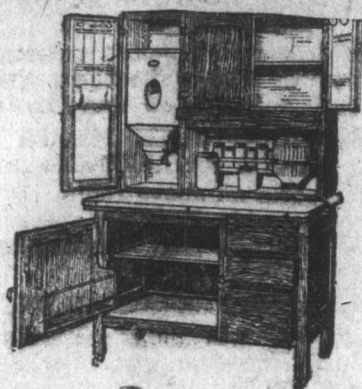


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One Big Union Plan Rejected

CRUSHING DEFEAT FOR THE REDS.

The Reds sustained another defeat at the Trades Union Congress at Scarborough yesterday when the delegates rejected by a decisive majority a resolution the object of which was to establish one big union.

The decision was especially a rebuff to Emperor Cook, the Communist secretary of the Miners' Federation, who has declared "I am one of the Big Five," and "My God! I have a debt to pay and I am going to pay it."

Mr. Ben Tillett said: "We are not out to make emperors or big sizes. We are not manufacturing halos for heroes."

I am afraid there are some in our movement now who would hardly get a halo on with the aid of a shoe-horn. The result of the card vote on the resolution was:

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Later Emperor Cook showed great delight when a youth succeeded in carrying a resolution dealing with the "struggle to overthrow capitalism."

EVEN THE MINERS VOTE AGAINST THE SCHEME.

The debate on the industrial organization resolution which was defeated was initiated in this truly Cookian motion by the National Union of General Workers:

(a) That the number of unions should be reduced to a minimum.

(b) That congress should not encourage the formation of any new unions.

(c) That this congress instructs the General Council to continue its work of the amalgamation of existing unions with one big union as the ultimate goal.

Naturally the level-headed trade unionists were against the proposal, and the London Society of Compositors tabled the following amendment:

That this congress, while welcoming all efforts to consolidate the trade unions, deprecates any proposals having for their object the merging of all affiliated bodies in one big union.

Even Mr. Ben Tillett, although professing himself in favour of the resolution, contemptuously declared amid general laughter, that they were not "out to make emperors or big sizes. We are not," he said, "manufacturing halos for heroes. I am afraid there are some in our movement now who would hardly get a halo on with the aid of a shoe-horn."

Mr. T. E. Naylor, M.P., of the London Society of Compositors, in urging the amendment proposed by his organization, called attention to the fact that the resolution had been seconded by the United Operative Plumbers' Association, which was engaged in a dispute with another union. One union claimed to control the hot water pipes and the other the cold water pipes, with the result the one union had come out on strike because the other union insisted in working on their particular pipes, a ridiculous position in connection with a union attempting to teach all trade unionists to organize one big union.

Mr. Neil McLean, M.P., (Workers' Union) urged that it would be an excellent thing to get all the workers in all the trades altogether to oppose all the bosses in the country.

Mr. J. Walker, of the Iron and Steel Confederation, scornfully remarked that some people at the congress who talked about being progressive were so far behind real progress that they thought they were leading. It was all very fine for Mr. McLean to support a one big union for everyone, but he was the man who got up in the House of Commons and declared that Scotland could only be ruled by Scotsmen.

MINERS' VOTE AGAINST.

The congress rejected both the resolution and the amendment, even Emperor Cook's faithful entourage, the miners' contingent, voting against.

But there has been one glad moment in the Emperor's otherwise drab life-to-day. It was when the Trades Union Congress, in a spirit of fatherly toleration, passed a young firebrand's frankly revolutionary resolution. The Emperor was delighted. He clapped his hands, stamped his feet, and brayed "Hear, hear!"—the only time his voice was heard all day—to the feeble accompaniment of three or four enthusiastic Reds, while the majority of the delegates watched the incident with intense amusement.

Indeed, it was amusement and tolerance which characterized the whole of this particular debate, for the real feeling of the delegates had been expressed when they rejected the Emperor's own pet project for one big union.

SHOP COMMITTEES.

This particular resolution stood in the name of the Tailors and Garment Workers' Union and was proposed by a Mr. E. Joseph, a youth who had made himself conspicuous throughout the congress by his many points of order. He proposed:

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warns the workers against all attempts to introduce capitalist schemes of co-partnership, which in the past have failed to give the workers any positive rights, but instead have usually served as fetters retarding the forward movement. Congress further considers that strong, well-organized shop committees are indispensable weapons in the struggle to force the capitalists to relinquish their grip on industry, and therefore pledges itself to do all in its power to develop and strengthen workshop organization.

FORGOTTEN HIS NOTES.

Unfortunately for Mr. Joseph, the impression he wished to create was sadly marred by the fact that when the president called upon him to move his resolution he could for a moment get no further than "Mr. President and fellow-delegates." He had to confess that he had been taken by surprise and had lost his notes.

Mr. Harry Pollitt, of the Boiler-makers' Union and secretary of the Minority Movement, seconded. It was impossible, he said, to obtain any improvement of the condition of the working classes unless they immediately turned their fight into a revolutionary and political one.

A FATHERLY TALK.

Mr. James Sexton talked to Master Joseph in a fatherly way. "This young man," he said, "is an enthusiast. So was I once. I remember my first parliamentary election. I got 400 odd votes out of 12,000 and then sang, 'England arise! the long, long night is over.'" This sally moved the congress to roars of laughter.

He added that he could not possibly support the resolution, for it pledged the congress to principles of Communism, and he was not going to be a party to the use of their great industrial machinery for political purposes. Working folk did not want revolution.

MR. JOSEPH, CYNIC.

The president was about to take the vote when Mr. Joseph, vociferating that he had found his missing notes, claimed a right to reply. Speaking with all the weight of his twenty-two or three years, he said: "I have seen too many wet towels and damp blankets smothering the old men of the movement that I am no longer an enthusiast, but a hardened cynic," a little bit of vanity which roused the congress uproariously.

Anxious to get away for an afternoon's pleasure the delegates insisted on a card vote being taken, and the cynic's resolution was declared carried by 2,456,000 votes to 1,218,000. The Emperor was in high fettle for it was a badly needed sop after the congress action earlier.

Note of Thanks

Editor Evening Telegram.

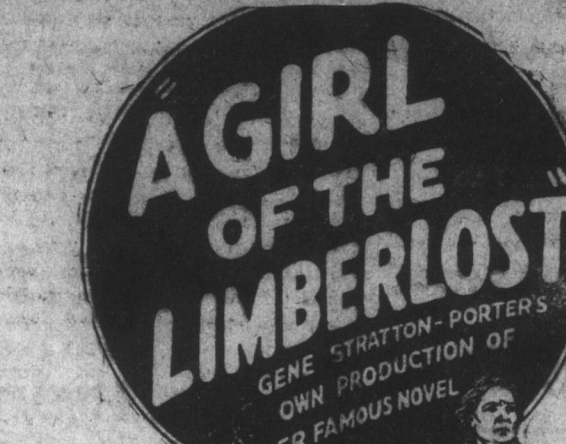
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