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LET HE THAT THINKETH HE STANDETH

International Unionism has been receiving much favorable comment during the last few months, much of it coming from rather unexpected sources. Undoubtedly a portion of the approval now being bestowed upon the trade union movement is sincere. But the change in attitude on the part of some who in the past have been uncompromising in their enmity toward organized Labor, is so sudden as to arouse suspicion.

But whether or not all the eulogistic statements regarding the movement are sincere, trade unionism has no time to bask in the warmth of a passing popularity. Many an individual and many a movement has lost its usefulness in an effort to retain the approbation of the multitude. Appropos of which the well known words of wisdom, "Wherefore let he that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall," are particularly applicable at this time. Kind words from those outside the movement, however well meant, will not commend it to those whom trade unionism is destined to benefit. The approbation of those whose approval is fundamentally necessary—the workers themselves—will be secured only as the movement can demonstrate its ability to better the industrial and social conditions of its membership.

Not kind words but hard knocks, not the approval of the multitude but sacrifice and persecution, not the impetus of popularity but a century of thought and energy have been responsible for what Organized Labor has thus far attained. The same elements must still enter into the work if the movement is to advance and extend its usefulness. Let us be up and doing!

THE PRINCE'S VISIT.

While many of his people may envy the position of a prince, there are few who will covet the present experience of the Prince of Wales as he tours Canada. Instead of pleasant memories of a delightful trip through a great country, it can well be imagined that the Prince will look back upon his visit to Canada with the same pleasure that he would recall a horrible nightmare. The physical strain of an endless procession of formal functions, is alone sufficient to prostrate any normal individual. The mental strain of listening to the monotonous delivery of numberless addresses, amid an assemblage of fawning near-statesmen who are trying to look comfortable in clothes to which they are unaccustomed, would tax the mind of even a Prince. It is not to be wondered at that the Prince enjoyed the reception given him by an old quill club in Halifax which had been visited by King George while he was Prince of Wales. The president of the club in welcoming the Prince asked the young man to tell his father the King when he returned to England, that there was at least one place in Canada where he had not been met with a silly address. It is said that the Prince appreciated the joke immensely.

But while the Prince of Wales may not be given an opportunity to enjoy his visit to Canada on account of endless formalities, he can be assured that his welcome is none the less sincere. Apart from the fact that the Prince is destined to be the nominal head of a great empire, he will be welcomed to Edmonton on his own reputation of being popular in the old land for his pleasing personality and democratic spirit.

DROP IN PRICES OR RISE IN WAGES.

Industrial peace in the United States depends on the results the Government can show in the next ninety days in its campaign to reduce the cost of living. It is obvious that attention will be focused for the next few weeks, on the legal measures being directed by Attorney General Palmer to take the inflation out of prices by punishing hoarders and profiteers.

It may be assumed that President Wilson has very good reason to believe that artificial prices prevail and that measures can be adopted to bring down the cost of necessities in a degree that will be equivalent to a substantial increase in wages. Certainly it would be far more satisfactory, not only for the railway employes but for consumers generally, if the President is successful in his efforts to reduce the living cost.

In Canada we have almost despaired of having anything accomplished along the line of price control, due to the fact that officials who in the past had the courage to reveal conditions as they existed, were summarily dismissed and profiteering permitted to continue with government protection. The efforts being put forth across the line, and they are evidently determined ones, may serve as an example to our authorities in Canada. Something, at any rate, must be done here, and quickly. If prices in this Dominion do not soon descend, the "safe and sane" labor man will be as difficult to discover as the proverbial hen's teeth.

WILL BE WELL REPRESENTED

In Delegate Harry Clark of the Musicians' Union the local Trades' Council will be well represented at the Hamilton Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. Mr. Clark has been a delegate at former gatherings of the Congress and is familiar with the work of that body.

The decision of the local council to be represented at the convention, was a wise one. The gathering in Hamilton this year will be the most important of any yet held, and decisions vital to the welfare of Canadian Organized Labor will be made. Many trade unionists in Canada feel that the work of the Congress has not been as effective heretofore as the central body of Canadian Labor should be. A general shake-up in the executive of the Congress would not surprise those who have studied the temper of the rank and file in various parts of Canada during the past year.

"CITIZENS' " COMMITTEE NOT POPULAR

The effort of the Winnipeg Citizens' Committee to have a duplicate of itself established in other western cities, is not meeting with much success.

