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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

DO NOT PERMIT ANY ONE TO DISORGANIZE YOU!

Practically every one of the many thousands of bakery workers belonging to our organization know why they have obtained membership in the same...

For quite some time, however, the capitalistic interests in the entire country and every institution that they control, have been engaged in an intensive and aggressive endeavor to again wrest from the unions that which they have gained in the past...

The manner in which the public mind is being poisoned against the unions is in evidence everywhere. But it is that which is not in evidence in the open with which we desire to deal here.

At all times there exist differences of opinion among men and women organized in groups. And this is a sign of healthy growth. It is the very difference of opinion working for good in the long run that these undercover scoundrels are trying to turn into a channel that will help them in their work of weakening the unions from within.

Repeatedly we have had occasion in the past to warn against the work of these scoundrels. It is not because that it is something new that we deal with it here today.

We feel that we would not be true to the trust that our members have in their official publication if we did not issue this warning. We do not believe that our members should ever desist from criticising anything within the union that they believe needs it.

The year which has just begun will be a fateful year for our labor organizations. All the political, financial and industrial power possessed by the employers is to be used in an attempt to crush the organized labor movement of the country.

In the present emergency, when the entire country is filled with unrest our labor organizations are the bulwarks of protection and construction and only those who are enemies of labor or misguided theorists will indulge in unwarranted attacks against our movement.

The employer of labor who opposes organization among his employees and who refuses to deal with them collectively through their accredited representatives and the destructionists within the ranks of labor, who seek to demoralize the latter's movement by undermining its activity and unity, are in the same class, enemies of working men and women.

In these days of conflict, turmoil and unrest, it is the duty of every member of organized labor to stand true. These are the days when each and every one are put to the most severe test.

Confident of the right, having faith in the fundamental principles upon which our great movement is founded, we can look forward to the time when, through legitimate organized effort, conditions of labor will be more tolerable, standards of life raised, the hours of labor shortened and freedom and liberty realized.

MINERS ARE VICTIMIZED. Indianapolis.—The reason why Alabama coal owners fought last year for the anti-union ship is shown by the following rates paid by the Tennessee coal, iron and railroad company before the strike and now: Picked mine coal, \$1.50 per ton; now, 72 cents.

NATIONAL PROSPERITY AND INDUSTRIAL PEACE

From the September number of THE ROUND TABLE

I. Foreign Trade and Unemployment. The coal stoppage has had many evil effects. Among others it has served to hide the seriousness of the economic position of the British Isles.

Moreover, during the war the population as a whole greatly improved its standards of living. Orders were unlimited, there was a shortage of labour, Governments used their credit to buy without limit and almost regardless of price or cost the whole world was economically speaking, having a good time.

Ever since the Tudor days it has been the case that England has derived its prosperity from foreign trade. There was always considerable trade between England and the Continent. But in Elizabeth's time a new field was opened: it was the era of exploration in which, for those times, great fortunes were made by somewhat dubious exploits on the Spanish Main.

It has only been possible by reason of this foreign trade for Britain to maintain the population she has done in these islands. Left to her own internal trade alone they would have starved or emigrated, as indeed immense numbers of them did.

In this was the state of affairs before the war, it is doubly true today. Partly owing to the increase in prices British imports for 1920 were £1,936,000,000 as opposed to £768,000,000 in 1913, and of these £767,000,000 was for food and £711,000,000 for raw materials—a truly enormous amount.

WASH DAY and Backache. WASH DAY is the least welcome day of the week in most homes, though sweeping day is not much better. Both days are most trying on the back.

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year unemployment will be diminished. It may temporarily be very greatly diminished owing to the reaction from the unnatural depression of the past six months.

II.—The Conditions of Prosperity. These may seem gloomy forebodings. So they are. There is a gloom over the world now that there was in 1914 or any of the succeeding years of the war. It is bitter to face what is coming upon us and to prepare to deal with it.

As we have already seen it can only be gained by foreign trade. We have not the necessary raw materials, we cannot produce a whole variety of the articles which we now regard as necessary to civilized life, from fruit and the growth of mined in the British Isles.

Now where is foreign trade to be gained? It will not be there tomorrow, and won't be there tomorrow, as the optimists believe, in quantity sufficient to maintain our people.

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press dispatches from the Orient. It is stated that with the exception of a few minor agitations Japan did not know of such a thing as the labor movement of a western country before the war.

VIOLATION SALES TAX IMPOSED BY WORKERS. Washington.—Organized labor stands 100 per cent for the soldiers' bonus, but is opposed to a sales tax as a means of raising revenue for the bonus just as it is opposed to a sales tax to pay any debt contracted by the government.

OTAWA BRICKLAYERS TO ARBITRATE WAGES. Mr. John McJanet, formerly principal of Elgin street public school, was appointed by the Labor Department as chairman of the board of arbitration which is to deal with the wages dispute between the members of the Ottawa branch of the Canadian Building and Construction Industries Association, and the members of the Bricklayers' Union.

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