

THE WRECKERS

on the International Federation of Trade Unions. It would seem that things have not been so well recently in the Communist International and in the Red side Union International. Certain representatives of the Soviet Republic have been in the bag in regard to their intentions, which were to the effect that in the event of a "germ cell" could be formed with a view to using a complete split within the organization for the purpose of separating the Communist International from the Communist International. This imprudent action has cost so much blood among the general body of workers that they have nothing to show for their efforts. The conditions of the Communist International are so fatuous at 21 points, which dictate to the proletariat the conditions of the Holy Communist International, which are also to be continuously in force, the strength of the Communist International is being weakened by this tyrannical organization. At the present moment there is no longer any aspect of these 21 points and the pleasure of the proletariat is to be taken from them. The work of the classes of Europe have shown in an unmistakable manner that they have nothing to do with such leadership. It is pretty clear that the eyes of the wreckers have been opened to the dangers of the world consists of serfs who can be driven along by general use of force and must obey the commands of every Tom, Dick and Harry who takes it upon himself to assume the leadership of a working class. It seems, however, that the Russians, who are not so confident in the knowledge of human nature, are not willing to acknowledge their defeat; they still believe that they can find some means or another which will symbolize the workers' knowledge of the world. It is pretty clear that these so-called working-class men are still so enamored of the pleasures of dictatorship that they wish to give up their dictatorial power. Apparently they have not learnt the simple truth which is so familiar to every official in every small union in the smallest town or village in Western and Central Europe, viz., that the workers in the various countries are accustomed to manage their own affairs themselves and that they do not permit other people to dictate to them how they are to be organized. It is pretty clear that the Moscow bosses are all too much Asiatic and have got so used to the Asiatic methods that they cannot understand that the methods will not go down with the people in Western European countries. Now that the stunt about the "cells" and the 21 conditions have come to nothing, the Russian gentlemen are going to try another stunt. But, however different their wares may be they are always in the same wrapper, and the world, which will above all to liberate the workers from their misery and the so-called "unity front" which has been recently invented and provided with a new label. The unity front is now to take the place of the "cells" and it will no longer be necessary to confront people with 21 conditions before admitting them to the Communist Party. Communist agents are now to be sent to all trade unions in order to pull these organizations to pieces. That they propose to establish their "unity front" at the head of the "Red" International which, of course, admit that this unity front does not exist already and has during the last few years accomplished very good practical work. This unity front has carried out various measures not only in the interest of the working classes of Western and Central Europe but also in the interest of the Russian workers themselves. Up till now this unity front has even according to the testimony of very revolutionary labor leaders accomplished more than the Red International both in the domain of the union work as well as in the matter of relief for the workers. In the past few years this unity front has proved itself a power to be reckoned with in the fight against reaction, a power which is recognized and respected throughout the world. In Russia, this unity front has in the last few years inspired the workers in all countries with fresh courage and renewed confidence in the cause, and has largely contributed towards maintaining the ages and working hours which had been wrung from the employers during the war. Since the end of the war, up to the present moment, this unity front has been the only international of any account, and even all efforts that have been made by the Russian International to smash the unity front have so far failed ignominiously.



IN THE WAKE OF THE RUSSIAN FAMINE—This photograph, which was supplied by Col. Herbert J. Mackie, president of the Canadian committee of the "Save the Children" Fund, shows a group of starving refugee children at the Samara camp.

fact that at the very time when Losowsky was insisting us to a joint conference with himself and his clique, he published an article which was a direct attack both against ourselves and against the unity front which they profess so much love for in the "Kommunistische Gewerkschaft", the official organ of the Red Trade Union International, which is published in Germany. He wrote an article entitled "The Red Trade Union International to the French Workers." This article appeared on December 16th, that is to say about the same time as he sent us the invitation for a joint conference of our friends, Jouhaux, Dumoulin, Merheim, etc., as well as the usual insinuations against them to the effect that they are a matter of fact everybody must stand amazed at the patience and forbearance of our French friends in regard to the shameful compromise which has been undertaken against them by the Communists. In this article he writes the same sort of language as we have been hearing so often since the past year or two and on account of which we were obliged to write to Stasieff the effect that it is rather difficult for us to have any dealings with him; and his friends until they have learnt how to associate with decent civilized society.