That the Winnipeg committee was responsible to a great extent for the prolongation of the strike, is admitted by the majority of persons who are familiar with the circumstances. For that and other reasons, the Vancouver World in a lengthy editorial voices its opposition to the formation of such a body in the coast city. It is understood that Edmonton business men are not in favor of an organization of the kind, and other Alberta cities seem to be adopting the same attitude. Even in Winnipeg the "Citizens' " Committee is not receiving unanimous support, and the Free Press of that city voices the opinion that the organization as it has been composed is a menace to the peace of the community and is not justly entitled to the name "Citizens' " Committee.

IN DARKEST PENNSYLVANIA.

The Steel Trust in the United States is putting forth a desperate effort to prevent the unionizing of their enslaved employes. Within the tyrannical borders of the steel trust towns the workers live out their miserable existences working in ten and fourteen hour shifts, with the killing, crushing twenty-hour hour shifts at the weekly changes.

The opposition being encountered by the National Committee for Organizing Iron and Steel Workers, is almost unbelievable. But the ban on free speech and assemblage, the arrest of the A. F. of L. or-

ganizers, and other acts of aggression are not deterring the National Committee. Even though President Wilson does not heed the appeal of the A. F. of L. to take a hand in the game, the work will go on; for the American Federation of Labor proposes to plant its banner in every steel center in western Pennsylvania.

SHOULD HEED THE PROTEST.

It has been proposed by F. J. Dixon, M.L.A. of Winnipeg, that a 24-hour protest strike be called in connection with the refusal of bail to the strike leaders who are in jail awaiting trial on the charge of seditious conspiracy.

It is impossible to say at this writing what attitude the Edmonton Trades' Council will take with reference to the proposal for a 24-hour strike. It is definitely known, however, that Organized Labor in this city is indignant at what is undoubtedly a case of gross discrimination. There is no valid reason why the Winnipeg men should be kept in prison until it has been proven that they are guilty of crime. And the authorities would do well to heed the protests of a body such as the Trades and Labor Council of this city.

LECTURING LABOR.

There is one great mistake, common to those outside the movement who would approach organized Labor toward the establishment of a closer relationship between trades-unionists and other groups of society. The common error is that of a tendency to "lecture" the organized workers as to the position they should assume in the industrial and social life of the community. Or in other words, a desire to "educate" trades-unionists along proper lines according to the ideals of the educators.

The blunder is committed because of an underestimation of the manner in which the organized worker is delving into the economic and other problems of modern life. As a matter of fact, the Free Press believes that regarding education along the lines of present-day problems, the average organized worker is not to be found in the rear ranks. Organized Labor is reading, thinking and forming decided opinions of its own in regard to affairs of national and community interest.

Organized Labor is not only willing, but is extremely anxious that there should be an exchange of ideas, and a get-together spirit between different groups of society. But organized Labor has long since passed the stage where it can tolerate a "see here my good man" attitude on the part of any other class of citizens. Labor will welcome the exposition of any proposed solution of its ills and equally welcomes the opportunity to expound its own theories and ideals. But Labor does not take kindly to being "lectured."

AN ADVANTAGEOUS ARRANGEMENT.

Many Edmonton citizens may have resented having the East End Park included in the exhibition grounds, even though the park would only be closed for a week to the public. But now as the summer season comes to a close it can be seen that the arrangement has had many advantages. The usefulness of the park has been extended and the added facilities for amusement of old and young has been appreciated; especially by those whose limited means do not permit them the luxury of an automobile or frequent trips to the beaches.

The possibilities of the big park, however, have as yet only been touched and with the addition of new features each year Edmonton can have a very fine amusement place. It is to be hoped that the first improvement will be the concreting of the mud-hole which is now passing off as a swimming pool.

EDITOR'S NOTES.

The Bolshevik attempt to justify a minority dictatorship, on the grounds that in their case it is for the good of the people. That's what they all say.

Hon. J. A. Calder said in Calgary that in passing through Canadian cities he had noticed that "our people are too extravagant." The Minister must have been around the Macdonald when the members of the Hod-Carriers' Union were parking their cars preparatory to assembling at their weekly luncheon. Oh well, the Hon. gentleman was addressing the Calgary Board of Trade when he made the statement, so probably he was lecturing the members of that august body on their shortcomings.

