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SHOULD JOIN UP

Some employers are strong in their defense of the non-union worker in taking all the advantages which the union has given to a craft without assuming any of the risk or cost of belonging to a union.

CALIBRE OF MEMBERS

Human societies are of such usefulness or detriment as their constituents make them, or acquiesce in others fashioning them.

Most every association had in its inception a commendable cause for existence and a noble mission to fulfill.

In the case of trades unions they were conceived in the minds of studious and fearless pioneers who realized that only through concerted efforts could inimical conditions be fairly and successfully met and overcome.

So while necessary for organized labor bodies to come to the front to protect the real producers from economic extortion, their cause for existence is most just and their work most creditable.

No individual member of a labor union can shift his or her personal responsibilities on to another; all either do their duty in the premises manfully or flunk on the job.

A WORTHY EFFORT

Nine million dollars in nine months is the record set by the Brotherhood of Engineers' National Bank of Cleveland, Ohio.

WATCH THE CORNER.

Danger lurks just around the corner when you pass behind a standing street-car.

UNITED MINE WORKERS AGAINST RADICAL MOVES

Final sessions of the delegates to the United Mine Workers' Convention showed a strong desire to be thoroughly trade-unionist in action.

The committee report was among those made on more than 100 resolutions sent to the convention for consideration by local unions throughout the country and which had been before the committee for consideration since the opening of the convention.

Resolutions, regarded by delegates as manifesting radical tendencies, were rejected outright.

The idea of "one big union" of workers, the affiliation of the mine workers with the International Council Trade and Industrial Unions to develop working class solidarity and the calling of a convention by United States trade unions to form one organization having as its object the abolition of capital and the establishment of a workers' industrial republic in the

COAL MAY GO STILL HIGHER

Most of the hard coal used in Canada is brought here from the United States.

To the high price American householders must pay is added the exchange on Canadian money when you buy your coal.

At the present time this means an increase in your coal bill of from fifteen to eighteen per cent.

And this depreciation in the value of Canadian money is due to Canadians buying far more goods from the United States than Americans are buying from us.

Any lowering of Canada's protective tariff would make this situation worse, lower still further the value of Canadian money and increase the price of coal that you must buy.

LOWER THE TARIFF AND YOU RAISE THE PRICE OF YOUR FUEL.

CANADIAN FILMS SOON ON MARKET

Richard C. Travers, star in "Big Timber," the first Canada-made feature motion picture in which a Canadian company has sponsored a Canadian screen star, was born in Ontario, the son of a Presbyterian preacher, Travers being a name adopted by the actor when he went to the States to go on the stage.

When in school in Canada, Mr. Travers made a name for himself as a hockey player and all-around sportsman. Soon after leaving college he decided to go on the stage and in reference to his father's wishes took another name.

After his return from overseas, Mr. Travers was featured in "The Rider of King Log," a Holman Day-Associated Exhibitors-Pathé production, the locale being in the Maine woods. Then he became leading man for Pearl White in several Fox features, and until his return to Canada had been with Vitagraph as leading man for Corinne Griffith.

At the time, John W. Noble, producer of some of the more important screen spectacles of the last decade, was arranging with Wallace MacDonald, general manager and organizer of the maritime Motion Picture Company, of Sydney, Nova Scotia, to come to Cape Breton to make Canadian pictures for Associated Exhibitors-Pathé release.

"The success of as much of 'Big Timber' as I have seen on the screen makes me want to stay home, too," said Mr. Travers at a recent screen showing of the recent picture. Director Noble will take the film back to New York to the offices and laboratories of Associated Exhibitors-Pathé for cutting and titling, and there will organize a permanent company of stock actors and actresses for the making of at least six pictures a year for Maritime.

Mr. Noble has produced among many others such pictures as Sir Gilbert Parker's "The Right of Way," "Romeo and Juliet," "The Birth of a Race," "The Song of the Soul," "Cardigan," and "The High Road."

OTTAWA RENDEZVOUS FOR POSTAL EMPLOYER. Representatives of organized postal workers expect to meet in Ottawa about October 22 to discuss their common interests and possibly arrive at a basis of affiliation of their various organizations.