The closing passage of this article, however, is particularly remarkable in view of the telegram we had the honor to receive from Mr. Losowsky. We will, therefore, quote this passage in full as follows: "The working classes of the world must decide as a matter of fact, revolutionary trade unions and those trade unions which are affiliated with the Amsterdam International. What quantities of crocodile tears they have shed in the interest of the unity front! Under cover of this plausible slogan they proceed with their betrayal of the interests of the working classes; they are ready to jeopardize the whole organization of the working classes and to allow themselves to be used as a mere tool to obey the beck and call of the bourgeoisie. To the pillory with those who desire to deliver the working classes from the yoke of the bourgeoisie. To the pillory with those who champion 'class collaboration'! To the pillory with the agents of capitalism within the ranks of Labor! Long live the unity front of the proletariat!"

In other words, the workers are called upon to break away from the Amsterdam International. According to the passage just quoted we are betraying the interests of the workers and are willing to endanger the whole organization of the working class in order merely to serve the interests of the bourgeoisie. This then is the commencement of a "unity front" which if it is to be made a reality must of course be established with our co-operation. At the same moment as our Russian friends invite us to take part in a conference with them, they brand us as traitors to the cause of the working class. That is to say, Mr. Losowsky, who is so anxious to discuss matters with us is willing to sit down at the same table with those whom he at the same time denounces as traitors. The same Mr. Losowsky who is so anxious to consign us to the pillory and to demand of those whom he at the same time denounces as traitors, seems not to have any objection to sitting down with us for the purpose of calmly discussing the question of the "unity front."

What is one to think of the character of these gentlemen, who on December 4 invite us to a joint conference and on December 10 declare publicly that we are traitors to the cause of Labor? One day they announce that they are anxious to have a conference with certain persons, while on the same day they denounce these same persons as the vilest traitors that can be imagined. Is one to conclude from this that these French trade union movement and their particularly hypocritical attitude towards the workers. If the so-called Red International desires to see a unity front throughout the whole of Europe to oppose capitalism the way for them to follow is pretty clear; they have merely to come to an understanding with us with a view to carrying on the fight against capitalism together. If our 24 million members were reinforced by the few million Russian workers, and if furthermore the mischievous antics in certain countries were to cease, then the unity front would be an accomplished fact.

But then, of course, it might become rather difficult for the Russian Government—consisting of 200 million Communists and representatives of the so-called Red Trade Union International—to maintain close relations with the bourgeoisie. Furthermore it must not be forgotten that while these gentlemen denounce us because, as they allege, we advocate the interests of the bourgeoisie and defend the principle of class collaboration their ambassadors carry on regular conversations and round-table conferences with the representatives of the bourgeoisie and the big capitalists in order to conclude business transactions. At the same time that they accuse us of hobnobbing with the bourgeoisie they themselves are doing the very thing of which they unjustly accuse us. It would be well, we imagine, if these gentlemen who are every day knowing to the representatives of capitalism, were to moderate to some extent the violence of their insinuations and accusations against us.

We look at all these facts into consideration before despatching our reply to Mr. Losowsky on December 21. In that telegram we demanded as a primary condition, that the Congress of the French minoritaires should be put off. If they had been genuinely anxious about maintaining unity, they should have made that effort

another resolution takes the Cape Breton Bar Society to task for asking the attorney-general to prosecute W. U. Cotton, editor of the Labor Herald, for alleged seditious libel on bench and bar without first cleaning its own house. Caledonia local in a resolution declares that the Bar Association to be constituted must also call for the punishment of a Sydney ydally which reprinted two or three paragraphs of the Labor Herald article upon which the complaints against Cotton are based. Various locals also endorse a resolution calling upon the provincial government by agreeing to work the mines of the Dominion Coal Co. and work the mines under provincial ownership. The flood of drastic resolutions from the United Mine Workers locals the past few days has been so marked that there is considerable speculation as to where they are all coming from.

