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BOOT AND SHOE WORKERS HAVE GOOD HALF YEAR

Firms Using Union Label Growing and Demand for Union Footwear Expanding.

According to reports from the Boots and Shoe Workers' International Union, the last six months of 1919 was the most successful half-year in the history of the organization. A net gain of 9,460 members was made during that time, and for the month of November the cash receipts of the general office were 33 per cent. larger than for any other month since the union was instituted. At a recent meeting held in Cincinnati, of the craft, at which General Secretary Treasurer Baine made an inspiring address, 1,500 members were secured in the audience, and fully as many more were unable to secure admittance, and in that city the membership has gone over the 5,000 mark. Both numerically and financially the organization is in better shape than ever before and making phenomenal headway in both the United States and Canada. The number of establishments using the union label stamp constantly grows and the demand for union footwear is constantly expanding.

BANK PROFITS OF NEW YORK CITY ARE ENORMOUS

Publicity is given to the bonuses paid employees of banks in New York City, but the profits of these concerns are not discussed. A financial paper has compiled a list of some of these profits for the last fiscal year, which are as follows: Chase National Bank, \$7,510,000; Bank of Commerce, \$7,369,000; First National, \$7,175,000; National City, \$5,396,000; National Park, \$4,771,000; Mechanics and Metals, \$2,285,000; Irving National, \$1,761,000; Liberty National, \$1,682,000 and the American Exchange National, \$1,239,000. The National Park bank earned 95 per cent on its capital; the Seaboard, 83 per cent; the Hanover, 75 per cent; the Harriman, 43 per cent, and the Gotham, 43 per cent.

TIMBER WORKERS WILL HOLD CONVENTION AT SPOKANE, MARCH 8

The International Union of Timber Workers will hold its annual convention in Spokane beginning March 8. This organization reports an increased membership of over 20,000 during the past year, despite every effort of antagonistic employers to block its growth. One of these methods was the establishment of a company "union" known as the loyal legion of loggers and lumbermen, which admits company representatives. This outfit is known as the four L's, but trade unionists call it the "four hells."

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AMERICAN WOOLEN COMPANY STARTS CHAIN RETAIL STORES

The American Woollen company at Lawrence, Mass., has declared war on the small retailer by inaugurating a system of retail stores in an effort to reduce the cost of living for its 15,000 employees. It is stated that canned goods and other staples will be handled. In 1914 this trust made a clear profit of \$2,778,000, and in 1918 these profits were increased to over \$12,000,000.

GRAVITY OF THE ECONOMIC PROBLEM IN CENTRAL EUROPE

International Federation of Trade Unions Urges Assistance for Needy Peoples.

At the monthly meeting of the Bureau of the International Federation of Trade Unions, held at Amsterdam, the situation in Central Europe, especially in Austria and Germany, where the lack of food and raw material is serious, was discussed, and a resolution was adopted recognizing the gravity of the economic problem and the urgency of providing effective remedies. The resolution urged the Council of the League of Nations, whose mission it is to send assistance to the peoples cruelly visited by the war, to deal with this situation, and charged the Labor representatives on the governing body of the International Labor office to support every effort in this sense. Finally, the resolution appealed to the peoples of Western Europe and America to strengthen, especially through the medium of their trade union organizations, the action of the League of Nations in relieving the necessities of Central European countries.

Among the questions remitted from the Amsterdam Congress of the Trade Union International last July was that of the eight-hour day for sailors and for agricultural workers. The bureau considered this question, and decided, with reference to the seamen, to ascertain from the Transport Workers' Conference, to be held at Christiania in March, what attitude the maritime nations take towards the proposals of an eight-hour day for sailors. With regard to agricultural workers, the bureau has decided to convene a conference of representatives from the organizations affiliated to the Trade Union International that are intimately concerned with the question of eight hours for agriculture. The conference will probably be held in Rome in May.

Efforts are being made by the bureau to secure the affiliation to the Trade Union International of all the nations that were represented at the Washington Labor Conference. Of those organizations already approached, South Africa and India have been accepted as members without question.

THEORY OF TRADE UNIONS IS SHOWN TO BE CORRECT

Mass of Military Power About Equal to Mass of Industrial Power.

The trade union theory that industrial power is the essential factor in social movements and political success is strikingly illustrated in an article written by J. R. Finlay, mining engineer of Indianapolis and published recently in the Engineering and Mining Journal.

The writer makes no appeal to emotion or sentiment, but declares in the bluntest manner possible that a nation without industrial power is an international nonentity, both from a business, a political and a military standpoint. As an argument in support of trade unionism, the article is a classic. It rebuffs those who have attempted to associate the unions with activities that would dilute organized labor's bedrock theory—industrial power.

Mr. Finlay says: "The war has proved one thing so thoroughly that we may take it for an axiom—namely, that the mass of military power is about equal to the mass of industrial power. The same organizing forces that create one create the other. A weak industrial nation is not a great military nation, and the people who try to make it so will find that they are building up a sophistry. On the other hand, a strong industrial nation is not necessarily a military one, but that is a matter of its own option. It can be, whenever it wants to be; and it will want to be whenever it feels necessity strong enough.

"Another axiom is that political power—international influence—is in proportion to this interchangeable industrial or military power. I say power, not the assertion of power, or the use of it. The fact that some clever leader in an inferior nation may attract great attention in international affairs, and give his country the appearance of power, may be due wholly to the fact that some superior nation does not oppose him. It may have no reason to, or it may not have a leader who can use its power.

"Another axiom is that the industrial power of a nation is not measured by gold or by foreign trade or by bank statements. It is simply the producing capacity of the people, which will be a function of their numbers multiplied by

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that the achievements will in every way measure up to the high standard that the Church has set out to attain.

Many past Christian revivals within and without the Church have been too spasmodic and temporary in their results mainly because the fundamentals had not been considered with the inception of these revivals.

The forward movement of Labor is the outcome of years of effort to change conditions that have too long existed in industry. With this forward movement there is an awakening on the part of the people, who in the past paid too little heed, to the great human element in industry. Labor is not secondary to any forward movement for theirs also is the concern of the human family for a more equitable order of things that will bring a fuller and more rounded out and pleasurable life to all. There is a necessity of education within the Labor movement, there is also the necessity of education of all outside of the movement, and with that education there will be full acknowledgement that this righteous cause is seeking only justice, nothing more, nothing less than the practical application and the living of the true Christian life and brotherhood of men.

May these great forward movements not be unmindful of each other but may there develop a vigorous and real aim on the part of the Church to get closer to the masses in industry and may Labor also recognize the full measure of assistance and co-operation that should be given to the Church and through each realizing that they are allied in the great advance to a brighter and better day may there evolve in the not distant future the achievements that have been the goal and desire of humanity for many, many years.

Labor already strongly developed in industrial organization is also developing politically and intends to share in future in the government of the nation, and regardless of such opposition will continue to grow strong and in that legitimate growth is securing for itself from day to day the highest esteem of those who only a few short years ago were bitter opponents. The good work of the Church will grow and prosper, so is this quality true of the good work of the Labor movement.

LAWYERS OPPOSE NEW WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW

Trade unionists at Jefferson City, Mo., are confident that the state supreme court will uphold a decision by the Colorado circuit court that the newly-enacted workmen's compensation law is not subject to the referendum. It was held that there were not enough petitioners and that some of the petitioners were guilty of fraud. The evidence shows that almost the entire expense of circulating the petitions was met by damage suit lawyers.

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