

ITEMS OF NEWS FROM ALL PARTS

THE MESSAGE FROM ST. PAUL

High Cost of Living Conference.

Conditions of high cost of living seems to be very similar in the grain growing parts of Canada and the U.S. A. do they not, Reuben Canuck, in spite of other tales which party heelers, press newspapermen in Egyptian bondage, and Big Biz parasites may tell you?

The federal N.P.L. of Canada in its political program declares the main issues to be "the political supremacy of the people." "If we must arm," cried Benjamin C. Marsh, chairman of the program committee, at St. Paul, "let it be to march on Washington and restore the government to the people." If we must arm, asserts the N.P.L. in Canada, let it be to march on Ottawa and restore the government to the people. It is all summed up in the agitation against "the Borden Big Interests" concern!

Certain Socialists were present at the great St. Paul gathering as members of the nonpartisan league welcomed there as in Canada into the nonpartisan membership ranks because the nonpartisans have recognized that these Socialists are the introducers of the new socialism, "the evolutionary socialists rather than the revolutionary socialists, in short such Socialists as are willing to put their theories to the test of experience as to whether practical or impractical. If these Socialists had not belonged to this new school of socialists who believe in education and experience rather than revolution they would never have been able to have worked in unison with the non-socialists in a nonpartisan alliance. To portray these men as anarchists and by every other epithet imaginable as was done in the late provincial elections by debased party heelers and politicians was an insult to the principles of these Socialist reformers and the very opposite to every instinct of British fair play. At a time when the whole of Continental Europe is one sweltering mass of Socialism it shows the greatest lack of wisdom to run down the Socialists too much as the reward of the Anglo-Saxon race for doing so may be a war against a united Socialist Europe. The obvious deduction then is that if the Anglo-Saxons want to go down in the struggle for existence the only thing they have to do to consummate this end is to persecute the Socialists. Think it all over, Reuben Canuck. Does it not look best to let the Socialists have graduation from persecution?

"This meeting (at St. Paul) was called by the National Nonpartisan league for the purpose of bringing together the farmer and wage earner.—Non-Partisan Leader.

THE WILLIAM J. BURNS INTERNATIONAL DETECTIVE AGENCY, INC.

The eyes of the American continent are upon the American Federation of Labor convention, also the eyes of the detective agencies. Here is a demonstration of the fact:

October 25th, 1917.

Gentlemen:

The Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor is to be held at Buffalo, New York, starting the first week of November. You are probably aware that this Convention is the most important in the history of the Organization. There is considerable unrest in the labor field, and the work of this Convention will have important bearing upon the steps that will be taken by the Organization during the coming year.

We have two representatives who

will attend the Convention as delegates. These Investigators are placed in such capacities that they will be able to obtain complete inside information relative to the work of the various committees. As you very likely know, it is at the private meetings of the delegates that plans are formulated, and the policy of the Organization discussed in detail. Our representatives will attend these committee meetings, and will report in detail daily everything of interest which occurs.

We are offering to our clients copies of the reports of both our representatives at a rate of \$25.00 for the complete reports. For your further information, we are attaching hereto, a brief resume of the situation, which may enlighten you upon the matter. If you are interested, we shall be pleased to have you advise us, and arrangements will be made to furnish you with a complete set of reports.

Very truly yours,

The William J. Burns
International Detective Agency, Inc.
Wm. R. Tucker, Manager.

WORKING CLASS CANDIDATES, FEDERAL ELECTION, 1917.

- Ontario.**
Algoma West—James Lockwood.
Brantford—M. MacBride.
Ft. William and Rainy River—A. H. Dennis.
Hamilton East—G. A. Halcrow.
Hamilton West—W. R. Roll.
Nipissing—C. Harrison.
Pt. Arthur and Kenora—J. A. Dunbar.
Toronto East—J. T. Vick.
Toronto South—D. A. Carey.
Toronto West—J. W. Bruce (Soc.)
Waterloo North—M. Smith (Soc.)
Waterloo South—Thos. Hall.
Welland—J. A. Hughes.
Wellington South—L. Cunningham (Soc.)
Wentworth—T. V. Tlatman (Soc.)
York South—J. T. Gun.
York East—J. A. Ballantyne.
- Saskatchewan**
Regina—H. Perry.
Saskatoon—James Casey.
- Alberta.**
Calgary East—John Reid (Soc.)
Calgary West—Rev. W. Irvine.
Medicine Hat—G. Paton (Soc.)
Red Deer—J. R. Knight (Soc.)
- Manitoba.**
Brandon—E. J. Disson.
Winnipeg Centre—R. H. Ward.
Winnipeg North—R. A. Rigg (Soc.)
- Quebec.**
George Etienne Cartier—M. Buhay (Soc.)
Hochelaga—G. Martel.
Maisonneuve—Halley.
St. Ann's—D. Gallery.
St. Denis—A. Verville.
St. James—J. A. Perrault.
- Nova Scotia.**
Cape Breton South—R. Baxter.
Richmond—John Gillis.
Halifax—R. Lenor.
- British Columbia.**
Kootenay West—J. A. Austin.
Kootenay East—Thos. Biggs.
Skeena—R. D. Stock.
Vancouver Centre—W. A. Pritchard. (Soc.)
Vancouver South—J. H. McVety.
Victoria—A. S. Wells.
Nanimo—J. Taylor.
St. John—D. Moullin.

SIR WILFRID AND PREMIER GOUIN OF QUEBEC GIVE FORTH AN OMINOUS CHALLENGE.

