

North British Columbians, who has just returned from Russia, is worthy of notice.

He says: "It was stated in Russia in February, 1919, that uprisings would take place in the Allied countries in May and that they would demand the adoption of soviet principles and withdrawal of Allied troops from Russia."

NOTE.—Uprisings began to take place in June in Canada, United States, Great Britain and France. As to the last the following news item from The Province is interesting:

SPIRIT OF OPTIMISM.

President Ebert, Mathias Erzberger, Dr. Dernberg, Count von Bernstorff and Herr Landsberg, while waiting for the train to pull out, engaged in animated discussion and broke into frequent laughter. The principal topic of conversation among them appeared to be the Paris strikes, which they evidently regarded as a good omen.

VITAL INDUSTRIES

(By Stopping a Few Vital Industries all Other Industries Can be Stopped)

Del. Kavanagh (Vancouver)—In the B. C. Federation their understanding is to require a majority vote of the organization comprising the vital trades, metal trades, miners, and a two-thirds membership vote on the question of general strike, the executive taking into consideration the vital trades and geographical position.

Del. Barnicutt (Calgary)—Mr. Chairman, a question: What constitutes a vital trade?

Del. Kavanagh (Vancouver)—Vital trades are those, which ceasing work compel others to cease by virtue of the fact they cannot carry on without them. In the city of Vancouver, the longshoremen, metal trades, that is the transport workers and metal trades, demoralize the city of Vancouver. Those trades which are the keystones of the industries in any particular centre, that is what is meant by vital trades. You will take a railway system, now it is true the engineers and drivers could keep working so long as the round-house workers keep operating. If all other employees or any section of employees which effect the vital part of the transportation system cease work, they demoralize that system. These are the vital trades which occupy the position in the labor movement where by cessation they compel the cessation of others.

The transport workers; transport industries are most vital. Let me point out the Canadian Pacific railway is a gigantic organization, yet if the longshoremen at Vancouver, Montreal, Quebec and Halifax ceased work the C. P. R. would be out of business, because their trade is carried on from continent to continent; the trade is hauled through that one industry operating in those four places and it constitutes a considerable menace to the operation of the C. P. R. Now other industries are vital in some degree. All transport workers come