Elbert Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, informs the A. F. of L. that his company will decline to discuss business relations with the trades unions as such. When the workers in the steel industry have their organizations completed, Mr. Gary may find that declining to discuss relations with the unions will be expensive business. The A. F. of L. would never have been heard of if trade unions had been discouraged by the fact that men like Gary were not ready to recognize them.

The move of the Provincial Government in advancing loans to prospective teachers to enable them to take the normal school course, is a step in the right direction. The same policy might easily be extended to other lines of education.

In addition to a 20 per cent. dividend, the Cunard and Furness Steamship companies recently distributed two million shares as bonuses among their shareholders. That is one way of making the dividends count bigger than they sound. Incidentally the shares have risen in value from £3 5s to £5 10s, in the last six months.

Elsewhere on this page will be found the reason why Carnegie was able to donate \$350,000,000 to "charity." Too bad it is that when he died the steel king's evil system did not die with him.

Have you concerned yourself about whether or not any news of your union or its members, has appeared in Edmonton Labor's own paper? If your organization has improved its conditions or increased its membership or held a picnic, dance or smoker, it should be given publicity in this paper. If any member of your organization has been on a journey, or has been married or ill or has answered the last roll call, your paper should have an opportunity to record the fact.

SOCIALISTS ADOPT THE EMBLEM OF SOVIET RUSSIA

Three hundred representatives of the left wing of the national socialist party, which recently withdrew from the parent body, have organized, at Cleveland, the Co-munist Labor Party of America, and adopted the emblem of the soviet republic of Russia with the motto "Workers of the world unite." The emblem consists of a scythe and hammer surmounted by a wreath of wheat.

LABOR TRUCE IS RECOMMENDED BY N.Y. FED. OF LABOR

Suspension of all strikes throughout the United States and the declaration of a labor truce on the basis of the status quo for six months or more, to enable President Wilson to bring about a reduction in the cost of living is recommended in a report of a committee of the New York State Federation of Labor.

BIG LOSSES FROM SEAMEN'S STRIKE IN AUSTRALIA

Great relief is felt at the termination of the seamen's strike at Melbourne, which has lasted fourteen weeks and entailed a loss in wages alone of £3,500,000. The public will feel the immediate benefit, as restrictions in use of coal, electricity and gas are being removed in a few days and full car services are being resumed.

EFFORTS TO FORCE GIRL WORKERS TO DOMESTIC SERVICE

Official efforts are being made in England, it is reported, to encourage unskilled girl workers now being rapidly demobilized from government offices to enter domestic service. A refusal to be trained may involve the stoppage of unemployment pay. Really skilled stenographers are unlikely to have much difficulty in securing employment.

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TORONTO'S LABOR DAY PARADE BEST HELD IN THE CITY

Toronto's Labor Day parade was regarded as the best ever seen there, and it is the first time since 1913 that the parade has been held in that city. Between 10,000 and 20,000 trades unionists took part and there were many attractive floats in the procession.

EMPLOYEES HELP CONTROL BUSINESS OF HARNESS SHOPS

Actual control of the production activities of Rock Island arsenal harness shops, including appointment of foremen and the determination of prices to be paid workers has been turned over to committees of the employes. This became known when Secretary Baker made public correspondence between the war department and representatives of the employes. Matters of administration are left with the regular management, but even bids submitted on contracts are influenced by the committees.

Cogitating on the prices of regular clothing one is tempted to hunt a job as lifeguard at one of the bathing beaches.

MINERS CLAIM EMPLOYERS ARE DISCRIMINATING

Asserting that conditions were developing which might result in a disruption of the mining industry in the vicinity, a deputation from the miners called upon Mayor Clarke asking him to seek assistance from Ottawa on their behalf.

In the statements made to the Mayor it was alleged that members of the miners Union and their officials are being discriminated against by mine owners, and also that the owners are not keeping within the federal order-in-council regulating mine employment. It was alleged that agreements are being submitted by the owners, copies of which are refused to the men; also that the schedules of wages included are 25 to 50 per cent below the scale fixed by the order-in-council.

It is understood that the international officer of the Miners' Union is on his way to the city, also the government fair wage officers; and the Mayor while promising assistance, said that the men should wait until the officials had conferred on the matter.

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