

Labor News From Coast to Coast

Scored Board of Control

Unfair to Unemployed

Toronto, Ont.—Strong exception is taken to what is termed the "harsh treatment" given by the Board of Control to a recent deputation of unemployed by the British Imperial Association the following resolution was adopted:

"That feeling of the undercurrent of feeling and seething in the ranks of the unemployed at the present time, we feel that at least the unemployed deputation should have been courteously heard by the Board of Control. Under the circumstances, great discretion should have been used."

A letter was sent to the City Council stating that, in the opinion of the association, an investigation into the relief department deficit should be held despite the death of the former head of that department. The letter points out that, in his absence, some other person would be left in charge and should be held responsible.

Feeling of Great Unrest

Sydney Record, C. B.—President Warren S. Stone, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, told a Toronto interviewer the other day that there is more unrest and more unemployment in the United States today than there have been at any other time since the war. "I think," he said, "that the (United States) Government should give some attention to this before interfering in European affairs." Mr. Stone is one of the Americans who do not realize that unsatisfactory conditions in Europe have a good deal to do with the existence of unsatisfactory conditions in North America. The quicker stability is established in Continental Europe the quicker prosperity will increase in other lands; that is why it is good business for all nations.

Nothing is well until it is touched to do what they can toward the solution of Europe's problems.

Woman and Child Labor in China

The International Labor Office at Geneva gives out the estimate that in China cotton mills nearly 40 per cent of the workers are women, 40 per cent are children, and only 20 per cent are men. Many children of 8 and 9 are admitted into factories and even some under 7 are known to be at work. Considering the country as a whole, it has been estimated that over 70 per cent of the working people work seven days in a week. But some of the larger and more modern factories often suspend work for one day in ten or twice a month for the purpose of cleaning and repairing the machinery. In this connection a personal letter recently received from a young Chinese in China is of interest: "You have of course heard of the socialists and student Marxists in China. Praise be to them, but although they may know a great deal about Marx, they know precious little about the workers."

Social Insurance

The commission set up to determine the conditions of transfer from Germany to Poland of the funds of social insurance institutions in the districts of Upper Silesia, ceded by Germany to Poland, met at the international labor office. The chairman of the commission thanked the director of the international labor office for its co-operation in a task which he hoped would help in some degree to establish peace in Europe. He recalled the success already obtained by similar commissions in settling the conditions of transfer of funds in Alsace-Lorraine and elsewhere, and expressed his confidence that the present effort would be no less successful.

Married Men Are Preferred

Forman Will Be Instructed to Cooperate With Unemployment Committee

Following a conference with a committee representing the unemployed of Toronto, Premier Ferguson announced that he had informed the deputation that the work of tearing down the two houses, now standing on the site of the proposed Administration Building would be carried out by day labor. In addition to this the Premier assured the deputation that the foreman on the job would receive instructions to co-operate with the unemployment committee in order that only married men with dependent families would be used on the work.



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Red Flag Is Raised in China

Shanghai, China.—The official flag-raising ceremony has been held here at the Consulate-General of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

To the impressive strains of "The International" and the Chinese national anthem played by a band of the Shanghai municipality, the Red Flag was hoisted in the presence of numerous representatives of the Chinese authorities.

Among those present were the commander-in-chief, General Lu Yung-hsiang, the military governor of Ho Ren-ling, representatives of the Chinese police, administrative and judicial organs, the chamber of commerce, the press, cinema photographers, and also representatives of the Soviet state and economic institutions, as well as a big number of Soviet citizens and generally, a large public.

An official reception was held in the premises of the consulate-general in the evening of the same day, at which were present numerous representatives of Chinese public organizations and press and of the Soviet institutions and Soviet citizens.

The Chinese authorities were officially informed of the opening of the consulate-general.

Can. Labor Party Extends Its Sphere

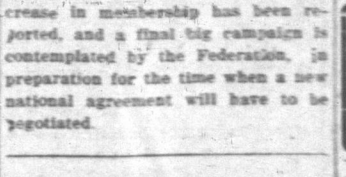
The movement toward the formation of the Canadian Labor Party on a national scale is making headway, according to James Simpson, Secretary of the Party. Recently Mr. Simpson received requests from Manitoba; from the division of the United Mine Workers of America in Nova Scotia; from A. R. Moshier, President of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees; from the Grain Growers, Limited, of Saskatchewan, and from workmen in a town in British Columbia for copies of the constitution of the Party.

Coalfield Campaign

Federation Out to Recruit Every Miner

A big organization effort is being made by the Miners' Federation of Great Britain. Mr. Herbert Smith, the president, and Mr. A. J. Cook, the secretary, are out to make every miner a member of the Federation.

In the last few months a large increase in membership has been reported, and a final big campaign is contemplated by the Federation, in preparation for the time when a new national agreement will have to be negotiated.



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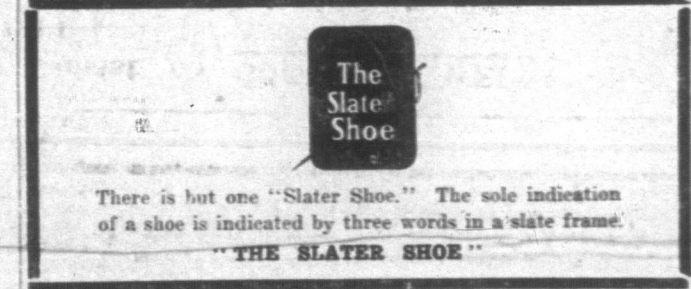
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