LABOR MINISTER FOR GENEVA. Hon. Walter Rollo, minister of labor in the Ontario cabinet, having been appointed by the provincial government to attend in an advisory capacity the Geneva conference on labor questions, left for Europe at the beginning of the week.

CHILE IN SAME STRAITS. SANTIAGO, Chile. Demonstrations by this city's unemployed were staged in the streets facing the congressional building in which hundreds of jobless participated.

HOW RATES CAN BE CUT. Harrisburg, Pa.—Samuel Res, president of the Pennsylvania railroad, has informed an expectant public how railroad rates can be cut.

GOVERNMENT REPORT ON EMPLOYMENT. Reports received by the department of labor from 3,000 firms show considerable improvement in the employment situation during September.

At the beginning of September unemployment among trade union members was 8.71 per cent., as compared with 9.10 per cent. at the beginning of August, and 2.37 per cent. at the beginning of September last year.

The time lost due to industrial disputes during the month under review was less than during August, but greater than during September 1920. There were in existence during the month 22 strikes, involving about 3,535 work people, and resulting in a time loss of 69,000 working days.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE PAYMENTS

T. A. Stevenson, of the labor department, Ottawa, stated at Toronto that it was not true that the dominion government was not willing to make any cash payments for the relief of unemployment during the coming winter.

WESTERN CANADA SHOWS COAL SHORTAGE. According to a survey made by F. E. Harrison, inspector of the Dominion Department of Labor, and formerly assistant to Fuel Controller John Armstrong, a very serious coal situation confronts Western Canada.

To indicate the nature of this it may be stated that the production of one Alberta coal field alone—Drumheller—is one million tons short for the first nine months of the year 1921 what it was for the first nine months of 1920.

TRUST'S HYPOCRISY SHOWN BY SPY PLAN. New York.—"So long as the steel companies persist in the employment of spies and 'under-cover men' to combat labor unions, all their professions of good will toward labor may be discounted 100 per cent.," says the New York World.

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WINNIPEG LURID GROUP NOW DEAD

According to a despatch to the Montreal Star, Sovietism is dead in Winnipeg. Doubtless the reason is that it has been found a wretched satisfaction for hunger and a hard winter coming apace.

Second:—The workmen are beginning to repudiate the former leaders of the strikers. William D. Bayley, who gained notoriety in 1918 when at Vancouver on his way to New Zealand he voiced his disapproval of the singing of "Rule Britannia" in the schools, has been told by the St. James branch of the Great War Veterans that they want none of his support.

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NOW INVITING STRIKE ON ROAD

The Conciliation Board for employees of the C. N. R. sitting at Ottawa, consisting of Mr. Hamnett P. Hill, K.C., M.L.A., chairman, and Mr. Harold Fisher and Mr. G. D. Kelley, who appeared for the men and the companies respectively, met to receive the report of the conference which have been held between the contending parties early this week.

A dramatic passage occurred during the final minutes of the session when Mr. F. P. Brady, advisor to the National Railways executive, replying to the statement of the men's representatives, that they would not consider the wage reductions as at present constituted, is reported to have said: "There is nothing we would like better than for you fellows to go on strike. It would suit us splendidly."

The proposal was made that the employees should accept a similar agreement as that concurred in by the representatives of five brotherhoods composed chiefly of railway employees in the mining trades, at the meeting of the Board of Conciliation presided over by Judge F. S. MacLennan, at Montreal.

Nearly 20,000 shop, shod and station employees, porters, freight handlers, clerks, etc., are represented in the discussion. It is anticipated that the Minister for Labor will now appoint an arbitration board, and until his decision is received, no further action will be taken by the Canadian Brotherhood.

TORONTO STREET RAILWAY UNION BOOSTS SALARIES

Union street railway employees of Toronto voted wages increases to Secretary W. D. Robbins and Business Agent Joseph Gibbons. This was in recognition, so members stated, of their efforts in obtaining an agreement with the Toronto Transportation Commission without a wage reduction.

Some differences which have existed between the union and the Transportation Commission over the seniority of employees are being adjusted, Secretary Robbins reported.

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