However the imminence of the session may prevent his going.

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**DEMAND UNION LABEL ON YOUR PRINTED MATTER**

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grown, and doing business today, the legion of organizations that are seeking, through the many and varied channels of endeavor, to make this little old world of ours a better place to live in than it has ever been, thereby giving all a larger share of the betterment that will accrue from honorable co-operative effort in which everyone has the responsibility of citizenship that will encourage endeavor. The chief end of man is yet afar off, but in the mighty effort of co-operation that is to usher in the new social order there is the immediate demand that man, through his honor and integrity, must demonstrate himself as the chief end to the attainment of this new era. Character and the highest ideals must be the guiding spirit of our men and women in that great forward movement which is shaking the world today—the forward movement of the people to something better—very much better than they have known, yet knowing all the while the old world had it to give them, but a misfit social order had too long withheld it.

This is the common aim, the one goal of many, if not all, of our brotherhoods and sisterhoods scattered all over the world. All these organizations by their growth claim for themselves their place in the life work of the human family among which they and their influence go about doing good. To signify the source of their effort and to spread it broadcast, to make it impressive and to gather in adherents, almost every organization has established and makes permanent use of its monogram, emblem or insignia, so that today, not only by their works shall ye know them, but also by their motto or insignia.

This brings us to the subject of these few lines. In all industrial development, improved working conditions, establishment of living wages, legislation for the protection of every worker in industry (skilled or unskilled—organized or unorganized) the wiping out of sweat shops and the drudgery of long working hours, in fact the wiping out of all these conditions of toil that have

been contributing factors to such thickly populated cemeteries in every large industrial community. In all these things and the remedial measures necessary for the dawn of that better day, there stands out in the forefront the great body of men and women who in their component formations represent the great cause of Organized Labor. No organization the world over can lay claim to the doing of a greater work on behalf of the human family than Organized Labor.

Organized Labor has no sectional or narrow-minded or selfish ends to serve. Its purpose is humane in every detail, and its work wide enough in its scope to afford, in fact, easier, anyone and everyone a share in its benefits, because it seeks to serve the human family the "whole works" after all in every community.

Organized Labor takes second place to no other organization because there are none with higher ideals and principles, and none can show such records of achievement that have done so much for the common good.

We welcome the day of co-operation that has ushered in a new, a larger, and more glorious union, let us trust, of Organized Labor as pertaining to industry and the organized farmers, the producers from nature of those things that build the human frame for muscular and brainy endeavor in all walks of life.

It is getting off to a good start that we should make ourselves and our cause known by an exchange of the "shingles we hang out" and indicating what we stand for, and by which we are known. Make no mistake then, the organized printers stand by the Allied Printing Trades Council label in places where all branches of the printing trade are federated for this purpose of union label work. Where there is no Allied Printing Trades Council, the label of the Typographical Union is used. These labels indicate that printing carrying the label was done under fair working conditions and in a union shop. Bear this in mind, please, and see to it that whenever you order printing you

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**TRADE UNIONISTS HAVE BECOME MORE INTERNATIONAL**

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international. We hear a great deal of criticism leveled at the Washington Labor Conference, some people expect so much from that conference; others openly condemn it as futile. Very often the worst critics of the International Conference are those who a few years ago were Internationalists; that is Internationalists in a sense that they at one time believed Capitalism would have to undergo a world wide development before a new social order could be expected. Before the war the Marxian exponent of Socialism would have agreed that an International Labor Conference was a necessary phase of the Capitalistic development; something to be tolerated but too trifling to be openly encouraged by such profound students of Economics. Trades Unionists on the other hand were more Nationalistic in their ideals, often confident that a new social order could become an accomplished fact in any one nation, provided the economic strength of labor was great enough to force it. The war has changed the outlook of these two schools of thought, the Trades Unionist has become more International in his views, while the Socialists have become less. The explanation of the reversal policy or outlook may be found in the Socialist success in Russia. They argue if it is possible to have Socialist regime in Russia it is possible to have it in any other nation. It is true that Trotsky has pointed out that the Russian revolution can only be partial success as long as the other nations retain capitalism. But it is also true that the Bolshevik have flooded this country with literature justifying or trying to justify their regime which has generally been not only accepted but glorified by the Marxian. The acceptance of the Bolshevik ideas and methods has resulted in the Marxian largely discarding his International conception of Capitalistic development; which he held prior to the Russian Revolution.

Instead of working for the inevitable development of Capital to usher in a co-operative commonwealth the Marxian has shaken off his mental bonds; he now declares Trotsky is right and Marx was wrong. Freed from his ancient dogmas his next problem was to create an organization through which he could express his newly found gospel.

Obviously the old organization of the Socialist Party of Canada could not be used to preach the new doctrine of national effort; neither could international Labor Unions to which some of the Marxians were members. A new organization had to be formed hence the organization known as the One Big Union. This organization has met with public approbation because it is not understood; when properly understood the O.B.U. is simply the result of a squabble as to method of organization. The Marxians who were its chief advocates made all sorts of extravagant statements as to the object of organization. Fortunately for them and the O.B.U. movement the public took their claims seriously and the resultant hostility combined with the hostility of the government gave the organization an impetus in its initial stages that could not have been secured in any other way. When the question of organization was submitted to a vote of the unions in Western Canada it was submitted in this form: "Are you prepared to break away from the International?" We are told that the vote in the west was in favor of seceding from the International and forming a National organization, in other words the vote in favor of a National organization was simply a vote dissatisfied with Internationalism and not the ogra of Bolshevism, so often hurled at the head of a harmless secessionist movement probably inspired by the Capitalists and without question one of his best allies. To those who still insist on putting a Bolshevik interpre-



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