ALBERTA BUILDING TRADES NO FAVORABLE RESOLUTIONS
The Western Canada Building and Construction Industries Convention after two private sessions, issued a statement that labor will be asked to accept reduced wages on the following basis: Bricklayers, 90 cents; plasterers, 85 cents; carpenters, 70 cents; plumbers, 65 cents; steamfitters, 85 cents; sheetmetal workers, 75 cents; painters, 70 cents; electricians, 75 cents; stonecutters, 75 cents; and structural steel workers, 70 cents an hour. For laborers a sliding scale of from 40 cents to 50 cents was adopted. A resolution requests that labor will co-operate by agreeing to work longer hours per day during the favorable working season.

PARIS, ONT. GIRL WORKERS ON STRIKE
Following what is declared to be a total cut of 43 per cent. in wages, the most recent being 18 per cent., girl workers in Penman No. 1 mill, Paris, Ont., have quit work. They claim that on piecework they can now average 72 cents a day. Some of the girls have to pay two dollars a week-rent on faces from the Old Land out of a total of less than four dollars a week, they claim.

ASKING UNIFORMITY OF CLOCKS
To those cities and towns which intend to adopt daylight saving time this summer the Railway Association of Canada is appealing for uniformity. It is pointed out by C. F. Hildell, general secretary of the association, that the railway time tables will have to be revised in the spring and autumn to meet the different needs of summer and winter traffic, and "we are, therefore, suggesting to the municipal authorities that wherever they adopt daylight saving this year it should start on the same day and end on the same day as those on which the summer schedule begins and ends, that is, on the first hour of Sunday nearest May 1, and the first hour of Sunday nearest October 1, respectively. "Trains will continue to run on ordinary sun time, except where suburban services running in and out of cities that have adopted daylight saving may be adjusted to the convenience of the public in such districts."

NOVA SCOTIA MINERS SEEK CHANGES
A simplification of the poor laws of the province so as to provide unemployment relief without degrading the Caledonian local, United Mine Workers. The Caledonia miners claimed that the conditions under which Dominion and provincial aid can now be obtained, as laid down in the public charities act, are degrading and they ask for amendments to do away with red tape in administering funds for the relief of unemployed. Harbor local of the U. M. W. in

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ONTARIO NEW LEAGUE IS FORMED
A new association has grown out of the Citizens' Liberty League, it being known as the "Moderation League of Ontario." It has obtained a provincial charter with power to form branches throughout Ontario. The incorporators of the Moderation League were formerly the provincial committee of the Citizens' Liberty League, and are as follows: I. F. Hellmuth, K. C., F. G. Oehler, R. J. Christie, C. F. Paul, W. A. Watts, T. L. Monahan, and Cyril D. Boyce. They have resigned from the Citizens' Liberty League and started the new league because, as they state, "for some time it has been apparent that the aims of those in charge of the Toronto branch of the Citizens' Liberty League were not in accord with the provincial committee, and therefore it was thought best to incorporate an entirely new organization, founded on proper ethical and business lines."

KINGSTON SYSTEM LEADS TO BUILDING
Kingston's Court of Revision has just passed on the claims of builders of dwelling houses during 1920 and 1921 for exemptions promised to all who erect houses during those years. It is estimated that probably 200 dwellings were built in Kingston as the result of the exemption by-law. Houses were exempted up to \$2,500, excepting school rate. Only buildings used exclusively as dwellings were given exemption. New stores with flats overhead were not included.

U. S. NEWS OF SAILORS' VOES
Wage cuts of \$10 to \$20 a month in salaries of officers and \$10 a month for sailors and firemen became effective in the Canadian Government Merchant Marine this week, it is announced. Sailors and firemen, under the new schedule, receive \$50 per month, in addition to being "found" on board ship.

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