

S.D.P. Notes and News

DOVERCOURT STILL INCREASES.

Local 71 met on Monday last at 703 Ossington avenue, when three new members were enrolled. The following resolution was sent to the Premier, Sir Robert Borden:

"That this meeting desires to protest against the treatment of Corp. Wm. Varley, director of the Toronto Labor Temple Co., which has received wide publicity by our daily press, and request the Right Hon. Sir R. L. Borden to see to it that justice be done to a man who has spent nearly two years in the trenches, and that he should be given a civil court trial. We are out to get one hundred new members during the next two months.

UN-PATRIOTIC FUND.

The grants to soldiers are not sufficient to meet their needs and they are compelled to depend upon the Patriotic Fund. It is a shame that the men who are fighting at the front should have to depend upon an un-patriotic fund.—W. R. Trotter, Vancouver.

And now that this fate has come upon me, I cannot cast away the reasons which I gave in former times, and I honor and reverence them just as I did before.—Socrates.

POWER AND WEALTH.

True Socialism is avowedly based on the political victories which Liberalism won, and serves to complete rather than destroy the leading liberal ideals.

The two parties (Liberalism and Socialism) are called on to make common cause against the growing power of wealth, which, by its control of the press and of the means of political organization, is more a menace to the healthy working of popular government.

The success of future resistance to the reaction, the possibility of a return to the paths of progress, must depend upon a complete understanding of these two sides of the humanitarian movement.—L. T. Hobson, "Democracy and Reaction, ch. ix., 1904.

WINNIPEG TOPS THE LIST IN THE 5,000 DRIVE.

The last issue of the Canadian Forward was a literary treat. It contained a story from Debs of the Socialist movement across the border. What Heine says regarding the suppression of free speech in Entente countries. Dr. P. de Mathies (the great Swiss writer) article on "The Censorship and its Remedy." Signor Bevilacqua's statement regarding secret treaties and a special article by Ex-Controller Jas. Simpson, Vice-President of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

This issue contains the statement sent out to the financial corporations by the Babson's Statistical Organization, which could not be published by any working class paper that depends on advertisements. So you can see we deliver the goods. Here are a few of the live ones:

Edward Kohls writes us enclosing \$1 for renewal and says: "I think the Canadian Forward is getting to be a bully little paper, and I intend to help it along." H. Earl, Pengman, hurries along with \$5 for sub. to help bring on the Co-operative Commonwealth, whilst H. B. Candler sends \$1 for sub. and \$1 for maintenance. J. Calinoff, Hamilton, ship across the lake, \$4, and John Navis, Winnipeg, tops the list with \$8.

Even the writers of a monthly paper in Vancouver read this paper with special interest and under the name of "Manitoba Miscellanea," uses quotations from this paper to

make the basis of special articles to their readers.

Let us hustle all together and get 5,000 new subscribers this year.

Editor Canadian Forward:

We beg to make public through the columns of your paper the following resolution, that was passed at the mass meeting called by the Toronto group of the Revolutionary Socialist Party of Russia in connection with the request of signatures in the Russian churches in Toronto against the Russian Peoples' Commissaries, against the Workers', Peasants' and Soldiers' Councils in Russia, on Sunday, Feb. 24th, 1917.

"One thousand citizens of the Russian Republic, assembled at the mass meeting on Feb. 24th, 1918, in the city of Toronto, are protesting against the dark, reactionary forces of the fallen monarchy, and also reprove all those who are helping them by using violence against our conscious workers."

M. Deshlew.

Secretary of the Toronto Group of the Socialist Party of Russia.

REED, RUSSIAN CONSUL.

John Reed, American Socialist writer, has been appointed Bolshevik Consul-General to the United States by Leon Trotsky. Reed has been in Russia for several months as the representative of The Call. He has appeared as a speaker at a number of meetings of the Council of Workers' and Soldiers' Deputies and received a great ovation when he announced that he was about to return to America to be tried on charges of violating the espionage law. He was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury at New York with other editors of the masses on charges of publishing matter "intended to interfere with military recruiting." Reed is expected to arrive here next month. His trial will begin in April.

GREENCOURT HOLD SOCIAL AND DANCE.

The North Paddle Local No. 62 gave a very successful dance on February 14th at the Schoolhouse, Mayertrope, for the benefit of two comrades who had suffered recently by fire.

A prize waltz was arranged, in which a first and second prize was won by the best dancers. Over seventy people attended, and eats were provided by the ladies of the local. Master and little Miss Havenstein sang songs and gave recitations and the meeting ended with a goodly sum raised to assist our comrades who lost so much by the fire.

L. Wolter.

KINGMAN, ALBERTA.

We have at this western point a Socialist Union consisting of twenty-five members, which hold a meeting regularly every month. We think it the duty of every member to be a subscriber to the Canadian Forward, and should also be a booster for the paper.

BAINBRIDGE DEFENCE FUND.

Some time ago we appealed for \$1,000 to assist the defence of Isaac Bainbridge. We are glad to report that we have reached that amount. Perhaps some of our readers have omitted to send on their donation. Will you please help so that we may have sufficient to support his wife and family.

Previously acknowledged \$ 631.90
Wm. Mollaid, Westhazel... 1.00
A. Newal, Toronto 3.00
C. Anderson, Montreal 1.00
S. Grant, Priceville 1.00
Jewish Local No. 3 collection 366.77

Total \$1,004.67

Men fear thought as they fear nothing else.—Bertrand Russell.