Quebec, Nov. 10.—Both Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Lomer Gouin, premier of Quebec, threw down an ominous challenge to the English-speaking sections of the Dominion, at a great gathering here last night, which tendered

Sir Wilfrid the unanimous nomination as Liberal candidate in Quebec—Soulanges. Both Liberal leaders practically defied the government of the day to enforce conscription.

Sir Wilfrid said: "The Conscription bill has been brutally forced upon the people; the province of Quebec can be won over by appeals to its sympathy, but it can never be won over by compulsion."

Sir Lomer Gouin said: "No power in the world can impose conscription on the people against their will. There is no man strong enough to impose this measure on us if we don't want it. Nobody should forget this."

SECOND REFERENDUM ON CONSCRIPTION IN AUSTRALIA

Melbourne, Australia, Nov. 9.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—The newspapers warmly applauded the government's decision to take another referendum on conscription, but deplore the delay which it involves. It is declared that the government should stake its existence and the life of parliament on the success of the appeal. It is stated that the soldiers at the front will again have the vote. The official Labor party which bitterly opposed the last referendum is not able to fight strongly against the coming referendum owing to lack of funds. Voting on the referendum will likely take place on Dec. 15.

AUSTRALIA'S CONSCRIPTION REFERENDUM SET DEC. 22

Melbourne, Australia, Nov. 10.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).—The conscription referendum voting day has been fixed for December 22.

CONSPIRACY CHARGED AGAINST "MASSES" STAFF.

Max Eastman, editor-in-chief of the "Masses," Floyd Dell, managing editor; Art Young, artist; and C. Merrill Rogers, Jr., business manager, four of the seven staff members indicted by the federal grand jury on the charge of conspiracy in violation of the Espionage law, appeared before Judge Julius M. Mayer in the United States district court yesterday. They were paroled in custody of Morris Hillquit, their attorney, until Friday, when the bail bonds will be filed.

CANADIAN FINNISH SOCIALISTS Publish Semi-Weekly Paper at Sudbury, Ontario.

Finnish Socialists in Canada have suffered more by the rigorous press censorship than any race of people in Canada. It is the only language paper that is not permitted importation from the United States. The following publications have been banned: "Tyomies"—"Workman." Raivaaga—"Pioneer." Toveri—"Comrade." These three are dailies. Toveritor—"Woman Comrade," a weekly paper, and Lakenet—"Blast," monthly magazine, all are victims of Democracy. We welcome the first issue of their new paper, a home product. The auspicious title, "Liberty," is probably a psychological reflection resulting from an overdose of "Bourgeois Liberty." It is quite in harmony with the trend of events, however, and we can only hope that its influence may induce the realities of true liberty and hasten the awakening of labor. The resourcefulness of our Finnish comrades merits recognition. We heartily extend the hand of comradeship.

WAR-TIME REFLECTIONS.

Is it not possible that history will rank as even more scandalous than the reckless manner in which the military parties in Germany and Russia plunged Europe into war in 1914, the Entente leaders' refusal in 1917 to discuss the peace proposals of Germany and Russia and their deliberate prolongation of the war?

If the Allies would but take care of the democratization of their own countries, they could safely leave the democratization of Germany to take care of itself.

It is said that the war arose from a conflict of ideals. In truth it arose from a practical identity of ideals on the part of the foreign offices of all the European Powers.

A group of ladies who call themselves Daughters of the Empire have placed in the streets of Montreal a number of benches marked: "For soldiers only." So far as my observation goes, no soldier ever sits on these benches. I wonder whether the neglect of their benches has given the Empire's Daughters to think?

The circumstance seems to indicate, on the part of the soldiers, a certain fundamentally democratic feeling of solidarity with their civilian fellows which it is good to recognize. Despite the praise to which the patriotic at home subjects him, the soldier is not a prig.

How profound are the democratic beliefs of some of those who are most conspicuous in their support of the "war for democracy" may be judged by the acclamation with which newspapers and associations of business men in Montreal have greeted a proposal to take away the votes of the citizens and place the affairs of the city in the hands of a Commission.

"Look out for Boloism," says the Prime Minister of England. "It is the most formidable weapon in the German armory." Doubtless when Mr. Lloyd George said this he had no intention of issuing a warning against the jingo press, but hoped rather to convey the impression that those favoring peace might have been bribed by German money. It is therefore worthy of note that one of the chief lines of Bolo's activity appears to have been the financing, in the German interest, not of pacifist, but of ultra-"patriotic" French papers, such as Le Journal and Rappel; the latter being the organ of the committee for the annexation of the left bank of the Rhine. Deep calls unto deep: Entente annexationist to Pan-German.

In war-time the vulgarians and the liars have mostly their own way.

PARTY ANNOUNCEMENTS....

ALBERTA PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meets on the First Wednesday in each month, at 8 p.m., at Mrs. A. Martin's, 10528 98th Street, Edmonton, Alta.

The Dominion executive committee meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 363 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, secretary, I. Bainbridge.

The Ontario provincial executive committee meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 363 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, secretary, I. Bainbridge.

Local No. 71, Toronto—Meets at 165 Van Horne street, every Sunday, at 2.30 p.m. A hearty invitation is extended to all friends and sympathizers.

J. CUNNINGHAM, 12 Boxstead Ave., Secretary.

Saskatchewan Provincial Executive Committee—Meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. All comrades desiring to join party or organize Locals are requested to write,

F. G. Wetzel,
Box 151, Vanguard, Sask.

Locals and Executive Bodies may have their Advs. in the Directory for the sum of 25.00 per year.