Socialism comes to bring order out of the chaos of capitalism.

Socialism will give patriotism a new definition.

End the system of capitalism and you will end crime, poverty, unemployment, overwork and war.

SWIFT CURRENT STIRRED.

The following appeared in The Swift Current Sun under the caption "And This in Swift Current!" Tuesday, Feb. 5th, 1918, when Organizer Sterling organized a local there.

"If what transpired in what is wrongly called the 'Forum' on Sunday last had taken place in the United States there would have been a Socialist agitator in jail to-day as a result, and others would have been implicated. The B.C. import who was brought in to talk Socialism to the people of Swift Current suggested at the close of the meeting that it was not the time to sing the National Anthem, and the only one to protest was Mr. D. Duckles, but even at that it was not sung. The chairman had suggested that it be sung. This agitator also suggested that Canada should repudiate her war debts. These sentiments were applauded by some of the former non-partisan organizers. The latter organization is on its last legs, and rampant Socialism is now being fostered by some of its former adherents. The War Veterans ought to have been present Sunday."

THEY ARE WONDERING.

The Parasite, a Temperance book by Arthur Mee, published by Morgan & Scott, Ltd., London, England, has been banned by the censor.

The temperance people are wondering what will happen to the new book to be issued shortly by the Dominion Temperance Alliance which is written by Rev. Ben Spence and Arthur Mee.

BAINBRIDGE WINS OUT.

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in at the headquarters on Spadina avenue. The following are just a few of the congratulations that we are able to print in this issue of the Forward:

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. BAINBRIDGE.

Congratulations From the Old War Horse.

Box 497, Oakville, Ont.

Dear Comrade Bainbridge,

Accept my heartiest congratulations on your release from jail. I hope your imprisonment may long be remembered among Socialists to your honor. It makes me feel a little ashamed that while you and others have suffered so much for the cause I have gone free. To-morrow I am off on a business trip to Montreal. If there is any deficit in the Defence Fund, I will gladly help to make it up on my return.

Yours very truly,

Ph. Thompson.

Hamilton, Ont.

Dear Comrade Bainbridge,

We hasten to congratulate you and the members of the Dominion Executive Committee on your victory in the Appellate Court. We read the news in the morning papers with great joy. The injustice of keeping you in jail without bail pending this decision must now be patent even to the most Prussianized of our Canadian jingoes.

Yours on behalf of the Hamilton Socialists,

C. E. B.

Niagara Falls, Ont.

Dear Comrade Bainbridge,

And members of the S. D. P. Dominion Executive Committee, I see by the morning papers that the Bainbridge appeal has at last

been heard and a satisfactory decision rendered by the Appellate Court. On behalf of the comrades and many friends from Niagara Falls, I hasten to offer you our sincere congratulations on your restoration to liberty and the regaining of your rights which Canadian Prussianism had so ruthlessly deprived you of. Now that at the gross injustice to which you were subject is a thing of the past we can look back at it with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret. Our chief pride will be that our national secretary has proved himself at a critical time to be worthy of the best traditions of our glorious and worldwide movement. Believe me, comrades, when I say that we rejoice in the splendid courage you have shown and the record you have made. We sincerely hope that you will long be spared to usefulness in the great cause of the emancipation of the working class. Our sympathy has gone out to you and to your wife and little ones and we take pride in the fact that we share in a small degree their great joy in your reunion. We hope that you may soon be able to visit us in Niagara Falls and tell us some of your experience while in duance vile.

Signed on behalf of the Socialists and all lovers of liberty and justice in the Niagara Falls district,

Chas. H. Newman.

46 Harvey St.,

Hamilton, Ont.

March 4th, 1918.

Dear Comrade,

I cannot express my delight on reading in Saturday's paper that you had been acquitted in the Appellate Court, and hope that you are and will be at liberty to carry on the good work once more and for a long time.

You have my sincere sympathy over your incarceration, and congratulations on your release, and I hope you are in good health and able to get back on the job.

Yours in the Cause,

W. S. Bruton, Sec'y,

Local 61, S.D.P. of C.

Worse Than Prussia.

(J. H. Roberts, Montreal, Delegate to Dominion Alliance Convention.)

Toronto has nothing on the Province of Quebec after that meeting. Had it happened in the Province of Quebec in the heat of an election, a howl of indignation would have gone up throughout Ontario for the right of free speech. But here in Toronto you out-Prussianized Prussianism by denying to Hon. W. J. Bryan the very liberty for which my son and other boys fought for in France. I hope that in the future the people of Ontario will offer no criticism of the people of Quebec for what they did in the past election.

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Pack of Hoodlums.

I consider that an insult was offered to the American people by a pack of hoodlums, and I speak as the father of a soldier in the trenches. One of the grave dangers facing this country is that the politicians of Canada will so cater to the returned soldiers that they will think they can run the country. We want no military yoke fastened about our necks. I feel as a lover of the French-Canadian people that they are no longer under a stigma after the scenes at that meeting.

There are many things produced that are not needed; for instance, millionaires, politicians and other parasites. Let us cease producing these questionable luxuries and life will be much easier and brighter and more satisfying to the necessary and useful people.—St. Louis Labor.